

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on May 8, 2018 at 7:30pm with the following present:

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

Mayor White - Please add Ernest Edgell to "Unscheduled Public Comments".

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

Mayor White – VII part (b) – Upward Bound Robotics Team – Move to June meeting.

Tim – I would like to request "Closed Session" 2.2-3711(a) (1) Personnel and 2.2-3711(a) (3) - Annexation.

Mayor White - Any other additions/deletions to the agenda?

Mayor White – Rod will you be filling in for Randy Smith?

Rod - Yes

Mayor White – Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? Rod made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, 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 that oppose say no. Motion carries- 4/0.

Mayor White – We have three (3) sets of minutes, April 10 Regular Council Meeting, Budget Work Session on April 17 and April 19. Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to approve the three (3) sets of minutes as presented?

Rod - I make a motion to approve the three (3) sets of minutes as presented. 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 - 4/0.

Rod - There is a 4<sup>th</sup> set of minutes.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Rod Cury standing in for Randy Smith- Outdoor Adventure Centers concerning the Clinch River Walking Trail.

Rod – Randy Smith with the Planning Commission could not be here tonight but Rick Barton from OAC is here with us. I would like to read the letter from the Planning Commission concerning the Design for the Richlands Clinch River Pedestrian Walkway Extension dated on May 1. (Read Letter- Attached) I would like to ask Rick Barton to come forward and tell us about his work on the trail.

Rick Barton – I started this journey trying to figure out where to put a bike trail on the river. I had no idea about the plans you already had. I talked to Larry about it and he told me they had the plans. I started looking at them trying to make things happen. I talked to land owners up and down the river asking if we could put a trail thru their property. Some said no and others said yes. I also work with Kirby. There is a lot of interest in greenway trail systems and river walkway systems. There is a lot of funding for those types of projects. It is very competitive right now. There are not a lot of people with something like this. To have a river that stiches thru your Town is fantastic and is incredibly unique. I think you have a lot of potential on the trail system and I believe it could easily be funded. I talked to CDAC today on Clinch River initiative. CDAC said they would gladly come and talk to us again and get the plans out there so we can get on the Virginia Outdoor Plan. I spent three (3) days at the National Trail & Greenway Conference in Roanoke. I wanted to get the understanding of how the money is funneled; ultimately that is what makes it happen. There is a lot of help out there; one is Virginia Department of Health and CDAC. There is funding for these types of projects. I believe you have something special and the land owners are willing to work with you. I ask your blessing on the continue work of the trail system and to make it happen.

Rod - Rick has come to the past two (2) Planning Commission meetings to keep us informed of the work he is doing for the Town and other communities in Southwest Virginia and his interest in outdoor tourism, adventurous tourism and the walking trail. At the last Planning Commission meeting members we really excited to have Rick on board helping with this. Someone said he was an answer to a prayer because he has the drive, the knowledge and the time to help with the project. We are very positive about this and many things that can come from this, its recreation, its health and its economics. Thank you.

Mayor White – If Council is interested we need a motion to endorse the plan.

Rick - I make the motion to endorse the plan. Doug seconded the motion.

Mayor White – Any further discussion?

Mary Ann – I would like to say if there is any way the Rec Commission can assist you please let us know.

Rick Barton - I feel everybody can add to this project. It is a community trail and I am very excited about it.

Rick Wood - Have you heard any more about the piece of property that we talked about on down the river?

Rick Barton – On that piece of property I spoke to the land owner he is very excited about working with us. After talking with Aqua Dominion on their piece of property they are not opposed to using that property as well. It will give us a huge figure eight right along the river.

Rick Wood - I hope I can get the other piece of land we discussed but I am not sure yet. I will do what I can.

Rick Barton – I had a really good meeting with the Doctor at Washington Square about possibly putting a landing there. It will save Kirby a lot of money and other people a lot of money. Last week I spoke with Thompson Foundation. He said he would help fund the bridge to jump that river. They gave Buchanan County \$100,000 for an extension of trail system. They are very interested in helping.

Brad - With regard to the piece of property you are talking about with the trail system itself, are you seeking out actual easements or contracts?

Rick Barton - I have not went forward with that; we will have to sit down and figure out.

Mayor White - We have a motion on the floor we need to vote on.

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 - 4/0.

Mayor White – “Scheduled Public Comments” – Nikki Hicks – Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority

Nikki – Thank you for having me today. My reason for being here today is a budget request. We are going to all the Towns and Counties asking for a \$2500 commitment from each of the communities for Heart of Appalachia. I have given each of you a packet. I will go over a few things in the packet and what we have done for your community. We have supplied an annual report for Tazewell County. Heart of Appalachia has spent \$38,500 in Tazewell County. We have also received several grants which are listed in the report. Berkley Young came to Richlands and he is putting together a destination plan for each of our communities. It will help us know how we can market your community and do things better. We represent eight (8) localities. We do have a marketing focus. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up. We have several brochures in the packet. We had all of them printed and we paid for the printing. We did brochures for Kirby. We have hired Mr. Rick to map all of our hiking & biking trails in all our communities. We have also hired Brad Deel to come in each locality and work with the Tourism Director. We work closely with Spearhead Trails. We have a lot of amazing things happen at Heart of Appalachia.

Mary Ann - When do you need an answer on your request?

Nikki – Whenever you do your budgeting process, it is for our 2018/2019 budget.

Nikki – There is also a report in your packet that tells you what you get at that level and what we are offering you. We already do social media on a grand scale for all our towns and communities.

Rod - The pictures are beautiful in your presentation. Can you tell us a little bit about the Hillman House?

Nikki - Our offices are at the Hillman House. I don't know a lot of history on the house. Terry Vencill normally gives everyone the details.

Rod - I do know it has been there for a long period of time. This was a restoration effort as far as I know for the Town of St. Paul. It has turned out to be a HUB for the Town of St. Paul and office for HOA.

Nikki – It is our Welcome Center. We do get a lot of visitors wanting to know about our region.

Mayor White – Thank you for coming and we will look over all the information.

Mayor White – “Unscheduled Public Comments” – Ernest Edgell

Ernest – 206 Terry Drive – I received an article the other day about zero tolerance for littering. It fits right in with the presentation you just had. Littering affects people coming into a community, 36% of business officials say litter plays a big part if someone wants to relocate to a community, 81% littering results from individual decisions. This is a study from South Carolina. They said that enforcement was the main thing in changing attitudes. We can read on the South Carolina Webpage. I noticed when traveling thru Richlands there is trash piled up and the grass is high at Elkins Trailer Park. There is a house on Farmers Street that looks like a trash dump. I am sure we have ordinances concerning those issues.

Tim - We talked about that this morning. The garbage is piled up on the back deck.

Ernest - Also, the storage trailer at the stone house that use to be a flower shop. The last wind storm the roof came off and it is laying on side of the highway.

Doug - What happened on the initiative about getting dumpsters at trailer parks?

Tim – That is part of our plan, we are working on a solution. Hope to have something at the budget meeting. Council may want to talk about a maintenance code.

Ernest - The house across from Kelsey's Tire, the grass is up to your knees.

Tim - We give 30 days' notice to get the yard mowed, if they don't, we mow and send them a bill. We need a better set of laws for that.

Ernest – How do they know if no one has told them?

Doug - Would you want to write something up about trailer parks and dumpsters?

Tim - We have talked about it. We need to have something a little stronger. We have places with blighted issues and blighted structures that need to be torn down. We need to develop a list of what we think and Council can take over. We need to prioritize those. We need to get the Town cleaned up.

Ernest - A couple of doctors of my friends have left the area because they said their wives didn't want to live here. I have not talked to them directly.

Rod - I have heard things like that too but I would like to comment on us being a green community and a clean community. Some of the places you are talking about we are not ignoring. We did talk about possible places at our last meeting that could be used for Habitat. These are additional places we need to look at. People want to live in a pleasant community that is clean, green, nice and healthy. You are on the right track and I appreciate it.

Doug - Could our road crew make notes when they see something that needs to be taken care of? We need a system so people like Ernest don't have to come and remind us. They can write the address down and let us know.

Tim - We have people to do it, but getting it done is the problem.

Doug - If you assign to George you would at least be aware of the problem. We need a system.

Rick – That means you only have to mow the grass three (3) times a year.

Doug - I think the first time they get a bill it would cure them.

Tim - We can do it and we need something a little more aggressive to get it done.

Doug - Can you get with Brad?

Brad - We explored the state wide maintenance code that is the tool that is most effective.

Doug - We could work on both levels with you and George.

Ernest – I noticed that two (2) out of three (3) cars that went by my house on the same evening ran the stop sign at the end of the street. They are not the only ones that speed and not stop. We have to retrain people just like we have to do with the litter. I would like to thank whoever patched the holes on Kents Ridge Road.

Tim - George's crew, he is not here tonight.

Ernest - You never did get back to me on the building.

Tim - We have not gotten to it yet, we have been busy. I am very sorry. I do have on the list.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Rod Cury

Rod – The Planning Commission met last week and we were glad to have Rick Barton come for the second time and talk to us about the trail system. Virginia Hart who is a member of the Commission is here with us, we were very excited about it. Thank you Rick Barton for helping out. Virginia is also researching possibly grant funding and ways to get money. I would like to express again on behalf of the Commission our excitement and pleasure. I have invited Rick Barton on behalf of the Council and Commission to be a guest at our next Planning Commission on the first Tuesday of June. He will meet with us to give updates and share the possibility of CDAC coming here and doing some more work for us. The grant that we received previously involved no out of pocket money from the Town. The match was met by citizens who came and attended the public meetings. It is an important factor to offer. I talked to the Manager beforehand on other Council concerns instead of spending time in the Council meeting discussing. I would like to recognize several things going on in the country. It is recognition week - National Nurses Week & Teacher Appreciation Week. The Governor declared as public service week. There are over 700,000 public sector employees recognize such as state troopers, correction officers, college and university professors and local government officials and management. I want to thank all the people who serve this community. Some do it with a title some do it without a title; I want to thank everyone for contributing to the betterment of our community and commonwealth of our country.

Mayor White - I would like to ask everyone to keep Vickie in your prayers as she recovers.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Rick Wood

Rick – I have a complaint at Hill Creek, there is junk everywhere at Tackett's Trailer Court. I did go down there and there is junk everywhere.

Tim – Is it throughout the whole park?

Rick – Yes and there is pot holes in front of First Community Bank.

Tim - On Front Street?

Rick – Yes

Tim - We are working on those.

Mayor White - There is also a couple of bad ones on Kents Ridge Road.

Rick - On May 2, Spearhead Trails had a meeting with two (2) of the larger property owners. Coal Creek was one of the owners. They are discussing the right-of-ways for spearhead trail. It is looking pretty good. I think it will come sooner than we thought.

Mayor White - “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug – The gas issue – Are we going to look into that?

Brad - I have a note on that in my report. I was not sure where to go with that, I wanted to get clarification from you and Council on what direction you want me to go then I can get started.

Doug - If they are not doing anything what procedures do we need to challenge them?

Brad - I think we already have that. They work very closely with Eric Paige. He has given us some clear direction on the way that we need to precede at this point. I can put together a memorandum for the Council. We have some good data from the last communication. I will take steps before the next Council meeting; I think I have what I need to know, of course, Council can give me direction on how to proceed.

Doug – I think we knew this was going to happen.

Doug – Urban Planning?

Tim - We will talk about that in “Closed Session”.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – A lot of positive things are still happening at the Recreation Department. I want to thank Fred Phillips and Adrienne Cordle for attending the RDA meeting. I think having a presence there is real important for us. I appreciate you taking the time to go. The Richlands River Race will be on Saturday May 19 at 9:00am. There will be vendors and a lot of activities that day. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be May 21 at 7:30pm at the Rec Park. I personally want to thank the Clinch River Kiwanis Club and the Richlands Lions Club for the great job with the clean-up at Critterville. I also want to thank our Town and Town employees for what they did.

Tim –We also need to thank Teen Venture and all the volunteers.

Mary Ann - The two (2) Clubs are the ones who spearheaded the project, Dr. Harrison and Brian Edwards. I don't want to leave people out. The Rec Commission is working on a strategic plan. Jeff Hurst is heading that up. We have needed it and we recognize that and we are going forward.

Doug - You come up with some great plans. Can we have a monthly update on things happening with the plans?

Mary Ann – That is a great idea. At the REEC meeting it was mentioned recently we need a big board with all our activities listed monthly so people coming and going will see what will be coming up in the future. We will start in July with All Sports Camp. Ginger Branton had a good idea. We need an unveiling or a get together in July with all the events that will start in July. Our event schedule: July – All Sports Camp, August- Concert, September-Co-Ed Softball Tournament, October- Haunted Trail/Trunk or Treat, November-Thanksgiving Middle School Basketball Tournament, December- Richlands Youth Basketball League, January- Richlands Youth Basketball League, February- Valentines Dance, March – March Madness Basketball Tournament, April-Bingo, May-Paint Party, June – Road Race 5K. Next Year we will be able to tie in the 5K with the Freedom Festival.

Mary Ann - I have a quick question for Brad. At the Budget Work Session we talked about the Referendum of possibility of introducing “liquor by the drink” before the November election.

Brad – I will provide Council with a memorandum with the necessary steps, if you are directing me to put it in motion.

Mary Ann - That would be my motion, because it will take some time.

Brad - It will have to be acted on quickly based on the time frame to have the Referendum in the election. There are a number of signatures required for a petition, once signatures are on the petition it will go before the circuit judge for signature. We need by the end of August.

Rod - What is the dead line? What day of August?

Brad – To get on the November ballot we need to have it completed by mid-August. We need the signatures on the petition and we need to have submitted to the circuit court judge for endorsement to submit to the State for the Election Commission to put on the ballot. I need by August 15.

Mary Ann - I make a motion that we direct our Town Attorney to immediately begin the process to have the Referendum in the November election to allow restaurants in the Town of Richlands to serve mix drinks. 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- 2/Rick- No (Doug abstained)

Mary Ann - I would like to make a comment; personally I do not drink alcoholic beverages however our Town is in dire need of restaurants. We all know that breweries in Tazewell and surrounding areas are quite popular. They bring in a lot of people to our communities. I feel our community is way behind. We can't get restaurants like Lebanon or Abingdon. I know a lot of people that may be opposed to this but they drive to the same restaurants out of town. No one forces anyone to have a mixed drink at any of the restaurants.

Doug - I meant to say "no" to the motion.

Mayor White - You said you abstained, are you actually voting "no".

Mayor White - We need to revisit 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 2/2.

Mayor White - I am going to vote "No".

Brad - Your vote would not have been necessary, required (4) four vote's affirmative, I am checking to see if that is correct.

Mary Ann – I respect everyone's decision but it is probably the number one question, compliant, criticism that I receive. I personally do not drink alcoholic beverages but our town is dying. We can't get an Applebee's or other restaurant in our Town. I am very disappointed.

Mayor White - Brad will you explain please.

Brad – The vote failed. It was not an ordinance so it would not have required (4) four. I was incorrect on that earlier. The Mayor's tie breaker vote is valid.

Mayor White – You have a copy of the Certificate of Resolution in your packet. Mr. Taylor can you explain the Resolution?

Tim – It is something we have to do each year on Section 125 Premium Only Plan. It allows us to pre-tax on health insurance.

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

Rod - I make the motion to approve the Certificate of Resolution 2018, 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- 4/0.

Mayor White – "Attorney Comments" – Brad Ratliff

Brad – I researched and determined the process by which bridges can be named after someone. It is a pretty extensive process, Virginia 33.2-213 requiring involvement of VDOT and other factors. I would like to speak on behalf of Council member Vickie England. She had a suggestion to potentially name the new park in Lake Park after Mr. Fields. One of our own facilities within municipality would be far simpler. I would suggest that the Council consider one of our own facilities in terms of some type of form of naming something in name of Mr. Fields. Council member Rod Cury shared Council member Vickie England’s idea. I texted her and ask and she was forthcoming so I ask for Council’s consideration.

Rod – Thank you Brad, I also texted her and she sent the same message to me. It is the playground at Lake Park. The whole name Fields goes with recreation. I think it is very appropriate.

Rod - I make the motion that we name the Play Ground at Lake Park after Mr. Fields. 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- 4/0.

Rod - I would like to add that Vickie England deserves the credit for the idea.

Mary Ann - She certainly does and I think Vickie would be the appropriate person to contact his granddaughter with our good news. Tim, how do we start the process?

Tim – Brad, I think you will have to do something with this, am I correct.

Brad – I will prepare a Resolution with naming it accordingly to W.W.Fields.

Rod - I will help you with the wording.

Mary Ann - We can coordinate a day to recognize and invite the family. I hope I am not speaking out of turn but I believe they would like to help financially. It is a big request. Fred can tell you we are asked quite often for new playground equipment. Maybe the Rec Commission can help pick out new equipment. Again, I think the Fields family wants to pay for that.

Fred - I think I have some secured with Mr. George Brown thru the Tazewell County Schools. I think it is swings and a merry-go-around.

Mary Ann – Great

Fred – It is free of charge, we just have to go and get it and install.

Tim – As far as the signage, since it is a park it would be good to let the Rec Commission approve the design and the location of the sign.

Rod - I may of over step my bounds when I said I would help with wording.

Mary Ann – No, we welcome your help. Thank you for offering and we accept.

Tim – Signage location is important on a playground.

Mayor White – We will move on to Habitat for Humanity.

Brad – I am going to tie this in with another project we have been working on. We have been working closely with Amanda Cantrell at the Town Hall on regards to real estate collection. This coincides with the Habitat for Humanity with identifying addresses of properties that may be available and taxes that are behind. We have sent out notices and collection letters for all the properties that are two (2) years



past due effective December 2017. As a result of that we have seen collections of \$6958. 12 in two (2) months and six (6) additional people have signed payment agreements on real estate taxes that are past due. Effective June 30, we will begin tax sales of the properties. The sales will effect a number of properties that are problematic over time , trees in the yard that are falling down, high grass, windows out and other type of things. Upon conclusion of those sales I am sure some of the properties will end up in the possession of the Town. At that point I will discuss briefly with Mr. Taylor the possibility of doing a joint project with Tazewell County with their involvement to release liens they may have on taxes to produce properties suitable for Habitat for Humanity. I anticipate by July we will have some options in that regard and certainly will take care of properties that have been past due a long time. We came across one (1) that was overdue for seven (7) years. I think we are making progress.

Mayor White – How many homes do you anticipate building during a year?

Brad - I really don't know. I can find out.

Rick - We have not built any in the last five (5) years.

Rod - It is components of land availability and funds.

Rick - They want to build some now.

Rod - Who is the guy that talked to you?

Rick –They had a meeting last night. He called me and wanted to know if we could give them some property. They want to do something in our area.

Brad - I think we will see some property open up. Certainly after July and the sales are complete.

Rod – We need to thank President Jimmy Carter for this, without him we would not have it.

Brad - I have a sample ordinance that I have shared with Council to adopt our Code of Ordinances. It makes sense to adopt this version over our old one at this time. I would recommend that the Council would do so. This particular Code of Ordinances is in final form. It is cross reference with the State of Virginia Code. It is a much better alternative than what we have at the present. We have some changes but it is still a better choice. I would recommend passing the ordinance as our official code. Once that is done I will move forward with having American Legal Publishing get started with our on line version so people can look at it.

Rod - I appreciate that and I understand what you are saying. The ordinance and codes that we will live by are living documents and are also subject to change and updates.

Brad – That is correct.

Tim - Do we need a public hearing?

Brad - This could be passed as an emergency ordinance. I can type the ordinance and have an official vote. I recommend that you proceed with it.

Rod - Do you mind to read it?

Brad - Read the Ordinance for Adopting the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Richlands.

Tim – Could we do it tonight?

Brad – Yes

Rod - Just for clarification , in the second paragraph “Whereas it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality that this ordinance take effect at an early date”. If you will go to Section 3 at the end it says “and shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law”. Is there a date we can bank on?

Brad - I will make effective as of tonight. We need a motion to adopt the ordinance and vote. Once that is done I will take this book and contact American Legal Publishing and get moving forward with our on line version.

Mayor White - We need a motion to suspend the second reading.

Rod - I make a motion to suspend the second reading. 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 that oppose say no. Motion carries- 4/0.

Mayor White - We need a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Rick – I make the motion to adopt the ordinance. 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- 4/0.

Brad - We discussed briefly the issues with the gas distribution company. I will get a memo to the Council in regards to the next steps. I apologize that I don't have that tonight.

Brad - I have one additional memo that I provided to the Council members that is not related to my role as Town Attorney. My firm provides collection service on behalf of the Town. There is a confidential memorandum that has been delivered to everyone with the outcomes of collections and some of the challenges. We have to improve those things.

Mayor White – “Manager’s Report” – Tim Taylor

Tim - Mr. Russ do you have something you want to ask the Council? Did you want to talk about the Parade?

Gordon – I want to have a parade like we did last year. The Tabernacle fed us a dinner and then the Fire and Rescue Departments had a parade in Richlands. We had the County and the Fire Department involved with it last year. We wanted to do one again this year but the date was booked that we wanted. We will try to have the parade ourselves.

Tim - Town Council blesses the parades as an order of business. That is to be held Saturday May 26.

Tim - If it doesn't happen we will send Council a memo.

Mary Ann – Thank you for an excellent job that you do.

Rick – I have a question, the road at the Rec Park; did we submit that to VDOT?

Tim – No, I have some problems that I need to talk to Brad about. I am not sure who owns that.

Tim - Please take a few minutes to review the check register. Does anyone have any questions?

Mayor White - Check number 57931 – Meyercord Revenue Inc.

Tim - That is stamps for the cigarette tax.

Tim - You have to add the EDF Trading of North America and Amp Power bill to get the total for the power bill.

Doug - Is that the first stamps we have ordered this year?

Tim - I think it is the second.

Doug – How much?

Adrienne - We have \$5049 in inventory. This is our second order.

Doug - We have spent over \$11,000 on stamps.

Adrienne – In collections - February \$11, 460, March \$14,095 and in April \$14, 901. We had \$485 in refunds and \$5049 in stock. We have \$35,412 in sales.

Doug – For how long?

Adrienne - From the middle of February to end of April.

Doug - Will that go down as time goes on?

Tim – Has been pretty steady.

Mayor White - Check 57894 Card Services - Is that Visa charges?

Adrienne - Office supplies

Tim - Items we have to order with a credit card.

Doug - I have one more question. Is that actual sales or when they are buying the stamps?

Adrienne - Actually buying the stamps from us.

Doug - If it was actual sales I would be surprised. I think as time goes on they have bought their inventory up it won't average \$15,000. I would be surprised if it averaged \$7000 a month.

Mary Ann - It is money that we did not have.

Tim – We will get a clearer picture as time goes on.

Mayor White – Anyone else have anything? If not, do I hear a motion for Mr. Taylor to pay the bills?

Rod - I make the motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills. 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- 4/0.

Tim - I included the Monthly Power Cost Report in your packet. If anyone has any questions just let me know. This is power cost not the budget. We actually sold a little bit more in March. Some of them were lower and some was higher than the budget. Year to date is what you are probably interested in. We were budgeted \$84 MWh and the actual was \$9 MWh.

Tim - Consideration of Resolution Re-Validation of Provider Enrollment for EMS Billing comes up every five (5) years. This allows us to do business with Medicare. (Read the Resolution).

Mayor White - We need a motion to adopt this Resolution.

Rod – Need the correction of status to statutes.

Rod - I make a motion to adopt the Resolution with the amendment. 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 that oppose say no. Motion carries- 4/0.

Tim - Mary Ann covered the Thank You letter. I have a “Thank You” letter already drafted thanking the Kiwanis and Lions Club for the Critterville clean-up project. If Council doesn’t mind I would like to get the Mayor to sign the thank you letter.

Rod - They deserve it.

Rod - At the school, I have been tutoring every Saturday for SOL’s. I have kids on baseball and softball teams and some involved in clubs. Sometimes they can’t attend. Many of them came to Critterville to help. I am sure the Youth and the High School helped. It looks really nice. I had a lot of good reports.

Tim - I would like to recognize our staff at the Water Treatment Plant for being awarded a 2017 Excellence in Waterworks Operations Silver Award. I have included a copy of the letter. They do a good job.

Tim - We have quotes for some redesign on the sound system. It will be more modern digital type equipment which will provide the Clerk with recording capabilities. It would be very clear. For that to work, we have to add a microphone to everyone’s station. I have talked to Jeff Mathis and other people who are experts. In order to get a proper recording, we can’t talk at the same time like we do now. The mics will have a little button on them. When you are talking you touch the button and your mic will come on and you will clearly be recorded. The only mic that won’t be muted will be at the podium. It is approx. \$100 per mic. The cost is approx. \$2500 to get it all done. We have money in the budget.

Rod - It is great recordkeeping.

Tim - If you don’t have a problem with it I will proceed.

Mary Ann - I think it is a great idea.

Tim - We will be starting on the West Fork Sewer Project soon. Other projects are being complete at Rockbridge.

Mary Ann - I would like to congratulate Richlands Young Life they made history last night. They had their first club meeting. On May 17 we are having our first Young Life Banquet at the College at 6:30pm. If you are interesting in coming let me know by Thursday. You will learn more about the program.

Mayor White - We need to go into “Closed Session” 2.2-3711(a)(1) and 2.2-3711(a)(3).

Rod - I make the motion to go into “Closed Session”. 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- 4/0.

Mayor White - We will go into “Closed Session”.

Mayor White - I need a motion to come back into “Open Session”.

Rick- I make a motion to come back into "Open Session", 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 - 4/0.

Mayor White - Does everyone agree the only thing discussed during "Closed Session" was 2.2-3711 (a) (1) and 2.2-3711(a) (3) - Mary Ann – Yes, Rod- Yes, Doug-Yes, Rick-Yes.

Mayor White - Does anyone else have anything to add? If not, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Tim - I would like to wrap up our budget cycle and meet on June 7 at 6:00 pm. (Council agreed)

Mary Ann- I make a motion to adjourn, 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- 4/0.

Adjourned

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Jannis White, Mayor

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Connie Allen, Town Clerk