

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council Minutes of the June 23, 2016 Special Meeting

Closed Session

Mayor Zoldos called the special meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 23, 2016 at the Town Office, 6 East Pennsylvania Ave, Lovettsville, VA. The Mayor announced the Council would be going into closed session to interview candidates for the Planning Commission.

- Motion:** I move that the Lovettsville Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment to the Lovettsville Planning Commission; and thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.
- By:** Vice Mayor Senate
- Second:** Council Member McIntyre
- Aye:** Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
- Nay:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** None

Mayor Zoldos recognized Planning Commission Chairman Frank McDonough and Vice Chair/Council Member Elect Rob Gentile.

Certification of Closed Session

Mayor Zoldos asked the Council Members to certify that to the best of their knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting. Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones certified to the above.

Call to Order

Mayor Robert Zoldos II called the special meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council to order at 8:32 p.m. on June 23, 2016 at the Lovettsville Town Hall, 6 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Lovettsville, VA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Zoldos led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Zoldos said the Council would be meeting in closed session to discuss the selection of a Planning Commissioner.

Council Members Present

- Mayor Robert Zoldos II
- Vice Mayor Michael Senate
- Council Member Kimberly Allar
- Council Member Rodney Gray
- Council Member James McIntyre
- Council Member Tiffany Carder
- Council Member Jennifer Jones

Mayor Zoldos recognized the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Staff Present

- Town Manager Laszlo Palko
- Town Clerk Harriet West

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Mayor Zoldos asked to suspend the meeting for the following item. There was no objection from the Council.

Proclamation for Rodney Gray

Mayor Zoldos introduced Resolution No. 2016-06-002: Proclamation in Honor of Councilman Rodney Gray and called for a motion. [Attachment 1]

Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. 2016-06-002: Proclamation in Honor of Councilman Rodney Gray.
By: Vice Mayor Senate
Second: Council Member McIntyre

The Mayor and Council read the Proclamation aloud. Mayor Zoldos thanked Mr. Gray for his service to the Town. Councilman Gray discussed what attracted him to Lovettsville, how he got involved in local government, and the many positive changes he's seen. Manager Palko thanked Councilman Gray for his work on behalf of the Town.

Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: Council Member Gray
Absent: None

The Mayor signed the Proclamation and presented it to Councilman Gray. The Council then took a brief recess at 8:48 p.m. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and noted there were no presentations or comments from the public. He called for changes to the agenda. There were none.

Action/Discussion Items

A. Reappointment of Planning Commissioners

Town Manager Palko presented this item. The terms for Planning Commissioners Frank McDonough and Shiva Schilling expire on June 30, 2016. Mr. McDonough and Ms. Schilling have agreed to continue serving on the Planning Commission and are eligible for reappointment for four-year terms.

Motion: I move to reappoint Frank McDonough and Shiva Schilling to serve on the Lovettsville Planning Commission for a new, four-year term to expire on June 30, 2020.
By: Council Member McIntyre
Second: Council Member Gray
Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B. Fiscal Policy Revision

Town Manager Palko presented this item. The Council is being asked to revise the Fiscal Policy based on the adopted Budget Option.

Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-06-0004 to amend the Town of Lovettsville Fiscal Policy per the budget strategy adopted by the Fiscal Year 17 Budget on June 16, 2016. [Attachment 2]
By: Council Member Senate
Second: Council Member McIntyre
Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

C. Designation of FOIA Officer

Town Manager Palko presented this item. The Council is being asked to consider designating the Town Clerk as the Town's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer.

Motion: I move to designate the Town Clerk as the FOIA Officer for the Town of Lovettsville.
By: Council Member McIntyre
Second: Council Member Jones
Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Information Items

There were none.

Closed Session

Mayor Zoldos announced that the Council would be convening in closed session to make a decision on the selection of a Planning Commissioner.

Motion: I move that the Lovettsville Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for discussion and consideration of selecting candidates for appointment to the Lovettsville Planning Commission; and thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.
By: Vice Mayor Senate
Second: Council Member McIntyre
Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The Council went into closed session at 9:12 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:46 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session

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Mayor Zoldos asked if there was any further action to come before the Council.

Motion: I move to appoint Stephanie Wolf to the Lovettsville Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Robert Gentile with a time to expire of June 30, 2017.
By: Council Member McIntyre
Second: Council Member Carder
Aye: Council Members McIntyre, Gray, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Comments from the Mayor and Town Council

There were no pressing comments from the Mayor and Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harriet West, Town Clerk

Date Approved: April 6, 2017

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2016-06-002

Resolution No. 2016-06-002: Proclamation in Honor of Councilman Rodney Gray

MOTION: Senate

SECOND: McIntyre

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray has served the Town of Lovettsville with distinction as both a Member of the Town Council and Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, prior to serving on the Town Council, Councilman Rodney Gray was appointed to the Lovettsville Planning Commission on July 1, 2008, and served on the Commission until his election to the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray worked diligently in his role as Planning Commissioner in the drafting of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and brought an intimate knowledge of this guiding document to the Council's deliberations on current issues;

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray worked in the face of darkness, wind, rain, sleet, and snow to execute his duties as Chairman of Lovettsville's Tree-lighting and Wintertainmentfest, successfully avoiding cancelation of the event even under the harshest of conditions, and suffering just a single 12-month postponement; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray has introduced an unprecedented level of logistical precision and audio/visual excellence to Town events and ceremonies; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray served on the Facilities Committee, the Oktoberfest Committee, and numerous other projects during his time in office; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray has set a new standard for reducing energy consumption with his unorthodox methods for shutting down generator use; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray has sacrificed his very body in service to his community, injuring nearly every joint in his body in executing his duties; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray faithfully upheld the Constitution of the United States in his every official act of office; and,

WHEREAS, Councilman Rodney Gray worked tirelessly to foster more self-respect, and more respect for fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, after four years of official public service to the Town of Lovettsville as a member of the Town Council, Councilman Rodney Gray's Town Council term will expire on June 30, 2016.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lovettsville adopt this resolution in honor of Councilman Rodney Gray and his service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town shall recognize his hard work and dedication to the Town of Lovettsville by proclaiming that Thursday, June 30, will also be known as "Rodney Gray Day" throughout the Town of Lovettsville in 2016.

VOTE:

AYES: Allar, Carder, Jones, McIntyre, and Senate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Gray

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVED: June 23, 2016

Robert Zoldos II, Mayor

CERTIFIED:

Harriet West, Town Clerk