

The Rural Retreat Town Council held a regular meeting on July 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rural Retreat Town Hall Council Chambers.

**PRESENT RURAL RETREAT TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Timothy Litz  
Vice-Mayor Jim Lloyd  
Ed Schaack  
Scott Mecimore

Keith Crigger  
Jerrell Hall  
Dale Yontz

**ABSENT**

NONE

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Raymond Matney, Town Manager  
Lori Guynn, Clerk/Treasurer  
Robert Lewis, Police Chief

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT**

NONE

**OTHERS PRESENT**

NONE

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Litz called the meeting to order and determined the presence of a quorum.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Ed Schaack.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Litz.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Keith Crigger, seconded by Councilmember Dale Yontz to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

NONE

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Matney read a letter from the Joint Public Service Authority stating they will be decreasing the per ton rate to dispose of the Town's trash at the transfer station beginning July 1, 2007.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Lewis explained his monthly report. He further stated he will be attending training at the New River Valley Criminal Justice Academy in Dublin the following week.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

WEB GIS – Councilmember Mecimore stated the demo site is not operational at this time due to maintenance being done by Anderson & Associates, Inc. He asked all Councilmember's to view the site so that it may be discussed at the next meeting. This item will be readdressed at the next meeting.

RECYCLING CENTER – Councilmember Crigger stated he had spoken to Wythe County Treasurer Walter S. "Sam" Crockett concerning the issues at the recycling center. Mr. Crockett informed him that the issues have been discussed at prior Board of Supervisors meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice-Mayor Lloyd stated the next Heritage Days Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Manager's report is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

FEMA MAPPING – The map has been received. We have 30 days to review the map and make corrections if needed. This will be in a digitized format which will require the adoption of a new flood zone ordinance.

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VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION – Clerk Lori Guynn is interested in obtaining the Municipal Clerks Certification. As part of this certification program, it is required that clerks attend the Municipal Clerks Academy in Virginia Beach. The registration fee is \$595.00 plus the cost of travel, meals and lodging. Clerks from other localities have offered to share the travel and lodging cost. The consensus of the Council was to allow Ms. Guynn to pursue the Clerks Certification Program if she so desires.

WATER OPERATORS SHORT SCHOOL – Mayor Litz asked if the Town registered an employee for the Water Operator’s Short School Program to be held at Virginia Tech in August. Mr. Matney stated that Mike Jones had received a scholarship to attend the program and he will be staying at Virginia Tech during that week. This program offers ground level knowledge toward becoming a licensed water operator which will increase the knowledge of Mr. Jones as an employee.

VML CONFERENCE AND MAYOR’S INSTITUTE – The 2007 conference will be held this year in Williamsburg. If anyone is interested in attending please notify the office staff.

TEA-21 SIDEWALK PROJECT – Phase II and III of the project is complete. W&L Construction was scheduled to begin today on the overlaying and milling of the streets, however they did not start and at this time it is unknown when they will begin.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The bills were read and approved for July 10, 2007.

**TALK OF THE TOWN**

Mayor Litz stated he would attend the Talk of the Town program with Danny Gordon at the WYVE/WXBX radio station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Litz stated he had been asked numerous times about reinstalling the fire whistle. Mr. Matney stated if a new electronic whistle is installed it won’t be the same as the old one.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Litz.

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Mayor

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Clerk

