

The Rural Retreat Town Council continued their meeting from April 24, 2007 on May 1, 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
Keith Crigger

Scott Mecimore
Jerrell Hall
Dale Yontz

ABSENT

NONE

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Porter Sage – Rural Retreat Cable T.V., Inc.
Mike Atwood – Banker’s Insurance
Gerald Musser, Tony Wright, Rodney Hurt, Donnie Widner, Mike Jones, Brenda Maxey

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting was re-convened and a quorum was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Mike Atwood with Banker’s Insurance addressed the Council concerning the increase in the current employee health benefit package of 39% and proposed a new health savings account package. Four employees moved into new age brackets which accounted for a 14% increase. Experience factors accounted for most of the increase difference. Vision coverage remains the same under the proposed new plan but does not count toward the deductible.

Mr. Atwood stated if the Town opted to change to the health savings account it would save approximately \$24,000 over the renewal of the Key Care 10 program. It was suggested the Town use the savings to fund the employees portion of the high end deductible which would be \$1,200 per employee per calendar year. After each employee reaches the \$1,200 deductible then insurance pays 100% of the cost of all doctor visits and prescriptions. If an employee covers one dependent then a \$2,400 deductible must be met but the dependent can’t meet the employees deductible.

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After further discussion with the employees present and Mr. Atwood, the consensus of the Council was to look into the proposed high end deductible health savings account. Mr. Atwood stated he would request a medical insurance report for each employee which will be sent to their home address. He asked that those reports be brought to Mr. Matney for further review and consideration of the proposed plan by the Council.

WEBGIS – Mr. Matney read an email received from Wythe County Administrator Cellell Dalton stating the Town can get the parcel information to use on a demo site only. If the information is used any further the Town would have to pay \$1,980.

FIRE PROGRAM FUNDS – Wythe County is now requiring the County fire departments to submit monthly expenses to them for reimbursement. Mr. Matney stated he submitted information approximately one month ago but only received over \$13,000 of the \$26,000 allocation for the Rural Retreat Fire Department. He further stated he didn't know why the County was requiring the same from the Town. Mr. Matney explained to Council that he would like to take the money budgeted for debt service and transfer it to show a liability in order to submit a request to obtain the remaining allocation prior to the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made by Councilmember Mecimore to transfer the debt service funds from the fire department's account to the Town's savings account. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lloyd and was passed unanimously.

CHERRY STREET PROJECT – Mr. Matney read a letter from Junior Goad, Resident Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation concerning the Cherry Street project. The letter states the project went over projected cost so VDOT is asking the Town to pay an additional \$5,074.40. Mr. Matney further stated he would like to speak with Mr. Goad to get a further explanation. If he feels he doesn't get the information he would like then he is going to ask Mr. Goad to attend a meeting to explain to the Council the reason for the additional charge.

RURAL RETREAT RECYCLING CENTER – Vice-Mayor Lloyd stated he had several residents to visit his business or call concerning complaints about the recycling center. This issue had been addressed at the Joint Governing Bodies meeting the previous evening.

SKID STEER LOADER – Operations and Maintenance Committee Chairman Jerrell Hall stated the committee in the form of a motion recommends the purchase of the Deihl 6640E 2-speed differential skid steer loader from Southwestern Equipment for \$28,656.45. Councilmember Yontz seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Councilmember Mecimore.

Mayor

Clerk