

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RURAL RETREAT TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Mayor Timothy Litz; Vice-Mayor Dale Yontz; Peggy Hash; James P. “Sean” Viars; Geary Jonas; James Lloyd

Council Members Absent: Jerrell Hall

Administration Present: Michael James, Town Manager; Lori Guynn, Clerk/Treasurer; Scott Mitchell, Police Chief

Administration Absent: None

Others Present: Ernie Musser; Stephen Bralley; David E. Lee; Jerry Hurt; Keith Meredith; Bob Lewis; Marshall Taylor; Josh Penuel; Trent O’Neil; Westin Coley; James Meredith; Devon Meredith; Jacob Wynn; Josh Wynn; Ty Boyd; Cade Rouse; Trey Boyd; Logan Deel; Ariel Masters; Alan Rouse; M. Dyer Jackson, III; Denise Deel, Caleb Snider; Shane Snider; Rebecca Snider; Lyndsey Snider; Nancy Snider; Jamie Smith; Donnie & Anita Widner

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Litz called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Geary Jonas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Litz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Jonas, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yontz to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 regular meeting. There being no discussion, the motion passed by a vote for five (5) for: Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against; one (1) absent: Hall.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS TO THE RRHS STATE CHAMPION WRESTLING TEAM AND INDIVIDUALS – Mayor Litz stated on behalf of Town Council and the people of Rural Retreat he had resolutions that he would like to hand out. He stated two years ago he got to go the town flat on a cold evening and welcome the wrestling team to town though he didn’t get to attend the

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 2

next time because the same party wasn't held. Mayor Litz stated first he wanted to congratulate everyone. He then read and presented resolutions to Ty Boyd, Jacob Wynn, Caleb Snider, Joshua Penuel, Trey Boyd and Joshua Wynn for winning individual state wrestling championships. Mayor Litz read the resolution recognizing the entire wrestling team and coaches for winning their second consecutive state wrestling team championship and presented it to Head Wrestling Coach Rick Boyd. He thanked everyone for attending and stated the team's dedication is appreciated. Mayor Litz commented at this time if the team would like to leave they can or they are welcome to stay. The individuals present on behalf of the wrestling team left the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER LICENSE ORDINANCE – Mayor Litz read the public notice as duly published and opened the public hearing for comments. He invited the citizens who wished to comment to the podium and asked that they identify themselves.

David Lee addressed the Council and stated he had a question. He referred to the ordinance and stated the license fee will be on every registered and licensed motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, motorcycle, and other similar vehicles and asked if this means if it is not licensed then the fee would not be imposed. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn explained the fee will be added to all that are registered and titled. The office of the Commissioner of Revenue pulls the information from the Department of Motor Vehicles so any items listed on citizens records is what will be taxed and charged a license fee, Clerk/Treasurer Guynn further explained. Mr. Lee referred to section 54-28, paragraph A of the ordinance and read that it states that a license fee will be assessed on every registered and licensed motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, motorcycle and it goes on. He then stated the taxes will be imposed on something that is not licensed which means it is personal property and it can still be taxes. Mr. Lee stated the decals are being done away with and DMV's records are being used to collect the fees. He further stated it would be registered in your name if you went to DMV and paid the fee but if it doesn't have a license tag on it and is not being used on a public street then why is the town collecting the \$20 fee. Mr. Lee asked if this was a done deal yet. Town Manager James replied no, this is why the public hearing is being held. Mr. Lee stated he personally feels if it doesn't have a license plate on it and is not using the public roadways then tax shouldn't be levied against it. Mr. Lee thanked the Council. Mayor Litz also thanked Mr. Lee for his comments.

Ernie Musser asked if farm use vehicles would apply because he has some vehicles that are worn out and he has bought another vehicle to replace it and transferred the tags which the vehicles are still in his name at DMV. He asked if he would need to pay \$20 on each one. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn explained the way the ordinance is written he would have to pay the fee unless the Council would choose to only charge the fee on licensed vehicles instead of also on titled.

Mr. Lee commented the ordinance states registered and licensed. He stated farm equipment isn't registered or licensed. Town Manager James added the ordinance state registered and licensed, he noted the key word is and not or. Mr. Lee commented to him it refers to both, if it was one or

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 3

the other it would say or but when it says registered and licensed it has to meet both criteria to be considered taxed and if the work or was put in there then the tax could be collected.

Ernie Musser asked if the county charged on farm vehicles too. Mayor Litz explained the ordinance is a mirror of what the County has done. He explained if there are vehicles on the tax ticket then you need to make sure they are no longer registered through DMV and the county will exonerate those and take them off. He further explained one supervisor stated he wanted to catch farm use vehicles which if a person has a 57 Chevrolet sitting in the basement in pieces then it is the same thing, if it is registered at DMV and not necessarily licensed. Mr. Lee stated that is for the property tax. Mayor Litz replied yes.

Mayor Litz suggested looking at the wording in the ordinance to clarify it. Town Manager James stated he felt it can be read differently but he understands Mr. Lee's point also about how it can be understood. He stated it can be reviewed more. Mayor Litz commented the ordinance need to read exactly the way it should be. Mr. Lee suggested delaying the meeting, changing some of the words and come back to pass the ordinance because it is a done deal to begin with. Mayor Litz stated the purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments. He added when it comes to taxes it isn't what he wants either. Mr. Lee stated if vehicles that are in pieces are being taxed today then tomorrow it will be lawnmower because it can transport people.

Town Manager James stated the ordinance is pretty standard across the board though he does understand Mr. Lee's point. Mr. Lee asked why then is the hearing being held. Town Manager James replied to get feedback. Mr. Lee asked why get feedback when it is a done deal. Town Manager James explained a vote hasn't be taken. Councilmember Viars commented it isn't finished. Mr. Lee commented it would be by the time the night is over. Mayor Litz stated if there are questions then they need to be clarified. He added it still may not be popular because we are basically mirroring the county. He noted there is already a misunderstanding between the town and county in the sense that we are selling tags this year and they are not so it has caused a considerable amount of confusion so we are trying to basically make what we are doing the same as the county so people that live in either one can understand.

Town Manager James stated it can be reviewed again. He suggested also meeting with Mr. Lee to address his concerns about the ordinance. Town Manager James explained the issue the town has is people aren't coming in to purchase decals because the county doesn't have them anymore so we are losing revenue and people aren't paying their taxes. We have tried to be uniform with the county so that no one gets confused because the information comes off the DMV system, he stated. Town Manager James further explained this will make it easier because citizens can now come in one time to pay instead of having to come twice including buying a decal. He also stated this will not change a lot of citizen's bills. Ernie Musser commented he had never bought a decal for a farm use vehicle. Vice-Mayor Yontz asked how hard it would be to add back into the ordinance that we want to assess it on farm use vehicles because there are a lot them in this community. Town Manager James stated that would be the Council's decision.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 4

Councilmember Lloyd stated in the past antique vehicles would be exonerated and also those for farm use. Mr. Lee stated just because the county assesses a fee on every vehicle then why does the town need to follow but instead charge it on those vehicles using the roadways. Councilmember Lloyd stated he felt the farm machinery should be looked at. Town Manager James suggested putting together an ad-hoc committee to review the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Yontz suggested looking at the antique vehicles in addition to the farm vehicles. He stated he doesn't think we should start collecting off of anything that we aren't collecting off of now. Mayor Litz stated he doesn't agree with collecting on every vehicle either especially if it is sitting in pieces in the basement just because and just because isn't a good answer. Town Manager James asked for volunteers for the committee. Mayor Litz stated he would help.

Mr. Lee asked if the ordinance was a copy of the one the County of Wythe did. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn explained the ordinance was compiled by using the Wythe County ordinance and the town of Tazewell's so it would correspond with the town. Mr. Lee asked if the Council had read the ordinance before. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied yes sir and the members have had the ordinance for about a month. Mayor Litz stated this is why a public hearing is held. Mr. Lee pointed out in the ordinance antique vehicles are exempt.

Mayor Litz asked if there were any further comments. He encouraged everyone to offer comments. There being no further comments, Mayor Litz closed the public hearing and stated this item will be revisited. He thanked everyone for their comments.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ernie Musser addressed the Council and stated he has a little concern about the buying of the junky building that he keeps hearing the town bought. He asked if that was correct. Mayor Litz replied yes, the town did. Mr. Musser asked if this was with the taxpayer's money. Mayor Litz replied yes. Mr. Musser asked if the taxpayer had any kind of a vote on this. Mayor Litz replied no, not really. Mr. Musser stated the Council is representing the taxpayer and just decided the town was to going to buy the building. Anita Widner asked why this was decided. Mr. Musser explained he grew up in the town of Rural Retreat and the building wasn't even safe to walk in upstairs when he was a teenager because the roof leaked and there were problems with the floor. He asked what the town was going to do with that pile of junk.

Mayor Litz explained there is a long list of work done on this. He asked Town Manager James to address Mr. Musser's concerns. Town Manager James explained as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project, meetings have been held for over two years to discuss this project. Mr. Musser stated if this has been going on for two years then he is that far behind and he apologized. Town Manager James explained the town has access to grant money to try to rehab the building and we will then market the building to a private developer and buy it from the town. The goal is to own the building for the least amount of time as possible, he added. He further explained by owning it we can clean up the property and move the farmer's market behind the building after cleaning it up. Mr. Musser asked what was going to be done with Jack Weaver's property because he has held the town hostage for years. Town Manager James

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 5

explained the property will be bought with grant money and it will be divided. He further stated Mr. Weaver is willing to sell it. He noted the project will move forward even if Mr. Weaver decides to not sell the property. Mr. Musser asked why the taxpayers don't have a voice because he pays his fair amount taxes to this town. He explained he owns 125 acres of land and no one remembers but the town promised him the moon if he would join the town. He noted he fussed about it but he did it. Mr. Musser stated the town was going to build sidewalks, put in street lights and build pretty flower beds down the crossroads and now there's not hardly any of it. He stated he resents his tax money being thrown away on something like this because the town is significant investment for the Downtown. Mr. Musser asked if the town wanted to invest in his old barn on Route 11 because there is no end if the town wants to start buying property. Councilmember Viars explained this is about trying to take care of the blight or properties that look bad in the downtown.

Mayor Litz commented the Vance Company property, for those that can remember it, was the centerpiece of the town at one time. He noted he has heard from several folks that did not like buying it but no one has given an alternative to the mess that is there. He stated if the town doesn't do something it will just sit and fall into a crumble. What do you do, he asked. People get mad because you buy it and then more are getting mad because you let it fall down he commented. For a very small investment and a big investment from at least two organizations we are going to clean the mess up and one of these days it won't look like it does now, Mayor Litz explained. Mr. Musser stated he will be tickled to death. Mayor Litz stated if the town didn't do something then it is just going to fall into a rubble then people will be griping that the rats are running through it, it has to start someplace. Bob Lewis commented to Mayor Litz that he said it was a small investment. Mayor Litz stated compared to what it could be in value. Mr. Lewis asked what the town's investment was because he had heard \$80,000, \$73,000 and \$90,000. Mayor Litz stated it is public record and the total investment is \$72,409.97. Mr. Lewis stated this was everything and asked if this was all the town has in it. Mayor Litz replied yes, right now. Mr. Lee asked if this was just for the building. Mayor Litz stated it also includes the acreage. Mr. Lee asked how far back does the property go. Mayor Litz explained back to the cinderblock building at Mr. Weaver's property.

Councilmember Lloyd addressed Mr. Musser and explained he had big concerns about this also when the project started but the tax value on the property if \$90,000. Mr. Musser stated that isn't his point and he thinks the citizens should've at least had a vote on it. He added he didn't know anything about it until a week or so ago. Councilmember Hash addressed Mr. Musser and explained this was in the Enterprise and the meetings that were held monthly were advertised but no one shows up much. Mr. Lewis stated he didn't think anything was publicized specifically about buying the building only the Downtown Revitalization Project. It wasn't specifically said that the town wanted to buy the building and a public hearing was being held he added. Town Manager James explained that in every public meeting held, the main focal point was the town was proposing to buy that building. Mr. Lewis asked if it would've been better instead of going into executive sessions to discuss buying real estate to talk about it in open session so people would've know about it. Town Manager James stated everyone knew about this plan and

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 6

citizens were always asking him if the town was going to buy the building. He added a lot of people knew about it and just didn't come to the meetings. Mr. Lewis replied sure they did.

David Lee stated his comments have to do with the depot and he stated the town tried to buy it from Jack Weaver then tried to condemn it and that didn't work then the Town council gave \$17,000 to buy it. Mayor Litz stated it was actually \$30,000 given toward the purchase of the depot. Mr. Lee asked if it would've been better to request the money to be paid back. Mayor Litz explained there ended up being a meeting an entire evening long about that and the town can't lend money. Mr. Lee commented but it can be given away. Mayor Litz replied basically.

Mayor Litz stated he would like to make a quick comment. He stated Ernie Musser and Bob Lewis both have said they didn't have anything to say about buying the Vance building. He explained in May, every two years, you have something to say about it which is why the council was elected is to make decisions like this. One decision they made was they wanted to put a sidewalk up Railroad Avenue and the gentleman that owned the Gammons property got mad at the town because they wouldn't let him open a trailer to sell food out of so he refused to sign the paperwork, Mayor Litz explained. He stated the Council decided they would spend \$21,000 to buy that corner lot then Michael Spraker came and wanted to build a nice structure, the town sold him that land. He pointed out it is the same kind of thing they are doing now. Mayor Litz stated they are doing their job and though it may not suit everybody but they have to do as they see fit. He added when May comes it will be a good time to change it. The main reason the Vance Company lot was bought is because it is the focal point, the center, of the project and had the town not been able to have bought it for a reasonable sum then the Downtown Project would've died, Mayor Litz explained. He further explained no one gives them any information except for when they do something and they never give an alternative. A private individual isn't going to buy it so the town had too to get the project started just like the Gammons lot, he added. Mayor Litz stated the town had to stick their neck out for the depot but go look at it now because if the town hadn't it would've already fallen. He further stated a lot of people want to gripe about what the town council is doing but he thinks they have a pretty good track record.

Mr. Lee stated a lot people don't know what is going on. Mayor Litz stated they have tried everything. He pointed out in the previous administration the doors were locked and he has never allowed that. He stated the only time they leave the people out is when they deal with employees, which he is not going to do in public, and when dealing with this so they could buy it as cheap as they could and now everyone understands well why they did that, not to hide it from the town citizens. Mr. Lee stated he isn't talking about buying the Vance Company he is curious about why \$30,000 was given to the depot. Councilmember Viars explained when the \$30,000 was given the note was due within two weeks. He pointed out once the town made that \$30,000 investment everything fell into place. Mr. Lee asked if the building was going to be lost. Councilmember Viars stated it was going to revert back to Mr. Weaver. Councilmember Lloyd added there was deadline to raise the money to pay for the building. Mayor Litz commented the town has made an investment in it and as far as this Council is concerned the investment has paid off. He stated when you have options then say so but the Council has to lead the way. Mayor Litz explained the Downtown Project has been talked about for two years. He stated

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 7

everyone knows how the last Downtown Project failed because the town's people started getting forced fed. Mayor Litz stated he would appreciate the Council not being used as punching bags if they don't keep track of what goes on in town because they are doing the best they can do with what they have to do with.

Anita Widner stated it was her understanding that a lot of taxes were due on the property. Mayor Litz replied yes that is basically what they go out of the purchase plus a little bit. He pointed out the town made an offer personally and they turned it down but two working days before the auction they came back and accepted the offer. Mayor Litz stated Town Manager James made the negotiation and they support 100% what he had done. Mr. Lee commented the property didn't go to sale so it could've cost more. Mayor Litz replied exactly though it is unknown.

Mr. Lee asked what is going on with the Dr. Pepper lot. Town Manager James explained the town is trying to partner with Dr. Pepper to build a replica drug store. As of now renderings are being put together for what it would look like to present to Dr. Pepper and discuss partnering financially on it. Councilmember Viars stated this was a classic example, if the town didn't have the depot making progress we didn't show Dr. Pepper that we are serious about the downtown then they probably wouldn't blink to say no. Vice-Mayor Yontz pointed out Dr. Pepper approached the town about his partnership, we didn't ask them.

Bob Lewis commented if this is public knowledge then why not put the information out there. Why not specifically talk about it on the *Talk of the Town* and get the newspaper to do an article specifically about the Randy's building such as how much was paid for it and what the town plans to do with it because the Country Kitchen talk is going to be out there unless it is straightened out. Town Manager James explained until recently the town didn't own the property so we couldn't talk about what we were going to do with it. Mr. Lewis stated that is the past, the town now owns the building and has \$73,000 invest in it, tell the people that on the *Talk of the Town* and in the newspaper or on television to quell the rumors going around.

Councilmember Lloyd addressed the first Downtown Revitalization Plan and stated he voted against it because he couldn't see any of it being beneficial for the town. This project, he stated, is a roll of the dice but it is a really good chance that we will get his accomplished. Mr. Musser stated he isn't saying he wouldn't have voted for it, he just didn't know anything about it until a few days ago so he asked what the town was going to do with it. The person told him the town was going to build offices and parking lot and this and that. Mr. Musser said his response was there is another half million dollars and asked whose money are they spending. Mayor Litz asked Town Manager James to tell Mr. Musser how much money will be involved with the project. Town Manager James explained the town is applying for a total of \$700,000 in grants from the state, \$250,000 from the Wythe-Bland Foundation and \$100,000 from the Rural Development then the town is investing \$150,000 of local money. Mayor Litz added the money is over \$1 million. Town Manager James explained the town has a great plan and without the grant money the project won't happen. He pointed out the Wythe-Bland Foundation gave the Wytheville Farmer's Market \$275,000 for their farmer's market and we are only asking for \$200,000.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 8

Mr. Lee pointed out grant money isn't free. He stated it doesn't have to be paid back but it is coming out of the taxpayer's pockets. Anita Widner stated she did see the picture of the plan in the newspaper and she was surprised. She added it will be great if it happens. Councilmember Lloyd commented with everything going on in town and if it all comes to be, Rural Retreat will be like it used to be and will be pretty and something we can be proud of. Councilmember Viars stated the town will not be getting taxes on the property but will now have an investment instead of a debt owed.

Mayor Litz stated Town Manager James and the Council is not unreachable and he encouraged everyone to contact them at any time. Mr. Lee asked if the town has a newspaper. Mayor Litz stated another issue should be available in May. Town Manager James explained it is a town newsletter. Mr. Lee asked where copies can be picked up from. Town Manager James stated the post office, Country Kitchen, town hall and other businesses around town. Councilmember Viars explained the town doesn't want to waste money mailing them out to citizens that may not want it so they are distributed for citizens to pick up. Mayor Litz stated he personally does his very best to make sure that any information that you can know then you can know it anytime you want to know it. He noted the only time the public isn't involved in is in dealing with an employee or with info that would stop a transaction is the only time an executive session is held.

Mayor Litz proceeded with the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager James explained a request was received from Danny Cline with the Mountain Empire District of the Boy Scouts of America for the Council's consideration of donating \$150 to the group. Councilmember Hash asked if there was a boy scouts group in Rural Retreat. Councilmember Lloyd replied yes. Councilmember Hash asked where they met. Chief Mitchell replied the Rural Retreat Baptist Church. Councilmember Hash then asked who the leader of the group is. Councilmember Jonas replied Danny Cline. Councilmember Viars made a motion to donate \$150 to the Mountain Empire District of the Boy Scouts of America. Councilmember Lloyd seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of five (5) for: Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against; one (1) absent: Hall.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mitchell explained his monthly activity report for March. He reported that due to the warmer weather there was an increase in activity especially with traffic enforcement and in dog complaints. There has been an increase in meat companies going door to door already. Chief Mitchell has spoken to two of them to date. He has also spoken to the Commonwealth's Attorney and the companies will be given one warning then they will be cited.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 9

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-TOWN WATER SERVICE – Town Manager James reported a request for water service on Cedar Springs Road was received from Scott Mecimore. Town Manager James stated he will contact Wythe County and ask for permission to serve this out-of-town property. A motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Jonas to approve water service for this property. There being no discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of five (5) for: Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against; one (1) absent: Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HERITAGE DAYS – No report.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS – Town Manager James reported the committee met to review the second drafts of the budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The annual contracts and partnerships including the Joint IDA, fire department and rescue squad were discussed. The final drafts will be distributed at the next committee meeting and both will be ready for the Council in May.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – No report.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 8 – Michael Sobey is working to finish the easement agreements needed for Phase 8. WE have 10 property owners who will need to agree to the project scope. This will simply be a 10 foot permanent easement for future maintenance of the sidewalks and storm water system. We are scheduling meetings for the next two to three weeks with those residents to go over the project and answer any questions.

We are also working with Appalachian Power on the pole relocation on East Baumgardner Avenue. This project is in their schedule but we have not received a timeline as of yet.

VDOT ROAD TRANSFER – FRYE AVENUE & SHERWOOD AVENUE - Following our meeting with VDOT, they are unwilling to take Frye Avenue and Sherwood Avenue due to their perceived concerns over drainage. They are requesting ditching along Frye and Sherwood avenues before they will accept the streets. Due to Frye Avenue's topography and lack of travel frequency, we may leave it in the town system for now. Sherwood Avenue is a more urgent candidate for acceptance in to the VDOT system due to deterioration. Maintenance staff is putting together a quote on the cost for ditching, culvert placement / replacement and repaving of driveways. This will be added to our street maintenance expense in the FY 15-16 budget.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 10

NEWSLETTER – We are working on putting together a Rural Retreat Times Newsletter for release in May.

B & B GUN AND PAWN – The new store held a soft opening this weekend and is now open for business. When Councilmembers get an opportunity, please stop by the store to welcome them and thank them for locating in Rural Retreat.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION – As we wait to hear from DHCD on the possible funding of our downtown project, staff will be developing grant applications to Rural Development and the Wythe Bland Foundation to assist with site development and construction of the Rural Retreat Farmer's Market.

RANDY'S BUILDING PURCHASE – Town Manager explained on the back of this report is a detailed breakdown on the purchase of the Randy's building. He asked the Councilmember's to contact him if they had any questions.

SOUTHFORK REED CREEK SEWER PROJECT – This project was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting and will now be placed on hold for at least one year because an additional \$50,000 of annual revenue will be needed to fund the debt service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The invoices for April 14, 2015 were read and approved.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Town Manager James is to attend the *Talk of the Town* radio program at the WYVE/WXBX radio station on Wednesday morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Lewis asked Mayor Litz to explain the \$50,000 debt service that was put aside. Town Manager James stated this was for a sewer project. Mr. Lewis asked if this is because we couldn't pay the bill. Town Manager James explained we could pay it but it would require a heavy rate increase to cover the debt service. Mr. Lewis commented the town had the money prior to buying the Randy's building but now we don't. Town Manager James stated it comes out of two different accounts.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015 – PAGE 11

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Councilmember Lloyd. The motion was duly seconded and approved.

Mayor

Clerk