

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 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  
Town Attorney: Brad Ratliff  
Council Member Absent: Doug Ratliff

Mayor White opened the meeting.

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

Mayor White - Changes to the "Scheduled Public Comments" – (d) Dr. Glenn Harrison will replace Joe Addair and (b) Janel Howery will replace Karen Helmandollar.

Mayor White - Do we have anyone that would like to speak that is not on the agenda?

Jack Howery was added to the agenda.

Mayor White - Do we have any additions or deletions to the agenda? If not, do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? Rod made the motion, Rick second 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.

Mayor White - We will go to VII - Approval of Minutes- before we move on to our speakers.

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

Mary Ann - I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rod 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.

Mayor White - Our first speaker is Brandon Honaker – Upward Bound Robotics Team Presentation. Rod Cury will read "Resolution Recognizing and Commending the 2017 SWCC Upward Bound Robotics Team, "Tri Robotics" R-2017-04-01", after Brandon Honaker speaks.

Brandon Honaker - Thank you Mayor White and Council for allowing us to be here and a chance to show off the hard work of the students. Each team member has approximately 300 hours in building, designing and programing the robot along with many other things. We do a lot of outreach programs. We go to elementary schools, Boy Scout groups come on campus and we do fundraising. We have sixteen students on the team. The students have a total of 5000 work hours in the robot. We have students from Richlands, Tazewell and Honaker Schools. I have four students today to demonstrate the robot. Our most recent accomplishments was winning the Virginia State Championship in February. On March 17-19, we competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge East Super Regional in Scranton, PA. We finished in the top 3% out of approximately 1000 teams. They are now qualified for a spot at the World Championship, where they will compete against 128 high school robotics teams from all over the world. I am very proud of the students and happy to represent our State and surrounding communities. We have three seniors on the team. One student will transfer to Virginia Tech; one student will go to Southwest and transfer to Virginia Tech later and the other student will stay at Southwest and transfer later to UVA Wise. Upward Bound Program has been very effective in getting students interested in

college and into college. The approximate cost is \$2000-\$3000, labor not included. The team demonstrated the robot to the Mayor and the Council. Thank you very much for your time and support.

Rick - What is the 5414?

Brandon - We are assigned a number as a team when competing.

Rod - Vicki England's daughter is head of the Upward Bound Program. "Resolution" read by Rod.

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to adopt the "Resolution"?

Vicki - I make a motion to adopt the "Resolution", Mary Ann 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 5/0.

Mayor White - Presented Brandon Honaker with the "Resolution", signed by Mayor and Clerk.

Mayor White - Thank you so much for your achievements and accomplishments.

Mayor White – The next "Resolution" will be for the Richlands High School Varsity Basketball Team, Coach Fred Phillips. Mary Ann will read the "Resolution".

Mary Ann - It is truly my honor to recognize this fine group of young men and excellent head coach. They give us a lot of excitement and something to look forward to during the winter months. Thank you for all your many hours of hard work and mostly the way you demonstrate sportsmanship and make us proud as a community. Mary Ann read the "Resolution".

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to adopt the "Resolution"?

Rod - I make the motion to adopt the "Resolution". 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 5/0.

Mayor White - Ask Fred to bring his team to front of Council to present the "Resolution" to the team.

Fred – I want to thank the Mayor and Council for recognizing the team and inviting us to the meeting. Each team member please introduce yourself and tell what grade you are in.

Mayor White - Sandy Whitt, Richlands Garden Club – Discuss a new "Welcome to Richlands" sign.

Sandy Whitt – The Richlands Garden Club has been in existence for almost 60 years. Most of our members are in their late sixties and seventies and we have a couple in their eighties. I think we have done a tremendous service for the town. We hang the flowers in the spring, pay for the arms that hold the baskets, dirt and flowers and do all the work ourselves. We buy all the Christmas decorations and replace them when needed. We did the landscaping at the field house and plant flowers at other locations. I am here to ask the town to pay for the new "Welcome to Richlands" sign. I have presented a copy of the sign that the Richlands Garden Club has approved. The cost from County Boy Customs is \$3,332.75. We would use the poles that already exist. We ask that the "Richlands Garden Club" name still be on the sign. The signs will be made from different product than before that should last between 20 to 30 years. I would like to know if you could decide tonight or do we have to wait?

Rod - All the team members have done a tremendous job, now and before them. You are a very big part of this town in a significant way. I personally want to thank you and on the behalf of the Council Members for all you have done. I like the design. I was made aware of a grant program called "Rally

Southwest Virginia". If it would please you and the Council, I would personally like to work and meet with you and the members of the Club to get this money to use for the signs if it is OK with the Council and the Club. The signs at Tazewell were paid for from this grant. I would like to ask permission of the Council and Club to work with you.

Sandy Whitt - I think the Club needs to talk about it between ourselves. What is the time lapse? Is it going to take a long time to get the grant?

Rod - No, this is a different kind of grant. Read letter from Robyn Lee about the program. Richlands was added to the list of potential communities for the grant. Should be accomplish by Fall, but can't promise.

Sandy Whitt - The grant is for \$3000. I think the signs at Tazewell would have been more than \$3000.

Rod - More money could be available that we don't know about.

Sandy Whitt - Our main way of raising funds is selling Christmas Ornaments. If we are successful in selling the ornaments we have money to work with. We made a commitment to allow \$3000 for the landscaping at the Section Housing that has been aside. We have been working on this almost a year and don't want to postpone getting the signs. I think we need to select a local vendor. I will present the information on the grant to the Club Members and get back with you.

Mary Ann - I think it is a wonderful idea.

Mayor White - We will commit to helping with the signs and getting the money.

Sandy Whitt - What if the Club was to pay for half of the cost and the Town pay for the other half instead of waiting on the grant. We would like to have signs up by June. I would also like to mention that we hang up 56 baskets every year in the Town of Richlands. We do all the work ourselves. The Town and citizens appreciates the baskets.

Mary Ann - Council Members, what is your opinion on Ms. Whitt's offer? I also agree with you Rod on the grant program. I attended a meeting with Adrienne on the Rally SWVA Grant Program. The Garden Club has been working on this a long time, they are anxious to get the signs. I would also like to thank you for all the beautiful baskets. I think we could use the Rally SWVA Grant Program for additional signage. I would like to make the motion that we pay 50% of the cost of the signage and move forward.

Rod - I will second the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion?

Larry - As far as the grant, there is a process you must go thru to get designated for the grant. I just wanted you to be aware that it takes time to get the grant.

Rick - We will go ahead and give you half of the money now and apply for the grant for other signage.

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 5/0.

Mary Ann - We are fine with the Garden Club ordering the signs.

Tim - If we order the signs we can cut out the sales tax.

Sandy Whitt - If you have no objection I will call Larry Whited and ask him to get in touch with Tim.

Rick - Thank you again for all you do for the Town of Richlands.

Mayor White - Janel Howery, CVCA- Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness

Janel Howery – I am a Sexual Assault Advocate for CVCA. We have programs in Tazewell, Russell and Wise County. I am here to ask Town of Richlands for a Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. I am proud to have worked as a Sexual Assault Advocate for 30 years but would like to see myself out of a job and see zero victims. We have a sexual assault response team, which I am a member and have sub-committees. Numbers of victims have increased this year, from ages 7-96. I was at the RHS this week and at Graham last week working with victims. There are more victims than we are aware of. Read “April 2017 Proclamation” to the Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor White - NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. I urge all residents of the Town of Richlands to work together to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts and ensure the next generation fosters attitudes that promote healthy attitudes that promote healthy relationships, equality and respect. I join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

Mayor White - Presented Janel with the Proclamation.

Mayor White - Robin McGlothlin, 600 Sycamore Lane – Fluoride Issues

Robin McGlothlin – Madam Mayor, Mr. Taylor and Council Members thank you for your time this afternoon. There is natural fluoride in the air, earth and plants. I am here to talk about man made fluoride. (Robin read several statements and reports about fluoride). Fluoride water should not be mixed in the foods intended for babies in one year younger. In various reports and studies show that fluoride water can be harmful and toxic. When you go to doctor or dentists you must fill out a consent form before any treatment or medication can be applied. It must be approved by you. Fluoride is a medication; you need a prescription in order to get it from a pharmacy. When my dentist found out I had thyroid nozzles she discontinued the fluoride treatment immediately. My medical doctor said absolutely no fluoride. How can the town vote to add fluoride to the community’s water supply when there are people with medical conditions that cannot have fluoride? Fluoride is not safe and does not benefit everyone and there are risks. I have 600 water customers who signed a petition asking for a referendum to stop or delay the purchase and installation of the equipment to fluoridate the town water until a vote by the citizens can be made or a decision by the Council Members that it is not a safe practice. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Mayor White - The petition will become part of the minutes and filed with the minutes.

Brad – Unfortunately the Town of Richlands is not in a position legally to have any referendum. Under VA Code Section 24.2-684 and 24.2-684.1 the only referendums that are possible are those that are allowed under the state law in county ordinances or within the charter of the town. The charter for Town of Richlands has no provisions whatsoever for any type of referendum. The county has no provision for referendums and the State has very finite topics. I have a complete copy of what is permitted under the state.

Robin - What are the steps to stop fluoride being added to the water? It is expensive and dangerous to our people. We have many people who are against adding fluoride to the water. We are asking you to consider not adding toxin to the water.

Mayor White - Glen Harrison

Glen Harrison - I apologize for having to come back on the issue of Fluoride. (Read many articles of fluoride not being related to cancer and other issues). You can’t look at one article and draw a conclusion. You have to look at a number of articles. No studies show that fluoride is related to cancer but does help prevent tooth decay. Fluoride helps prevent 25% of tooth decay in adults and children.

Fluoride in water is safe and effective. It saves money, time, pain and suffering of children who would have suffered from tooth decay. If you vote against adding fluoride to the water it will increase pain and suffering of people who will suffer from tooth decay. People have a choice; they can drink bottled water if they don't want to drink town water with fluoride.

Mayor White - Jack Howery

Jack Howery - My wife, her brother and sister own property on Iron Street where Ingersoll Rand has property. All of them are real sick. Only one brother lives on the property now. (Mr. Howery provided pictures of how the brother suffers when the water rises with the toxic in ground). Everyone else has been run out of their homes, condemned the land. We talked to Ingersoll Rand; they said they didn't have to do anything about the situation. This is not right. All the trees are dead due to the toxic in the ground. We have talked to lawyers and the State about the issue, but no one wants to help. People are getting sick due to overdose of chemical drugs from the toxic in the ground. Batteries are buried in the ground along with other things. When the water gets up, the toxics get in the basements of the houses, gardens, etc. They have nowhere to go. Can the town do something about the issue?

Mayor White – Tim, can you give us an update on what is happening with the issue?

Tim - We have talked to the people in Richmond about the issue. The gentlemen I talked to is the same one that was here a couple years ago. He worked with Ingersoll Rand advising them for the boring sites and sampling and so forth. The issues with the organics, they did extra borings to make sure that they were clean and they are actually clean. According to the law, it is safe as long as you don't get on the property, dig in the dirt and handle it. Nothing will happen unless you go on the property. Legally they don't have to do anything, just keep people off their property.

Jack Howery - My wife's property is fenced in, Tazewell County has already met with us.

Tim – Have you talked to an attorney about the issue?

Jack Howery – They were contacted last week by Ingersoll Rand and advised they didn't owe us nothing but ask that we send in a paper stating how much would it cost to buy our land. They would fence the property in that was condemned so it won't hurt anybody else.

Tim - I was told by the engineers, not the land owners, they were going to clean it up. I have not talked to the land owners. Representative said they would clean it up.

Jack Howery - We were told by Richmond it was under a 100-year cleanup program.

Tim - We were told it would not move onto other locations. If you have a legal stand of harm you could get an attorney.

Jack Howery - We can't get an attorney to take the case.

Tim - Brad can't represent you, conflict of interest.

Jack Howery - I made a wood carving of the President and will present it to him in a couple months. I am going to talk to him about this issue and get his advice on what to do on getting Ingersoll Rand to reimburse family members for property and sickness. Thank you for your time.

Mayor White – Rod Cury - Council Member Report

Rod – I have nothing at this time

Mayor White - Vicki England – Council Member Report

Vicki – I have a couple of mothers that live in the Lake Park area that ask me about getting playground equipment for that area. Lake Park is a nice area and a lot of the younger parents go there with their children. I don't know what steps they should go thru to get the equipment, but wanted to bring this to your attention.

Tim – This would be a conversation for the Recreation Commission.

Mayor White - Rick Wood – Council Member Report

Rick Wood – The issue with the alleyway, Tim & I went and looked at the property. I think we should issue a "Land Use Permit"; they have (2) two buildings sitting on the property. We have a sewer line in back of the right of way and it is our only access to the sewer. I think "Land Use Permit" would be the best option.

Brad – It is possible, but we have had problems with those in the past. We need to make very clear the language in the license and it is regulated by the town. We had issues with a fence before, but worked it out. It is possible to issue "Land Use Permit" if it is the Council's pleasure.

Tim - They have used the property for 30/40 years. If we sold the property, we would still need a 20ft. or more easement right away. I think selling the land would cause the Town a lot of problems.

Brad - Permission to use the property, Town could revoke the license at any time.

Mayor White - Are you interested in "Land Use Permit" that can be revoked.

Delores Price - I have lived there since 1974, we have use the property and maintained it like it was our own.

Brad - It formalizes possession of the property not ownership.

Delores Price - That is fine with me. If you ever need to get to the sewer line, that would be fine.

Rod - Brad, could you repeat again.

Brad - It formalizes possession of the property not ownership.

Mary Ann - You would not have to pay taxes on the property and still have all the benefits.

Rick – I don't ever see a problem with it. If we were to sell it to you there could be issues. The "Land Use Permit" is more beneficial.

Delores Price - Thank you that is fine with me.

Mayor White - What is Council's pleasure on this issue?

Rod - Accept the recommendation that Rick presented. Is the license transferable to other property owners?

Brad - It can be transferable to other property owners and it can be part of the rental agreement, if the Council agrees.

Rod - Brad, the wording would be very clear in the license.

Brad - Yes

Mayor White - Brad could work on the legal agreement. I need a motion to issue a "Land Use Permit".

Rod - I make motion to issue a "Property Use Permit". 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 oppose say no. Motion carries 5/0.

Mayor White - Larry Johnson - Council Member Report

Larry – Discussed a parcel of land on Kents Ridge where the resident left and the house in the process of being torn down. Rick Joyce, South Front Street, have issues with the drainage going back into their yard. He asked if he purchased the pipe would the town install the pipe.

Tim - We are already working on the issue. This affects more people than him and should not be his burden

Larry – I had a couple meetings with CRVI this week on the new co-chair meeting in Tazewell County and Wise County. I will be coordinating all of those. Set up two on line work places, one for the CRVI group for the access points and the walking trail. I added the people Rod ask me to add. Some have joined and some have not. On the CRVI, Rick Barton with OAC had a good idea about contacting McDonalds since it was on the Clinch River. Met with some of their regional people today and they want to build a deck out to the river and have an access point right there at the McDonald's sign. We are still in the planning phase for the Critterville launch.

Mary Ann – The Recreation Commission met on March 20th. We continue to have good attendance and productive meetings. We will meet again on April 17 at 7:00pm. Meetings are the third Monday night each month at the Rec Park, in the new conference room.

The Little League opened Saturday and people were disappointed that the signage was not up at the fields. Where are we in ordering the signage for the Non-Smoking and the purchasing of containers to dispose of their cigarettes?

Tim – Fred, your group is working on designated areas, correct?

Fred - Yes, but who is funding the signage and containers?

Mary Ann - We voted to get the signage and containers but not sure who is supposed to order signs and pay for signs.

Frank – I spoke to the President of Little League on Friday. We will have a meeting to determine where the smoking areas are going to be.

Tim - It would be the Recreation Park's responsibility to pay for the signage and containers. The Council can pay for the signage and containers with the funds coming out of the general fund; it is up to Council.

Rick – I thought we voted not to have smoking at the Little League fields.

Mary Ann - We voted to have designated areas. How much would the signage cost?

Fred - Signage should not cost very much. The containers are approximately \$75 to \$100 each. We will need (2) at each designated area. We have (7) seven fields, basketball courts and the recreation park. Will be approximately (20) twenty containers.

Rod – We don't need to let the ordinances ride. It is important enough for the seasons that are coming. I make motion to allocate money from the general fund for signage and containers. 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 5/0.

Mary Ann - Will present to the Recreation Committee at the next meeting.

Mary Ann - Where do we stand on upgrading equipment to begin adding fluoride to the water?

Tim - We are looking for new product. It will be couple more months before we can start. We would like to do it ourselves instead of paying someone else to do the work. We have already selected the correct equipment and made recommendations. We are working on grant funding that is available to help with the cost.

Mary Ann - This is very important. If we continue to drag our feet it is an indication that when we vote on something and we don't proceed, we are trying to find more time for things to be changed. It is very important that fluoride be added to the water. People think we are trying to find more time to change our mind.

Tim - We will spend the money wisely.

Mary Ann - Thank you and we appreciate that.

Mayor White - Doug is our Town's Representative on Cumberland Plateau. They had an important meeting tonight, just wanted to let you know where he is tonight.

Mayor White – Mike Carter came by and talked to me about using the Police Department for the Health Fair for the seniors since the ladies won't be using it this year.

Frank - I have tried to return his call and will be working with him.

Mayor White – Ginger is working on the Health Fair that Mike Carter is putting together for the seniors. It will be Thursday before the Festival. I was hoping he could incorporate it with the Festival but that would probably be too much at one time. They would have a hard time finding parking places, etc. Do you have any more information Ginger?

Ginger - Mike Carter is working on the Health Fair. He is trying to secure vendors and hope to make this a Mega Event. The only concern is there is another major event at Appalachian Agency Senior Citizens in May; trying to discuss some coordination in relationship to that. There are limited resources getting medical staff to work events. Mike still has things to get worked out.

Mayor White - He started one in Marion and it has grown. Mike hopes this one takes off as well.

Mayor White – Any questions on Department Head Reports?

Mayor White - Several people said they had sand in their water. Have you gotten any complaints?

Tim - We have considered this issue. When you are working on lines, air bubbles can knock scales off.

Rod – How many awards have we received for our quality of water?

Tim - We have had several awards. Awards are bronze, silver or gold.

Rod - Have you ever not received an award?

Tim – I'm not sure on that. We did win an award this year.

Mayor White - Brad, do you have any updates or comments?



Brad - I have distributed a copy of an ordinance. Read ordinance to Council - "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF RICHLANDS, VIRGINIA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY". We spent one full day with Mr. Taylor and the staff; we finally have a formal code of ordinances. The Code of Ordinance cross references with the Code of Virginia, in order not to have any improper references. Would like to vote next month for approval of ordinance.

Mary Ann - Thank you for all your hard work.

Brad - Would like to vote next month on approval of the ordinance, if it pleases the Council.

Rod – Is it possible for citizens to access the ordinances on the town's website?

Tim - That is an option. We have a company that would manage the web site for an annual fee.

Rod – Tim, can you get a cost for the service/fee?

Tim - Yes, we must get the numbers refreshed.

Mayor White - Manager's Report – Tim

Tim - Our summary check register has a different look than what you have seen before. I have already given each one a copy. Most the bills are what you have seen before. Check number 55661, Dell Financial Services \$15,960.39 was for hardware.

Mary Ann - I make a motion for the Town Manager to pay the bills. Vicki 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 5/0.

Tim - Revenue Sharing Project Update on Paving – We have bids out for paving. We received an excellent cost per ton. The cost was \$65 per ton compared to over \$70 per ton last year. We expect to start paving in June. Paving of roads formally awarded through VDOT Revenue Sharing Program is not an option. All projects are evaluated by participation in the Smart Scale Web Portal. We are trying to find another way to fund the paving program and use other sources if possible. We have applications out for funding primary road extensions. We qualify for a couple of areas. Second Street is one of the areas. We should hear from them soon.

Health Insurance – The town experienced a 10.1% increase in premiums for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The Request for Proposals (RFP) that was advertised produced no responses. The cost impact to the budget realized an expected increase of approximately \$103,000 annually across all plans as they exist today. Following multiple meetings with Departmental Supervisors, as well as our financial staff, a plan of action to address this challenge was produced and is reflected in the proposed budget that was distributed to you recently.

The plan recognizes and addresses a need to provide an equitable and balanced approach to increasing wages to stay competitive with other governmental agencies as well as provide a much-valued health care package that most governmental employers provide. The cost impact is once again shared with the employee as well as the Town' budget. The increase is shared on an equitable base with each plan participant at ratio of 50/50. Fifty percent (50%) of the cost increase is to be paid by each department's budget and 50% to be paid by the employee. To assist each employee, we have included a \$.60 per hour Cost of Living Adjustment to help assist in the cost. Our goal was to ensure that all employees have an option, if they so choose with a choice of plan, to stay at the same level of compensation and not loose wages. There is a deadline on May 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to Anthem our Provider, therefore; I am recommending that Members of Council accept the staff's recommendation as identified in the Proposed Budget and authorize me to execute the contract so we can begin the enrollment process.

Mary Ann - There are hardly any businesses that have a \$250 or \$500 deductible. That is great insurance. Most employers are going to higher deductible plan. Most plans are \$3000 deductible, so I am extremely pleased. How many town employees buy up and take the \$250 deductible?

Tim - Most of our older employees stay with the \$250 deductible. Employees have a choice, provides flexibility for employees.

Mary Ann - I would like to compliment you and the management for coming up with the plan.

Mayor - We need a motion to accept Mr. Taylor's recommendation on the health insurance.

Rick - Made motion to accept the health insurance plan. Rod 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 5/0.

Tim - I thank you and the employees thank you for the benefits.

Tim - We only received (1) one bid for the Audit Services. The bid received was from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. They have performed our auditing services for many years; they have reduced their rates this year. I recommended that we award the audit services to Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for 2017/2019.

Rod - I make the motion to award Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates the audit services. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second for Mr. Taylor to award the contract to Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those oppose say no. Motion carries 5/0.

Tim - We have met with Twin Enterprises. They were awarded the contract for the Section House Project. We had a pre-construction meeting that went well. Notice to start was given on April 8<sup>th</sup>, with 240 days to complete the project. The town is working hand and hand trying to help get the project finished as soon as possible. Twin Enterprises is projected to start the project first part of May.

Rod - I would like to add my thanks to you, the staff and Council for the support of the Section House Project. We have met regularly for six years. It is hard to find a group that will stay with a project for such a long period of time. They have been very dedicated to this project and they believe in this project. I appreciate the Council's positive vote for the project. I just wanted to express to the Council on behalf of the committee. I emailed Tim with ideas we had come up with on unique ways to make the housing truly a unique place to visit. We need to meet with all the businesses in the area while the construction is going on. We want to be very sensitive to their business needs during construction. We would like to keep a history of the Section House Project. We would like to see pictures of the construction and the people. I approached Tim on the idea, he responded positively but needs to explore possibilities. The Section House is an opportunity to get the past, right now and the future. I informally discussed the proposal to students at Richlands High School who are willing to take pictures and write the daily story on the restoration of the housing project, of course, with Tim's permission. We would also like to see an ongoing digital scrapbook on the Town's website for the section housing.

Tim - I would like to do a budget work session - scheduled for April 19, 7:00pm. Then have a Strategic Planning Meeting rescheduled for May 2, 7:30 pm.

Mary Ann - I have noticed the trash is being picked up. Thank you, Frank, we appreciate you and your team's efforts.

Larry - Relay for Life-wants to use the Police Department on June 10.

Mayor White – With no further discussion, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Larry - I make a motion to adjourn. Rick 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 5/0.

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Connie Allen, Clerk