

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council Minutes of the January 26, 2017 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Zoldos called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lovettsville Town Hall, 6 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Lovettsville, VA.

Council Members Present

- Mayor Robert Zoldos II
- Council Member James McIntyre
- Council Member Rob Gentile
- Council Member Mike Senate
- Vice Mayor Tiffany Carder
- Council Member Kimberly Allar
- Council Member Jennifer Jones

- Staff Present
- Town Manager Laszlo Palko
- Project Manager Karin Fellers
- Zoning Administrator Joshua Bateman
- Town Attorney Elizabeth Whiting
- Utility Director Stephen Gates

Mayor Zoldos recognized Planning Commission Chairman Frank McDonough who was in the audience. The Mayor announced there would be no closed session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Zoldos led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

- A. Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritans- Eggstravaganza
Councilwoman Jones discussed plans for Eggstravaganza on April 15.

Comments from the Public

Mayor Zoldos called for comments from the public. There were none.

Community Presentations

- A. Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
Mayor Zoldos said he spoke to Deputy LoPreto prior to tonight's meeting about the sign board reminding residents to lock their cars, homes, and garages, and the data on local recent break-ins.
- B. Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company
There was no report.
- C. Lovettsville Community Center
There was no report.
- D. Lovettsville Library
Vice Mayor Carder reported on cold weather shelter and tax information.

Town Commission and Committee Reports

- A. Lovettsville Planning Commission
There was no report.

Events Committee

There was no report.

- a. Love America – There was no report.
- b. Love Spring – Kristin Wychrij, MayFest Treasurer, presented information on the budget. She noted that expected expenses are \$17,000 and expected income is \$28,000, for a net profit of \$10,000. She provided copies of the footprint for the Town Green and Squirkle and discussed the need for the Town to have more permanent site plans that could be used as grids for any event. Vice Mayor Carder noted they will have three stages this year and that having the festival already paid for is a nice feeling.
- c. Love Summer – There was no report.
- d. Love Fall – There was no report.
- e. Love Winter – There was no report.

B. Business & Tourism Committee

There was no report.

C. Parks & Beautification Committee

There was no report.

Infrastructure, Environment & Utilities Committee

Councilman Gentile reported on the committee's recent meeting to discuss equipment needs (purchasing either a bucket truck or lift), the well head protection program, and solutions for vultures on the water tower.

Information Flow Committee

Councilman Senate reported on the next meeting.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Move the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to Action/Discussion Item A.
- Add Vultures on the Water Tank
- Add Use of Town Hall by Home Owners Associations
- Add AT& T Short Hill Update
- Remove Economic Development Funding

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

Minutes

A. April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion: I move to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing as amended.

By: McIntyre

Second: Jones

Aye: McIntyre, Carder, Allar, and Jones

Nay: None

Abstain: Gentile and Senate

Absent: None

Action/Discussion Items

A. Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Vice Mayor Carder presented this item. The Council is being asked to take the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Nicole Sudduth, Loudoun Wildlife Conservatory, spoke about the rapid decline of the Monarch Butterfly

and the importance of the campaign. She asked for the Town's support. Following discussion about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items, Vice Mayor Carder made the following motion:

Motion: I move that we direct the Mayor to sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and that we fulfill numbers 1-5, 11, 15, 17, and 18.
By: Carder
Second: Gentile
Aye: McIntyre, Gentile, Senate, Carder, Allar, and Jones
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B. Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

The Council is being asked to conduct a public hearing on the 2015-2016 Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Vice Mayor Carder read the notice of public hearing. Mayor Zoldos suspended the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. and opened the public hearing. Zoning Administrator Bateman discussed the background on the Planning Commission's work over the past several years to amend the Comprehensive Plan and provide the Council with the recommendations before the Council for approval.

Mr. Bateman responded to a question from Mayor Zoldos regarding the letter received from the attorney for the resident at 44 South Loudoun Street. He explained that the changes to the Town's Comprehensive Plan do not affect the zoning for this property and that the attorney recognizes that.

Mayor Zoldos called for comments from the public. There were none. Mayor Zoldos thanked the members of the Planning Commission for their work on updating the plan.

Town Manager Palko noted that the Town Attorney has some minor changes. Attorney Whiting reviewed her suggested changes and said she would provide appropriate language to the Zoning Administrator. She further noted that these changes would not trigger the need to re-advertise.

Mayor Zoldos closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

B. Council Messaging and Strategy for CIP Funding

Vice Mayor Carder presented this item. She suggested the Council prioritize projects to submit to the County for funding requests. Mayor Zoldos suggested meeting with Supervisor Higgins as a first step and inviting the Board of Supervisors to Lovettsville.

C. Economic Development Funding

This item was removed from the agenda.

D. Vulture Mitigation

Project Manager Fellers presented this item. The Council is being asked to take steps to discourage the vultures from roosting on the Town's elevated water tank. Ms. Fellers presented a proposal from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for vulture mitigation. Manager Palko said other towns have their police officers use pyrotechnics and paint balls to discourage vultures from roosting. A representative from the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy discussed the migratory patterns of vultures and other options for removing them. A discussion ensued regarding the use of drones. Councilwoman Jones made the following motion:

Motion: I move that the Town Council approve the expenditure of up to \$3,200 to help relocate the vultures from the water tower and authorize the Town Engineer to sign the necessary paperwork.

The motion failed for lack of a second. Staff and the Council continued discussing other options, including asking the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for assistance.

E. Home Owners Association Use of Town Hall

Mayor Zoldos presented this item. The Council is being asked to consider a request from Chris Hornbaker to use the Town Hall for the Town Center Home Owners Association monthly Board meetings and Annual Meeting, at no charge. Following discussion about the impact of waiving the \$25 fee for Town Center and potentially other HOAs, Mayor Zoldos said he would research this further and bring it back to the Council for further consideration.

F. AT&T Short Hill Update

Mayor Zoldos said he received a copy of the Short Hill application from Supervisor Higgins' office. Zoning Administrator Bateman said it appears to be a summary of an application for a storm water management permit for a six-acre land disturbance at the top of the mountain and a minor waiver for storm water discharge.

Information Items

Manager Palko discussed the 2016 Annual Report that was available for the Council's review.

Comments from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilwoman Jones gave an update on Volunteerspot.

Vice Mayor Carder reported on the next MayFest meeting.

Councilman McIntyre said he attended the recent Planning Commission public hearing.

Mayor Zoldos thanked the City of Brunswick for the use of their bucket truck to remove the holiday ornaments. He also reported on the upcoming Town Council retreat and work on the clock faces.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harriet West, Town Clerk

Date Approved: September 14, 2017

Attachments:
None