

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RURAL RETREAT TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Brian Reed, Interim Town Manager; Lori Guynn, Clerk/Treasurer; Scott Mitchell, Police Chief

Administration Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Bralley; Jerry Hurt; Bob Lewis; Tony Wright – General Services Director

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

2015/2016 FISCAL BUDGET – Mayor Litz read the public notice as duly published and opened the public hearing for comments.

Bob Lewis addressed the Council and stated he had a few questions. He asked if the 5% water and sewer increase was an increase of 5% on water and 5% on sewer. Vice-Mayor Yontz explained this is the same increase that was in the 2014-15 Budget and is the same increase that goes back to when Keith Crigger served on the Council. He added the increase keeps the town from having to implement a sudden increase and instead take small steps. Vice-Mayor Yontz stated the increases may have been implemented prior to Mr. Lewis retiring from the town. He further stated this is to help the town to keep up with the cost to produce the water and treat the wastewater. Mr. Lewis stated he understands the need to keep up and added he doesn't object to the increase. He stated he just wanted to know if it was 5% on water and 5% on sewer. Vice-Mayor Yontz replied, yes, the increase is on both. Mr. Lewis stated the \$2 fee is still being collected and asked what it is being used for. Mayor Litz stated the money is being set aside for the trash truck. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn noted it is being used to pay the debt service on the trash

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truck. Mr. Lewis asked if all the money was going toward the trash truck or was some of it going into the water and sewer funds. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied no, the fee is general fund money. Mr. Lewis commented the 10% raise for water and sewer is to keep up with costs. He then asked if there were any plans for improvements, additional water lines or leak repairs other than what the money is currently being used for. He asked why there was an increase and commented he understands the regular cost of doing business has gone up but is there any underlying project that will be paid for using the money from the increase. Mayor Litz stated the electrical cost increases and there are other projects but they aren't earmarked with this money. Councilmember Hall added the town recently installed a fairly expensive SCADA system to monitor our water system.

Jerry Hurt addressed the Council and explained he had taken the time to review the budget. He stated he had several questions but he has narrowed the number down. Mr. Hurt inquired about several line items that had significant increases or decreases. His questions were answered and he made suggestions that he would like to see added to the budget to help citizens better understand the document. Mayor Litz thanked Mr. Hurt for his comments.

Mr. Lewis stated he had a few more questions and he inquired about whether the employees received a salary increase. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn responded the increase was 2%. Mr. Lewis asked if this was for everyone. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied yes. Mr. Lewis asked if all employees received a one-step pay increase. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn explained employees didn't receive the one-step increase but instead received the 2% increase within their current pay grade and step. Mr. Lewis asked if the pay steps still had 2% between each one. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied yes the steps are now separated by 2% and she further explained she and Mr. James had discussed revising the pay scale prior this budget year though it fell by the way side. Mr. Lewis asked if the pay scale would be revised to include the new town manager in the step system because the former town manager wasn't. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied she wasn't sure but that would be a Personnel Committee question. Mayor Litz commented that was a good thought and it puts employees on a more level playing field so they know what is expected. Mr. Lewis stated it avoids having an adsorbent figure that doesn't reflect on the town's pay scale.

Mayor Litz asked if there were any other comments regarding the budget. He stated he is glad people take the time to look at the budget and ask questions. He further stated the Town Council tries to keep all costs inline.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Viars, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yontz to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting. There being no discussion, the motion passed by a vote of six (6) for: Hall, Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against.

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CITIZEN'S TIME

Bob Lewis addressed the Council and explained he had spoken to Mrs. Guynn before the meeting about the phase 8 of the sidewalk project and it is his understanding that all parties have signed the agreements as of today. He asked when the information would be forwarded to VDOT because we are already to the middle of June and the power company needs to move poles and a contract needs to be secured. He also asked if anything would be done before the winter. Mayor Litz explained it will depend upon how long VDOT takes. Mr. Lewis asked if there was a limitation on how long the money could be held. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn responded no.

Mr. Lewis stated he noticed on tonight's agenda the Council will be discussing real estate which he assumed was selling property to Dallas Shumate. He asked if the Council knew exactly what Mr. Shumate was interested in buying. Mayor Litz replied yes. Mr. Lewis asked where it was located. Mayor Litz explained the property is located next to Mr. Shumate's son's driveways and is a narrow strip straight back. Mr. Lewis questioned if the property extended along the back of the dump. Mayor Litz replied no. Mr. Lewis asked if the property could be sold to Mr. Shumate without making it available to anyone else. Mayor Litz stated the way the property is it only benefits Mr. Shumate. Mr. Lewis asked if a municipality could sell real property without making it available to anyone else. Mayor Litz stated he didn't know the answer to that question though property had been sold before. Mr. Lewis stated he had bought property from the town that only benefited him. He added it doesn't benefit anyone except Mr. Shumate but someone else could come in and state they had an interest in the property. He added it is his understanding that there are others that have an interest on the back side because their property adjoins. He commented he wanted to make the Council aware of this. Councilmember Hall stated no one has approached the Council about buying property except Mr. Shumate and Mr. Lewis. Councilmember Lloyd asked why the other adjoining owner hasn't come forward. Mr. Lewis explained the person is waiting to see what happens with the transaction to Mr. Shumate. He encouraged the Council to speak with Roger Jarvis and he might advise them. He asked where the maintenance crew was going to dump concrete, asphalt, brush and other materials if Mr. Shumate has requested there be no more dumping on the property. Councilmember Hall explained this doesn't involve where the town will be dumping. Mayor Litz explained where the town has been dumping and spreading out the materials there is a buffer zone though it has been pushed close the line that buffers the property. Mayor Litz added the town needs to handle things differently on this property. He further added the town hasn't taken very good of their property. The use of the shale bank was discussed and Mayor Litz pointed out the property line was moved to make sure the shale bank remained on the town's property. Mr. Lewis encouraged the Council to give serious thought before making a decision to sell the property because the town and citizens need a place to dispose of concrete, asphalt, brush, etc. he explained. He then addressed the price he has heard Mr. Shumate offered for the property and stated it is much cheaper than the price he was given and paid for the strip next to him.

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Councilmember Hash asked Mr. Lewis where the property was located that he bought. Mr. Lewis explained there was a 25' strip that contains an 8" water line on it next to one of his lots that the town sold him which he re-deeded into one lot.

On behalf of the Rural Retreat Depot Foundation, Jerry Hurt addressed the Council and stated he had told the Council he would provide periodic updates on the Foundation's activity. He explained the foundation work has been finished and a new roof has been put on the depot in addition to replacing the soffit and fascia. He further explained the Foundation asked for funding from the Wythe-Bland Foundation for an indoor restroom facility. Mr. Hurt stated thanks to volunteers a restroom is being built as well as an ADA compliant ramp. The Foundation is now conducting a capital campaign that will be ongoing and some of the money raised will be used to repair the exterior of the building. Mr. Hurt pointed out it is the hope of the Board that the paint will be donated. Landscaping will be completed on the east end of the building. The vision for the use of the building hasn't changed. The east end waiting rooms will become a museum. Mr. Hurt explained education has become a major theme and the Virginia Tech (VT) partnership is moving forward and personnel from VT and Shentel will be at the town hall to establish the internet connection so that classes can begin this summer. He noted the STEM and STEAM programs are popular now. Mr. Hurt stated a meeting will be held with the Wythe-Bland Foundation and the Brock Hughes Free Clinic to potentially use the depot for preventive health activities for the western end of the county. A music jamboree will be held September 19 at the depot. Mr. Hurt noted the goal is make the depot an active facility for family and community events. Mayor Litz stated the renovations are moving faster than anyone thought it would.

Bob Lewis inquired about Scott Mecimore's concerns with the flat area being closed and it affecting his business and asked if any thought had been given to how to detour traffic. Mayor Litz stated Tony Wright may need to get involved in this also. He noted if people would move more to the inside instead of blocking the entire street. He addressed moving the caboose to allow for more room in the flat. Tony Wright stated he had spoken to Mr. James about closing the street but narrowing it at the depot toward Church Street and also placing signs near Hilltop Auto Sales & Service. Clerk/Treasurer explained she and Mr. James has discussed signs before he left and she is to work with Depot Designs to develop signs though her schedule hasn't allowed her to do this. Mr. Lewis commented VDOT should be able to provide the signs for this. He stated signs would be needed on Richmond, Sherwood, West Buck, Chinquapin and Frye Avenues notifying people Church Street is closed. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn stated she and Mr. James only discussed placing a sign at Chinquapin Avenue directing traffic onto Church Street. Mayor Litz added this is a work in progress. Councilmember Hash asked Mr. Wright where the street would be blocked. Mr. Wright explained before one lane has been left open through the flat and traffic from West Baumgardner Avenue has been directed up Church Street. Councilmember Viars asked if the concern with pedestrians between the depot and the flat is the reason the street is being closed. Mr. Wright stated it is more because of the parking because during the farmer's market people pull up and park. He added the signs are needed not so much to redirect but also to let people know it is a through street and they can't be parking in certain places. A closure is needed, he further added. Mayor Litz stated if the Downtown Revitalization Project is approved and the farmer's market is moved it will no longer be a concern.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Litz reported he had a request that will require action. He read a request from the Rural Retreat Fair Association asking for \$2,000 funding to pay for advertising of the fiddler's convention scheduled for the July 4th weekend. Councilmember Hash asked if a fair was being held this year. Councilmember Lloyd replied yes. Bob Lewis asked if there would be a carnival. Councilmember Lloyd stated the Association can't get a midway which is the same problem all fairs are having. He explained the Fair Association is considering hosting events throughout the year to raise money including ATV rodeos, horse shows and tractor pulls because they are not in good shape financially. Councilmember Viars asked who the Fair Association president is. Councilmember Lloyd responded Jordan Hall. Councilmember Hash asked what happened to their money. Councilmember Lloyd stated rain and mismanagement. Mayor Litz commented there is always mismanagement when there are changes and he stated we are suffering from sensory overload because used to if you wanted to see anyone you had to go to church, a funeral or the fair but the fair was a big deal then. Today, he noted, there are telephones and electronic devices. Mayor Litz added the Fair Association is under new management and they have had past problems but he has attended a meeting and they are trying really hard. Councilmember Lloyd explained the group is a very ambitious board and they are appreciative of any money they can make. Councilmember Hash explained she served on the fair association board for 20 years as secretary and it would rain but they always had money and added she doesn't understand where it went. Councilmember Lloyd stated he couldn't answer this because he wasn't on the board at the time. Discussion ensued on the attendance at last year's fair.

Mayor Litz stated the association would gladly accept any amount of money that was given. Councilmember Lloyd explained Wythe County has shorted the association financially. Councilmember Hash commented the name shouldn't have been changed to add Wythe County. Mayor Litz pointed out Wythe County owns the fair grounds. Councilmember Lloyd stated \$2,000 was promised by Wythe County through the tourism board but the supervisors won't approve it.

Mayor Litz asked for a motion in order to continue to discuss the request. Councilmember Viars asked when the deadline was for the event. Councilmember Lloyd replied it is being held the weekend of July 4th. Mayor Litz stated the money is needed before the event to pay for advertising. Councilmember Viars suggested tabling the request. Councilmember Hash stated it won't allow enough time before the event. Councilmember Lloyd stated he will have to abstain from voting because he serves on the Board of Directors for the Fair Association. He then asked for a motion to discuss the request.

Councilmember Jonas made a motion to grant the Rural Retreat Fair Association's request for \$2,000 to help with the fiddler's convention. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall. Councilmember Lloyd stated he was going to speak on behalf of the fair association and he asked how much money was given to Vicki Sprouse for an event that will sink. He pointed out people will be attending from Florida, Kentucky, Kansas and West Virginia and it will happen. He also noted the amount being asked for is half of what was given for the Beach Fest.

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Councilmember Lloyd explained the money will go to WBRF in Galax for advertising spots. Councilmember Hash asked how much the event will make and how much is being charged to participate. Councilmember Lloyd stated he didn't know how much it will make but there is a \$10 fee to enter which is refundable if the entrant performs.

Bob Lewis asked Councilmember Lloyd what kind of crowd was anticipated. Councilmember Lloyd stated the first year he was expecting to lose money but they broke even with around 300 people attending. He added he expects 500 – 1,000 people because there isn't another event like this happening that weekend. Chief Mitchell added usually people that go to fiddler's conventions go because they are diehard. Councilmember Lloyd pointed out the fairgrounds is a nicer facility than locations where other events like this are offered.

Councilmember Viars stated his concern isn't so much about the money but the fact this is late notice for a request like this. Councilmember Lloyd explained the fair association doesn't want to ask for money but if Wythe County would have followed through with what they said they were going to do the town wouldn't have been asked for money. Councilmember Jonas commented it could be viewed as an investment in the community. Mayor Litz added it won't break the town. Councilmember Hash stated she personally felt that the money should be given to the fair association because it is a part of our community and we haven't done much to help them and it will help our town also. She added she doesn't think it will be a gamble. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn asked Councilmember Lloyd if the fair association will be asking for more money leading up to the actual fair being held in August. Councilmember Lloyd responded he didn't know because the fair association is trying to raise money for their events including a BBQ contest in a few weeks.

Councilmember Hall stated the bottom line is the fair association is raising money for this event to also raise money for their other events. Councilmember Lloyd explained when he joined the fair association they only had \$150 in the bank and they are trying to make progress. Vice-Mayor Yontz stated he felt that if the fair association was given the money there should be a stipulation that they wouldn't receive anymore. Councilmember Viars asked how much was given to the fair association last year. Mayor Litz stated it was less than \$1,000. Tony Wright asked if Wythe County had been asked for money. Councilmember Lloyd replied yes, three times and the last time one of the supervisors fell asleep during the requests.

Jerry Hurt suggested dedicating the \$2,000 to the advertising. He stated his concern is if the fair association has outstanding bills to be paid then the money would be put toward the bills. Councilmember Lloyd assured Mr. Hurt that it will be used for advertising. He explained they are keeping the bills paid but they are paying extra on them to get caught up.

Councilmember Jonas revised his motion to state the \$2,000 donation to the Rural Retreat Fair Association must be used for advertising for the fiddler's convention. The motion passed by a vote of five (5) for: Hall, Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against; one (1) abstention, Lloyd due to being a member of the Rural Retreat Fair Association Board of Directors.

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Councilmember Viars asked Councilmember Lloyd to ask the Rural Retreat Fair Association president to provide the Council with updates on their activities.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mitchell explained his monthly activity report for May. He noted there has been an increase in larceny and traffic incidents. Chief Mitchell stated the town will have the use of the Town of Wytheville's speed trailer until June 28th. The 2014 Crime Statistic Report is available and will be distributed to the Council for the next meeting, he added.

Councilmember Hash asked Chief Mitchell if he had been monitoring the stage. Chief Mitchell stated he has seen kids at the stage that he has asked to leave. Councilmember Hash stated they are also getting underneath the stage through the lattice work. Chief Mitchell explained parents are dropping their kids off and leaving them.

Councilmember Viars asked Chief Mitchell if he had received a response from the grant he applied for to purchase speed signs. Chief Mitchell stated a response hasn't been received but funding was included in the budget in case the grant wasn't received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DR PEPPER LOT PROJECT – Councilmember Lloyd reported we are waiting on the finalized video to present to Troy Harris for Dr. Pepper in Waco, TX.

STATUS OF SINGLETON PROPERTY – Brian Reed stated he would research enforcing the uniform building code. Steve Bralley explained there is pending litigation between the town of Wytheville and Mr. Singleton regarding his property in Wytheville. He stated the Town Manager and the Public Safety Director have discovered some verbiage that is in the state law to address the condition of Mr. Singleton's property. Chief Mitchell explained Mr. Sobey was asked to look at this last year but it was tabled. Mr. Bralley explained Wytheville has leveled three properties because of their condition. Vice-Mayor Yontz stated we were being told the health department would have the final say on these types of properties. Mayor Litz stated if Wytheville is doing something about these properties then we should be able to follow suit. Brian Reed advised he will contact the town of Wytheville to find out what they are doing. He added he felt they are enforcing the uniform building code and their own ordinance that is in place. Mr. Bralley explained the former building inspector Stan Massey and Public Safety Director Albert Newberry researched this and began the process along with the town attorney.

Bob Lewis inquired about the property at the corner of North Greever Street and Chestnut Avenue and stated he had read in the minutes that the contactor was to be coming back to finish the job but nothing has been done.

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Tony Wright addressed Jack Singleton's property and explained last year the town mowed, cleaned the fence row and cut trees to clean it up. Mayor Litz directed Mr. Wright to keep track of expenses for billing purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

JOINT GOVERNING BODIES MEETING – Clerk/Treasurer Guynn reported the next Joint Governing Bodies meeting will be held Monday, June 29th. A request for agenda items was received with a June 17th deadline. If no items are submitted they will place "to be announced" on the agenda. She noted the meeting will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HERITAGE DAYS – Chairman Yontz reported he and Mayor Litz need to schedule a time so they can call the main acts. Jay Hawkins is ready to layout the vendor spots as soon as he receives the list of vendors. Mayor Litz asked if a similar number of vendors had responded, more or less. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn replied at this time there are less but she hopes more are received closer to the deadline. She explained a vendor deadline has been set and no vendors are accepted after that date because of planning the layout.

Clerk/Treasurer Guynn informed the Council the second deposits for Gene Watson and Johnny Lee were due June 8 and have been mailed. She added she contacted Rob Battle with Battle Artist Agency to inform him the deposits have been mailed and asked him to notify her upon receiving them.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS – Clerk/Treasurer Guynn reported the financial reports for the end of the third quarter were distributed for review.

PERSONNEL, ORDINANCES & LEGAL MATTERS – Chair Hash reported the committee will be meeting Monday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. She reported 27 applications have been received and the committee will be taking their time to review them before making a decision. Clerk/Treasurer Guynn advised Chair Hash that another possible application was received and she would give it to her following the meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – No report.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Litz asked Brian Reed to introduce himself. Mr. Reed stated he has met most everyone before at the Downtown Revitalization meetings. He explained he is the deputy director of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and has been with them for 20 years. Mr. Reed stated he has done a lot of the work with Rural Retreat over the years with Raymond Matney on sewer projects and recently various projects with Michael James. He stated he also serves as the town manager for the town of Fries so it made sense for him to serve as the interim town

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manager and will help as long as he is needed. He noted he had spoken to Lori Guynn and Tony Wright prior to the meeting to discuss potential projects that he can help with. Mr. Reed stated one project would be a grant for a new police vehicle because there are grants available. He and Mr. James had discussed the MRPDC's water and wastewater program that the town has used in the past. In discussion with Mr. Wright, there are small projects they could help with. He noted he runs the water and wastewater programs for the MRPDC so he can't sign the application and the checks but he would work with Mr. Wright on the applications. Mr. Reed will be in the office on Tuesday's of each week and will be attending the meetings.

Mayor Litz asked Tony Wright, General Services Director, to give his report at this time. He reported on the following:

MOWING AT FORMER GARMENT FACTORY – David Walker with BB&T was contacted and the combination to the gate lock was obtained but it was discovered the lock has been changed. Following this, Mr. Walker was contacted and he was informed the property has changed hands. A quote was obtained from Bud Pollard for \$300 to clear the banks but access can't be obtained.

Mayor Litz commented this will need to be taken care of because the ordinance addressed properties within the town limits and it includes this property. He stated if necessary a lien can be placed on the property.

DRAINAGE AT FAMILY DOLLAR – A person with Family Dollar has been contacted about the drainage issues resulting in that person speaking to the adjoining property owner with both reaching an agreement. Family Dollar is to submit revised drainage plans to reflect extending the drainage pipe an additional 50 – 75 feet. This will also require rip rap to disperse the water. With the extension the rip rap will be on the adjoining owner. The change order should be received within the next two weeks.

DRAINAGE AT CAMRETT LOGISTICS – Due to the heavy rain, Mr. Wright and Mr. James met with Camrett personnel. The water was running around the drains instead of going in and was entering the building. The drain pipes located near the trailer court are partially closed and need to be opened to allow for better water flow

PAVING QUOTES – Money was budgeted in the upcoming budget to repave some of the streets. A quote was received for four streets and was very expensive so the town will probably only be able to pave one street. Mr. Wright has a meeting scheduled with a person with VDOT next week to discuss their seven year plan and to find out what the town needs to do to get them to pave some of our streets. Chestnut Avenue will be looked at with the money in the budget due to the water line to the nursing home and new connections to the residents.

WASTEWATER GRANT – A grant for \$100,000 is available through the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for water and wastewater projects. The wastewater lift station needs a new muffin monster and only one of the variable frequency drives at the water plant is

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working. Mr. Wright asked permission to work with Mr. Reed to apply for a grant which has a deadline of July 1. Mayor Litz directed Mr. Wright to work with Mr. Reed.

ULTRA VIOLET SYSTEM – The bulbs in this system at the wastewater plant are being replaced weekly and should be lasting at least three years. It is a Trojan System and we are being told it wasn't installed properly. The bulbs are to alternate being on for a 24 hour period but they are staying on constantly which voids the warranty. The company used to install the system is no longer in business. Hayward, Inc. is now the regional representative. Mr. Wright explained the town has used them before for muffin monsters and sludge removal pumps so he is hoping they will agree to look at the UV system.

CONTRACT RENEWALS: FORT CHISWELL SEPTIC SERVICE & PRESTON'S LAWN CARE – Fort Chiswell Septic handles the sludge removal and hauls it to Tennessee for disposal. A copy of the contract has been located and will be discussed with Donald Vaught. Mr. Vaught has indicated he is satisfied with the current contract and indicated no rate increase. Mr. Wright stated he will rewrite the contract and bring it to the Council for approval. Upon speaking to Mrs. Guynn earlier today Mr. Wright stated the Preston's Lawn Care contract was approved in March.

Mayor Litz thanked Mr. Wright for his time.

Mr. Lewis asked to address the Council again. Mayor Litz agreed. Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Wright had touched on it a little about the garment factory and condition of the grass. He stated there are a lot of other properties that have grass one foot high or greater. Mayor Litz asked Chief Mitchell to address this. Chief Mitchell stated he has mailed a few letters notifying property owners. He noted several that are overgrown are because residents have died and their family doesn't live here.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The invoices for June 9, 2015 were read and approved.

Councilmember Lloyd stated a copy of the Dr. Pepper video will be emailed to him and he will forward it to Troy Harris with Dr. Pepper immediately. He noted one mistake in the video that had to be corrected was a photo of Charles Alderson was used instead of one of Charles Pepper. He also addressed the Wayne Henderson concert and stated there were approximately 100 people in attendance.

TALK OF THE TOWN

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

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CLOSED MEETING – REAL ESTATE

A motion was made by Councilmember Viars, seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to convene to a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2-3711, A-3 – of the Code of Virginia – discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. The motion was approved with the following voting in favor: Hall, Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz.

Mayor Litz called the regular meeting back into open session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd, seconded by Councilmember Hash to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rural Retreat Town Council has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712, paragraph D, of the Code of Virginia requires a certificate by this Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Retreat Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certificate resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council.

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes	Nays
Jerrell Hall	X	
Peggy Hash	X	
Geary W. Jonas	X	
James N. Lloyd	X	
James P. “Sean” Viars	X	
Dale Yontz	X	

A motion was made by Councilmember Hall and seconded by Councilmember Hash to sell the 5.462 acres of residual property located next to the former town dump to Dallas Shumate and to accept his offer of \$5,000 plus closing costs. The motion passed by a vote of six (6) for: Hall, Hash, Jonas, Lloyd, Viars, Yontz; zero (0) against.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Clerk