

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on July 11, 2017 at 7:30pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Jannis White
Town Manager:	Tim Taylor
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Mary Ann Strong, Vickie England Rick Wood, Rod Cury, Larry Johnson, Doug Ratliff
Town Attorney:	Brad Ratliff

Mayor White opened the meeting.

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor White - Do we have anyone who would like to speak that is not on the agenda? I have added Kenneth Herndon.

Mayor White - Do we have any other additions/deletions to the agenda?

Mayor White - If not, do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? Rod made the motion, Vickie seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Mayor White - Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Rod - I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vickie seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Mayor White - We have a "Resolution" for the Richlands Woman's Club. Rod will read the "Resolution" and then we will vote on the "Resolution".

Rod - Thank you Mayor White and Members of the Council. I would like to thank members of the Richlands Woman's Club for coming tonight to be recognized by Town Council for 85 years of service to the community and more than that when you read the history. Read the "Resolution".

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to adopt the "Resolution"? Doug made the motion, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Rod - Recently the Richlands Woman' Club celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sorry I could not attend, but I did hear/read all about it. I have a personal involvement with the members of this club. The history of the club was written by Carroll L. Wolfe who is a member here tonight. I would like to read the founding/charter members and read the "Motto" of the Club. Members brought light to special education in this community and the school system. I would also like to mention the benefit fashion shows. We worked together at Cury's to raise money for various needs. Read members name as of April 29th.

Mayor White - Thank you ladies and we appreciate all your hard work you do in our town. I don't know what we would do without the Richlands Woman's Club and Richlands Garden Club. Mayor asks all the ladies to come to the front. The "Resolution" was presented to the Richlands Woman's Club.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Reminder - There is a "Five Minute Maximum". Joy Rumley, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development will be moved to next month's meeting.

Mayor White - Jeff Hurst, Clinch River Soccer Association

Jeff Hurst – 206 Chinch Row, Richlands, VA - On June 14, Mr. Taylor, George, Eric Hess from Lighthouse Engineering Consultants and Zack met. As we proceed with our project, we must secure a land disturbance permit thru the Department of Environmental (DEQ). Part of the process is when you disturb the land you need a permit to do it. Lighthouse Engineering is helping us as far as getting us to the point where we are tonight. There are (2) two things that help when applying for this permit. The (2) two major concerns with DEQ are water quantity and water quality. The water quantity portion is not as much an issue as the water quality. The disturbance with the water quality is during construction, grading, etc. on the project. With Mr. Taylor's recommendation on June 19, we made a motion, which passed, to reserve a portion of the land at the Recreation Park as undeveloped open space. (Passed map out showing where the land is located). We need about 10 acres; this will help us secure the permit. For every acre you disturb on the ballfield, you need (5) five acres that is not disturbed. We need (2) two acres for the project. We want to see if the Town Council would designate this area for the Soccer Project. There is not much over there right now, just a shelter, maybe a few old trails.

Rod - I think it is important. Soccer is a growing sport in the United States. Jeff, can you explain the game of Soccer?

Jeff Hurst - Jeff shared information about the sport of Soccer. Clinch River Soccer has been in this area since 1984/1985. It develops attitudes and leadership qualities; good for physical fitness and helps build kids for the future.

Mary Ann - The Rec Commission was unanimous in supporting the request. Timing is important for all that should be done. Soccer is such a great sport, almost all kids, girl or boy, can play. Soccer is a sport that will keep you in great physical condition.

Jeff Hurst – Football has been here three/four generations, baseball the same way. Some of the new sports like soccer are in the first generation going into the second generation.

Vickie - Will our Girls High School Soccer Team use this field?

Jeff - If we build the field, a lot of people will want to use the field.

Mayor White - Brad will you help us with the motion to make sure we are legal.

Jeff Hurst - Eric Hess from Lighthouse Engineering can share some details with us.

Eric Hess, Lighthouse Engineering – We are a local company that works in Tazewell County. Eric explained about storm water requirements. One requirement is water quality. Requirements came about in 2011 which we have not had to deal with in the past. The DEQ look and treat a turf field like a pavement, anything that hits will run off, that is not entirely true. We must treat the field as if it was a parking lot. If we must treat the water quality, which is an important aspect of this project, estimated cost will range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. This project has community funding. We have an option as a community to reserve the space that is really unusable and saving the community a large amount of money. Donated money from the community can make this a much better project and long lasting for the community. The 5/1 ratio we will need 10 acres of land; this will wipe away the water quality issue.

Vickie – Made the motion to permit activities and development of a new soccer complex at Clinch River Soccer and the Richlands Rec Commission and reserve space as undeveloped to meet the DEQ requirements for water quality. Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Mayor White - "Unscheduled Public Comments" - Kenneth Herndon

Kenneth Herndon, 387 Linwood Drive, Hidden Valley Subdivision - We were going to build a covered shelter on our patio near the swimming pool. The contractor was informed there was a zoning ordinance on this type project. I am here tonight to request a variance or exemption to build a covered shelter on the end of our concrete patio, near the swimming pool. My wife was diagnosed with melanoma and must limit her exposure to the sun. We need the shelter to allow her to enjoy the summer with the children while playing outside in the pool. I have written a letter to the Town requesting the variance.

Tim - You need a permit because accessory structures are not allowed. We have to determine the variance.

Brad - Mr. Taylor and I have discussed the issue and I have read the letter. I went back and looked at all the restrictions and covenants. Historically, the development of Hidden Valley Subdivision, there is deed covenants and restriction covenants regarding certain setbacks, use of certain material, etc. R1 zoning doesn't permit outbuildings. I have looked at all the restrictions and covenants but I am not finished with that process. One of the suggestions perhaps we could amend R1 zoning ordinance to allow more use. The concern we have is a conflict with the deed covenants. If zoning allows it and it's not in the deed covenants we will have a problem. There are three to four sets of deed covenants. I need more time to go through the covenants. Based on what I see now the Council may be able to add a use under the R1 zoning structure that will permit certain outbuildings.

Doug - In the past we have been allowed to change certain things.

Kenneth - I can attach to the house, but it is not close to the pool.

Brad - We understand it will be additional work for you to attach to the house. We need to make sure there is no conflict with the existing building restrictions and the Council would like to do an amendment to the R1 zoning.

Mayor White - Council Member Report – Rod Cury

Rod – I apologize for missing the last Council Meeting, I was not well. First, I did have a call about grass growing at the old Becky Carter's house on Fairfax Avenue. I am not sure of the address or who owns it. Brad can you check out? Secondly, Eleanor Arms from Richlands Woman's Club, ask me if we had gotten anywhere with the recycling. She said she would be glad to help in any way. Rick explained why it had left that property but is there a way can encourage recycling. We are trying to be a progressive community and a green community. I think it is important but don't know how to approach.

Tim - Recycling is a county wide project, more complicated than you realize. First, we must find a supplier that will take it. Curb side don't work but a drop station will. We contracted with A&S Sanitation before, which is Lusk now, and they picked up the containers. Curb side is a cost to the community. If we could work out with the distributor on a drop station, the cost is minimal. This needs to be studied.

Rick - We have some people coming out of Charlotte to meet with us at the next council meeting on recycling. They have a machine that takes the recycling items out of the trash and burns the other

garbage to make electricity. They already have buyers for the recycling items. You don't have to worry about recycling everything goes into the garbage.

Rod - Will wait and see what they present next month.

Doug - There are several operating now, I think they have (2) two already operating.

Rick - It separates metal/plastic and newspaper. They don't burn anything they can sell.

Rod - Thank you Larry for getting through the Council the Scenic River Designation. It is one of the most important things we could possibly do. You and the Council should be commended. There are a lot of great opportunities as you have exhibited in the access points and kayaking. I look forward to other developments. I have printed an article on "Virginia's Scenic Rivers" to share with the Council.

Rod - I was not sure on how to handle a couple of things that involved the Planning Commission so I called Tim. One was the Scenic River Designation. The Planning Commission will take certain action to protect it and make sure it is incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan. Tim suggested that we wait until it passes Legislation and the General Assembly in the spring session. The Planning Commission will take care of it. There is a zoning issue that the commission needs to look at. Tim and Brad will look at some of the more complex issues.

Tim - We have a request for a zoning change for classification at 130 Mason Street and 215/213 South Farmer Street. It is in letter form. I have given this to Brad to see what should be done before we can start the request. Once that is completed, I will get a summary to all the Council Members and advise about the next steps. There could be various requirements. It does require a Planning Commission review and recommendation to Council. It can be achieved in a Joint Public Hearing.

Rod - On the agenda there are (2) two vacant positions on the IDA. I would like to suggest and put into a motion that Reece Strong become a member of the Richlands IDA. He has a dual degree in business and finance and he is an analyst for First Sentinel Bank. He lives in Richlands and wants to make a life here. He is young and has fresh ideas. Doug seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 5/0. Mary Ann abstained.

Mayor White - We still have another vacant position since Barry Elswick did not accept reappointment.

Mayor White - Does anyone else want to suggest someone, or talk to some other people?

Mary Ann - I have someone in mind, but did not get a chance to speak to them. Tim, did they meet this afternoon?

Tim - We did not meet.

Mayor White - We will wait until next month's meeting for the other vacant position.

Mary White - Council Member Report - Vickie England

Vickie - I had a gentleman stop by my office today and wanted to know if our Town Council could do something similar to what the School Board voted on Tuesday night concerning the "Stopped School Bus Law". A little boy was hit. School Board seeks to change the "Stopped School Bus Law". Tazewell County School Board unanimously approved a motion to send to Legislature a request to change the "Stopped School Bus Law". We believe the law needs to be stronger. It needs to be a felony. It needs to be change from offense to misdemeanor. Reckless driving needs to be a Class 6 felony with a mandatory suspension of license and mandatory jail time when injury occurs in the act of passing a

stopped school bus. I don't know exactly what we need to do. Maybe we could send a letter to go along with what the School Board is doing for protecting our children.

Larry - I make a motion we write a letter to support the School Board on the "Stopped School Bus Law". Rick seconded the motion.

Brad - I will make a draft and have ready for Council signatures.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Mayor White – Council Member Report – Rick Wood

Rick – I keep getting calls about Purcell Road with the brush growing out over the rocks and making the road narrower, it is getting harder to pass. People are afraid they are going to hit the hidden rocks. We need to consider the issue to see what we can do.

Tim - I would like to request a meeting, if you can get a date we could meet with the committee.

Vickie – Maybe meet one day next week.

Rick - I can't meet Monday but Tuesday would be fine.

Tim - We qualified on Route 460 for the Stars Program. VDOT spent a lot of time on the project. Twenty or more VDOT experts meet with us to talk about the improvements on the corridor from the western corporate limits basically up thru Rockbridge Avenue. We have a lot of details and recommendations. It is in final draft form. I would like for Street Committee to look at the draft and give their comments. Once adopted, we can meet with the Council. We would have time to get help from the Bristol District personnel and try to get larger projects that will help traffic and safety in that area on the plan for funding thru the SMART program, it starts in September. We need to allocate approximately 1 ½ hours for the meeting.

Mayor White – Council Member Report – Doug Ratliff

Doug – We are having problems on First Avenue with buzzards.

Tim - We have a dilemma on how to deal with that. Brad, will you educate Council on what our limitations are. I have talked to Frank about it.

Frank - Right now the only thing we can do is scare them off. The other alternative is to get a kill permit. We had a permit but expired in 2011. We must fill out an application for the permit. The permit allows you to kill one bird a day. If you kill a bird, you must hang it up for a week to try and scare the remaining birds off.

Doug - I would advise you to apply for a permit. The birds are just moving around, not actually going anywhere and coming back in couple of hours. We have had reports they have tried to attack a child. I do know they attack goats and cattle. I am afraid something is going to happen; we need to pursue a permit. They are tearing roofs off and sitting on banisters. They had a dog pinned up once. They are getting use to the train whistles, etc. and it is not scaring them off. If it takes 100 days, at least we can get rid of them.

Frank - I think the max is 30.

Rod - Was the child attacked in Richlands?

Doug – Yes, and I have seen them attack goats.

Doug - Maybe we can get the game people to come and we explain to them at the next Council Meeting.

Frank - I will talk to the Fish and Wildlife about this. Their recommendation was to annoy the birds to scare them off. I go there every morning; I never see them come back. I do understand we have an issue.

Doug - I seen the pictures last week, and they came back three days in a row.

Vickie - They are roosting in the pine trees above Critterville. I can see them from my house.

Tim - They sit on the water tank too.

Doug – Will the game people come and talk to us?

Frank - Not sure if they will come or not.

Doug - If we have a problem, we need to attack it and get rid of them, whatever it takes.

Tim - I will make some calls.

Doug - If you could contact the game people and tell them a child was attacked. I don't want to see anyone get hurt.

Mayor White – Council Member Reports – Larry Johnson

Larry - I would like to thank Mayor White and Karen for all their hard work planning the Freedom Festival. It was unbelievable what the town workers did the day of the Festival. They were helping people carry things to their vehicles and doing anything that needed to be done to help. They were continuously helping people. I donated a kayak to be raffled off to raise money for the Clinch River Project during the Festival. We raised \$953 which makes a total of \$1500 in fundraisers. The Home Town of the Clinch, all that is complete now, the lady will come and speak to us next month. The Bearded Moose is going to start selling Clinch merchandise. The money will be donated back to replenish the clothing and the profit will be for the fund raiser.

Amber Johnson with Relay for Life, wanted to thank the Police Department and everyone that took part in Relay for Life. She wants to hold it in Richlands again next year.

The wardrobe that Angie is working on for the Middle and High School Kids, has enough clothing to help between 85-90 kids. She can still use coats, shoes, socks, hygiene products and volunteers. She wanted to thank everyone for their donations.

Mary Ann - What is the date?

Larry - August 8<sup>th</sup> at Gethsemane Baptist Church

Mayor White – Council Member Report – Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – I have received several very positive comments from the residents in Hidden Valley; they are very appreciative for the new pavement. They do have a couple of questions. Will the speed bumps be put back on Cresswood, and can there possibly be some put on Terry Drive?

Tim – The warning strips will be put back. It is up to the Council to add warning strips to Terry Drive. Where would they want the warning strips?

Mary Ann - In the middle, they start slowing down when they get near the exit of Hidden Valley. Chief Dorton may be able to determine where they should go. I would also like to thank the Police Department for coming to Hidden Valley. People have been pulled over for speeding and tickets have been given. Speed bumps on Terry Drive would be beneficial.

Tim - Warning strips would be the best.

Mary Ann - The speed limit sign coming into Hidden Valley, can it be moved up approximately 5 ft.? Some residents thought it may be more visible.

Tim - Is there a tree or something blocking the sign?

Mary Ann - I apologize but I didn't have time to look at it today, I was just told early this morning.

Rick - I seen it, the trees in that driveway are sticking out covering the sign.

Tim - We will look at this.

Mary Ann - Congratulations to Larry on all his help on the Clinch River and the Kayaking. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. It takes a lot of time and I wanted to let Larry know I appreciate all his efforts. We have a lot of great things going on in Richlands dealing with recreation.

As mentioned by Jeff Hurst, we met on June 19 and will meet again on July 17 at 7:00 pm. I wanted to compliment Fred Phillips and his staff, the pool looks great and the renovations also. Renovations are a slow process and it takes time but is being done right.

The tennis tournament was held at the college. Dave Ascue spent many hours of his personal time helping with the tournament. People contacted the Rec Park for information and they were very supportive.

I would like to compliment the Richlands Little League, they held 9/10 District Tournament in the two fields near the Town Hall, same time as the Richlands Freedom Festival and the Carnival. Everyone worked together; it was a win/win situation for everyone. They complimented each other instead of being a conflict. The Richlands Little League hosted the State Tournament for Girls Senior League Softball. They used the Rhonda Blevins Field at the High School. There were eight (8) teams; Richlands and Washington County were the only local teams. We had six (6) teams with families staying at hotels, buying gas and food. Hope this is the start of many more uses of our fields. This could be a good economic impact for Richlands. Craig Earls, David Lamie and other volunteers did a super job.

I would also like to thank Mayor White and Karen, the Freedom Festival was fantastic. Richlands Chamber of Commerce did a real nice job with the James H. Drew Carnival.

Mayor White - Does anyone have any questions on the Department Head Reports?

Tim - I would like to add, we have WI-FI at the Rec Park and have a credit card machine working as soon as we get the cable in.

Doug - We are having bear issues in Hidden Valley, they are getting into the trash.

Larry – I want to thank Fred and Rec Commission for doing great job. Their report reflects the biggest total I have seen since I have been on the Council.

Rod - I would like to say "Thank You" to the Town Staff. I know several ladies that make a commitment to walk every day at Critterville; they tell me that the bathrooms are immaculate. We don't hear that all the time.

Mayor White - Karen was going to come tonight to do a thank you to everyone who helped with the Freedom Festival. She was not able to attend but will be here next month. I want to thank the Police Department, Fire & Rescue Department, office staff and everyone that helped with the Freedom Festival. It takes everybody helping to be successful. Jim Ray is heading up a tour thru 50 states for the POW. The first one will be Lebanon.

Frank – There will be approximately 500 motorcycles. They want to use the Police Station for a stop-off in Richlands. Tour will be September 23. We will escort them from corporate limits and the intersection.

Mayor White - They will be doing a ceremony at the Police Department. They are going to ask local churches to feed them. If you know anyone who would want to set up tents and volunteer, let them know. I will have more details next month. Hopefully we will get some financial benefit from this and support the POW. We want to be part of the ceremony.

Mayor White - Attorney Comments: Brad Ratliff

Brad – The special requirements for R1 versus the deed covenants have already been discussed. I wanted to mention the Freedom Festival, it was a fantastic event. Thanks for all you do.

Doug - When can we get back with Mr. Herndon? How can we expedite?

Brad – The issue is the zoning itself. It is going to take time. It will require a public hearing.

Doug - Can we schedule a Public Hearing?

Brad - You can make that motion. I am not sure if there are any conflicts between the deed covenants. If you make something legal as far as the zoning and it is not allowed in deed covenant, there is no way to change it. There are (3) three different sets. The preliminary, what I have seen with the originals, Smith & Starnes, don't have restrictions on outbuildings.

Doug - We can schedule Public Hearing and call off if we need to.

Brad - If Council wishes to do that, authorize Tim to schedule it.

Tim - We need to have a joint Public Hearing.

Mary Ann - I have been asked about the carport at the entrance, what is the current situation?

Tim - The preliminary plan that he submitted is to attach what he has to his house. To do that it would mean the code of requirements for not having an accessory structure. He has asked for a variance on the setbacks which it is something we can do. There still may be a deed covenant. He has a hearing scheduled.

Doug - That is a totally different situation.

Mary Ann – It certainly is, Mr. Herndon has a medical issue.

Brad - What does the carport look like? The adjoining land owners could sue him.

Rick - Kenneth, what kind of shelter are you putting up?

Kenneth - A really nice wooden shelter.

Brad - It is perfectly reasonable to have an exterior building if it is pleasing. Tim and I discussed this.



Larry – Can people have a gazebo?

Brad – Technically, Yes

Tim - Unless it is portable, take up and down, or a dog lot. We don't get involved with those.

Brad - Schedule the Public Hearing for next Council Meeting.

Rick - I will second your motion to have a Joint Public Hearing.

Rod - How would Council need to relay this to the Planning Commission?

Tim - Brad will help us with wording. They have to afford an opportunity to recommend. Only thing that makes sense is a Joint Public Hearing.

Rod – Tim, I will rely on you to tell me exactly what to tell Brad to make sure we are legal.

Brad - Council intent is to amend R1 to allow stand along structures.

Tim – A discussion to have internally.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Tim - That was contingent; will get directive from our lawyer and let Rod know wording.

Brad - I will send wording to Rod in advance.

Mayor White - Manager's Report

Tim - Authorization to Pay Bills. None of the paving invoices are in this month's bills.

Mary Ann - What about check number 56236- Applied Industrial Technologies?

Tim - Plant parts and shop supplies

Mayor White – Do we have a motion for Mr. Taylor to pay the bills? Larry made the motion and Doug seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Tim - Section House Project Update – The project is moving along fairly well. Twin Enterprise developed a way to move the structure up to help with the foundation construction, change order, with order waiting to be approved by VDOT. They found more termite damage to foundation beams that was not anticipated and not included in the original bid; there will be more expense on that part of the project.

Tim – The termite issue is in the contingency.

Rod - Travis talked about the people he met in South Atlanta who were house movers and they came and helped with the project. Getting the steel to set the house on was another concern. Brenda Justice from Consolidated Steel loaned steel to Twin Enterprises at no expense. This is truly a community effort. I would like to thank Ms. Justice.

Mayor White - What is the projected date for completion?

Tim - 240 days to finish, sometime in October.

Tim - July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm seems to be the best date to have the Strategic Planning Meeting with Craig Wilson. We sent out a request to confirm date.

Tim - I would like to ask Council's direction on a request from a local radio station, Star 95, that broadcast local high school football games. They are asking if they can take the audio portion from the radio broadcast and put on the access channel. Brian Earls asked if we can provide that element. I was concerned about advertisements. Time Warner provided the equipment for us. Curious if you would like for me to pursue.

Mayor White - I think it would be good idea.

Mary Ann - What about the other radio stations that does the games?

Rod - First concern, crossing the boundaries of supporting one business over another. We need to research this.

Tim - I don't know they may find out it is too difficult to do.

Mayor White - A lot of people pay for advertisements.

Doug - Get the radio station to sign off on it.

Mary Ann - Let them both share the expense and alternate the games.

Tim - We can offer to both if they want to.

Rick - The more tools we give to the community is beneficial. If we make it for one, we need to make it for all.

Mary Ann - We also have other future sports. In past seasons, WGTH does a spring sports package, they broadcast all sports. I noticed in the minutes that the Council did recognize the Softball and the Soccer Girls' Team for making it to the State Tournament. For the Softball Team that was history, they did one other time, but they did get to state finals. Would you want to consider a Resolution and asking them to come? I could ask Coach Ronnie Davis if they could come. I would communicate with Brad to have a Resolution.

Rod - If you want to put in form of motion, I will second.

Mary Ann - The Girls Soccer Team made it to the final four, we recognized them last year but I believe they deserve to come back. I make a motion that we recognize the Girls High School Softball Team and Soccer Team with a Resolution assuming that each coach desires to come.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Larry - I would like to go into closed session - Personnel 2.2-3711. (A1).

Doug - I would like to go into closed session 2.2-3711 (A5).

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to go into closed session? Larry made the motion, Rick seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0. We will go into closed session.

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to come back in to open session? Larry made the motion, Mary Ann seconded the motion. All those in favor of the motion say yes, all those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Mayor White - Do all members agree the only business discussed in closed session was Personnel, Section 2. 2-3711 (A1) and Section 2.2-3711 (A5) Vickie – Yes, Rick – Yes, Doug – Yes, Mary Ann- Yes, Larry – Yes, Rod – Yes

Mayor White – Had a parade with the Fire Department. The County and the Richlands Tabernacle had a dinner after the parade, he would like for us to write a letter thanking them for what they did. Is everybody OK with writing the letter? Yes

Frank - Local Night Out is on August 1 from 5pm to 8pm.

Mayor White - Frank, do you need help?

Frank - We can always use help.

Mayor White - Does anyone else have anything to discuss?

Frank - Are we going to have trunk or treat this year for Halloween?

Mayor White - Something we need to think about.

Vickie - We will be having a meeting soon, I can bring it up.

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Rick – I make the motion to adjourn, Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, all those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

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Jannis White, Mayor

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Connie Allen, Town Clerk