

# Town of Lovettsville

## Town Council Minutes of the February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting

### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Carder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lovettsville Town Hall, 6 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Lovettsville, VA.

### Council Members Present

- Vice Mayor Tiffany Carder
- Council Member Jim McIntyre
- Council Member Rob Gentile
- Council Member Kimberly Allar

### Council Members Absent

- Mayor Robert Zoldos II
- Council Member Mike Senate
- Council Member Jennifer Jones

### Staff Present

- Utility Director Stephen Gates
- Town Manager Laszlo Palko
- Town Clerk Harriet West
- Treasurer Lance Gladstone

Planning Commission Chairman Frank McDonough and Planning Commissioner Chris Hornbaker were in the audience.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Carder led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Presentations

There were none.

### Comments from the Public

Vice Mayor Carder called for comments from the public. Vice Mayor Carder read the rules for public comment.

**Wendy Cox**, 13125 Mullen Hill Road, came forward to speak about a petition that is being circulated nationwide that calls for our Mayors to prevent the militarizing of our police and law enforcement programs. She also provided written comments (Attachment 1).

### Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Remove Action Item A. Clock Tower Clock Faces Update
- Remove Closed Session Discussion

### Minutes

There were none.

### Staff Reports

Manager Palko said he was available to answer any questions related to the staff reports. He noted that tonight's agenda is following the new format agreed to at the Town Council retreat to provide all staff

reports at the second meeting of the month. Councilwoman Allar asked if there were any updates regarding the zoning enforcement issue. Mr. Palko said it is being handled by the Town Attorney and she has not indicated she needs any additional support from the Town.

Mr. Palko also gave an update on the waste water treatment plant SCADA platform. He informed the Council that the Town won the bid for the bucket truck.

A. Report from the Town Engineer

The Town Engineer submitted a written report.

B. Report from the Utility Director

The Utility Director submitted a written report.

C. Report from the Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator submitted a written report.

D. Report from the Town Treasurer

The Treasurer submitted a written report.

E. Report from the Town Attorney

There was no report.

F. Report from the Town Manager

The Town Manager submitted a written report.

**Action/Discussion Items**

A. Clock Tower Clock Faces Update

This item was removed from the agenda and referred back to the Parks Committee.

B. Water and Sewer Billing Timeline, Code Review, and Guidance

Manager Palko presented this item. The Council is being asked to provide guidance to the Town Manager on possibly amending Section 38-48 of the Town Code pertaining to water and sewer bills. Following discussion, the Council agreed to have the Town Manager come back with the code amendment to change the billing due date to the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

C. Budget Schedule for FY 2018

Manager Palko presented this item. The Council is being asked to adopt the FY 2018 budget schedule. Councilwoman Allar made the following motion:

**Motion:** I move to adopt the attached Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and CIP Schedule as presented.

**Second:** Gentile

**Aye:** McIntyre, Gentile, Carder, and Allar

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Senate and Jones

**Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

**Information Items**

There were no information items.

**Comments from the Mayor and Town Council**

Councilwoman Allar gave an update on the upcoming Love American meeting.

Vice Mayor Carder gave updates on upcoming Library programs and the MayFest meeting schedule.

Councilman Gentile gave an update on the Infrastructure Committee meeting, which included a discussion of the street renaming.

Councilman McIntyre reported on the upcoming Events and Business & Tourism meeting, the next Oktoberfest Committee meeting, and rescheduling the barn clean-up. He noted that he attended the Lovettsville Co-Op annual meeting at the fire station.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Harriet West, Town Clerk

Date Approved: October 12, 2017

Attachments:

1. Written Comments from Wendy Cox

February, 2017

To the Town of Lovettsville, Mayor and Town Councillors

Our new president has sworn in a known white supremacist to reign as Attorney General over this country's Department of Justice. He has recently signed three executive orders that will grant federal dollars to ramp up local police forces in an effort to target Black and immigrant communities; omit police accountability and demolish programs for minorities.

The new president is taking a play from Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan's playbook- using racialized myths about crime and drugs to spark the rise of another "tough on crime" and "war on drugs."

These efforts against "terrorism" are thinly veiled covers for prejudice and racism.

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) the nations largest police union and known "Black Lives Matter" advocates donated large sums of money to the this presidential campaign. ICE raids have started already. In Atlanta, Chicago, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kansas, Florida, T3exas and Virginia. The President He has stripped funding for Sanctuary Cities (300), communities that have decided to protect immigrants. There has been no dialogue among the citizens there. These are blanket "orders." Our immigration policies need to be clarified, but undocumented workers need support, not harassment and deportation.

Our president is simply assuring many minorities live in fear and are banned, detained, deported and ostracized indefinitely. This is not America, this is not who we are. We want to know our neighbors and support our communities.

I am coordinating a petition that is being circulated nationwide that essentially calls for our Mayors to prevent the militarization of our police and law enforcement programs. We do not **need** our police and Town leaders to be supporting these militaristic programs which foment racism and discrimination, support extreme secret surveillance and assault weapons in the name of fighting terrorism and immigration.

Our new federal administration is saying that we should be afraid of our neighbors and immigrants and people of color. Just last week, our president signed three executive orders that will embolden the power and authority of law enforcement and threaten the movement for police accountability. The facts are that crime in our nation has been as our new administration would like us to believe. We need our police and sherrifs departments to protect our neighborhoods, not create fearful citizens.

Our police and sheriffs are doing their job protecting and serving our Loudoun citizens. We do not need Riot gear, secret surveillance, militarized forces, and prejudice to solve the issues we face.

If there were any time for Our Lovettsville leaders to serve our community. Now is the time to speak.

Finally, I acknowledge that this Council does not have the legal vote to enable changes since the County and Town of Leesburg will need to face these issues too. But, I ask each of you, as my local, grassroots, representatives, to speak out against these racist policies.

Thank you. Wendy Cox 540-220-1010