

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on June 12, 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, Larry Johnson
Council Members Absent: 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 - Do we have any other additions/deletions to the agenda?

Mayor White – VI part (d) – Phillip Horton – Delete from “Scheduled Public Comments”.

Mayor White – VI part (b) – Jim Ray – Unable to attend – Karen Deel will speak on behalf of Jim Ray.

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

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- 5/0.

Mayor White – We have two (2) sets of minutes, May 8- Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing on May 8. Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor White - Public Hearing Minutes – Please correct under my comments – Page 1 – Should read as the following: “Do we have anyone else who would like to speak on the budget?” instead of “Do have anyone else who would like to speak on the budget?”.

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to approve the two (2) sets of minutes with amendment?

Mary Ann - I make a motion to approve the two (2) sets of minutes on May 8 with amendment. 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 – “Scheduled Public Comments” – Andrew Barnes & Will Culbertson – SWVA Opportunity: Rally Grant Program.

Andrew - I am Andrew Barnes, a Community Engagement Coordinator with Opportunity SWVA and UVA Wise. I am here to talk about Rally Southwest Virginia and it is coming to Richlands. We had a meeting a couple weeks ago to inform the community about Rally. I am here tonight to talk to the Council about Rally. I am working alongside of three (3) community builders, communities across the region. Will was unable to attend tonight. He is a Richlands native. He works in Tazewell and Buchanan County. The primary focus in what we do is implementing Rally Southwest. Rally stands for Real Action Leadership Learning. It is a \$3000 mini grant project. It is designed to afford the community with a visible project. The project must be completed in a short term. The time frame is from four (4) to six (6) months in length. At the end of that period there will be a visible project that the community can see and be a sense of excitement. The leadership learning of Rally also takes place in the four (4) to six (6) month period. The community will be able to come together and work on a set of criteria for the project and ideas and participate in leadership development training. At the end of the project it will not only be something visible & tangible that the Town can see but a team that bonded together to tackle future projects for the Town. Rally started in 2015, since then there has been fourteen different projects completed. Tazewell used their grant for signage. Gate City is in the process of finishing up their project this Saturday. There will be a celebration for them. They used their funds to attach to an existing project. There is no limit to the projects that can be chosen if it fits the criteria. The “Y” in Rally stands for “Yeah”, represents the celebration at the end of the project. The community is invited to come and to celebrate. I do want to make it clear I am not here to ask for any funding. I am just here to spread the word and invite you to come to the meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

Mayor White - The next meeting will be Thursday, June 14 at 6:00pm at the Richlands Town Hall in Council Chambers.

Andrew – Correct, we encourage everyone to come.

Mayor White - I was at the last Rally meeting and I ask Andrew and Will to come and give Council a summary of Rally. Thank you for coming and sharing with us tonight.

Rick – The meeting is at 6:00pm?

Andrew - Yes

Mayor White – “Scheduled Public Comments” – Karen Deel – POW: Missing Man Chair

Karen - Jim could not be here tonight so I am speaking on his behalf. The POW Flag 50 State Tour is dedicating “POW Missing Man Chair” to the Richlands VFW Post 9640 on Saturday, June 30 at 6:30pm. It will be an approximate 30-minute ceremony. The “Chair” will be permanently displayed at the Veterans Memorial at the lawn of the Richlands Police Department. They are asking for your blessing for the dedication of the “Chair” and to display at the lawn of the Veterans Memorial at the Richlands Police Department.

Rod - I make the motion to allow the “Chair” to be displayed on the lawn of the Veterans Memorial. 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 – “Scheduled Public Comments” – George Shelton- 320 Bragg Road

George – There is an abandoned house at the top of Bragg Road. I have two (2) grandsons, one is eight (8) and one is ten, they live above me. Boys will be boys. The windows are broken, and the porch/roof is falling in. I have been in touch with the County. They said they could not do anything and I would have to come to Town first. I would like to get something done about the abandoned house. It is a safety issue.

Mayor White - Mr. Taylor would you like to address the issue?

Tim - Which one is it Mr. Shelton? I was up there today.

George – It is the one on the left where the trailer is parked in the yard.

Tim - There was a truck there today, is it abandoned?

George - No, I sit my trailer down there. I keep it mowed because of snakes. It is a safety issue with me due to my grandchildren.

Tim - We will identify the exact property you are talking about and talk to the land owners.

George - The land owners are dead. They have been dead 15 to 16 years. I know they are a lot of back taxes owed on the property.

Tim - Since you don't have the exact address, I will get your phone number and check with you on the exact address and get more information. Brad, do you have anything as far as the process of handling the issue?

Brad - My office is doing a lot of tax sales and identifying those properties with back taxes due. If it is on the list, it could be time for it to be sold. I will see if I can find the property.

George - My house is 320 and it is the first one back below me on the left. The house is in bad shape.

Mayor White - Thank you Mr. Shelton, our Attorney will look into it.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Johnny Lester – 129 Bragg Road

Johnny - I am here about my road. I have been here several times. I have been told they would put on a work order. Well, a work order is not cutting it. I have been putting rocks in the holes that is not justifiable. I pay the same taxes as anyone in this area. I have lived there since 1985, since then I have gotten the run around over our road. I am tired of getting the run around. When is enough an enough? You beat your vehicle all to pieces using the road. In other parts of Richlands, you don't see people having to put rocks in the road, so they can travel it. George and I found a place where the sewer line is right in the road. You need to check that out. I am not asking you to take my word for it, come and walk the road that is all I ask. You need to see what I am talking about, it is not right, and you know it is not right.

Rick – Where is the road at?

Johnny - It is up Hill Creek across the bridge from Jimmie Streets church.

Mayor White – Rick is on the Road Committee.

Rick - I will be there at 8:00am in the morning.

Johnny – OK

Tim – It needs repaired, we have had a difficult time over the years with the road. We have tried concrete. It does need patching, it really does.

Mayor White - "Council Member Reports" – Rod Cury

Rod - I gave several of my council concerns to Mr. Taylor before the meeting to facilitate. I will check with you later to see if there is any progress especially for Mrs. Johnson. The Planning Commission did not meet on our last date but will meet on July 3. At that time, I hope Ricky Barton will be able to come and give us an update on the progress of the trail he has been working on.

Mayor White – "Council Member Reports" – Rick Wood

Rick – On Purcell Road we have a few ditch problems that I keep getting complaints. I talked to you about the problem we had at Hill Creek. I want to ask Tim, when you go into Hill Creek road you have a bridge there, there is no room under that it is full, it is really full.

Tim - The silting and the way the scouring is on the bridge, it takes a small piece of equipment for cleaning. It has been over two (2) years since we have cleaned it out. We must get permits to do that.

Rick – Can we talk to Army Corp Engineers; will they help us? Between the two bridges it is really bad.

Tim - We have some erosion problems behind the apartments. The land owner has the Army Corp helping stabilize that. He is working on that today. Army Corp approved Mr. Vance for those baskets a few years ago. That will improve that situation. We have been requesting over the years about doing some things in that area, but it probably is what it is going to be. We will get permit to clean out, will help a lot.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug - I had a call from Angela Keene and a deacon from a church, I forget his name. She said there was chaos at the Rec Center. Around the pool there was two (2) guys throwing football & running around small kids, one (1) or two (2) got hurt. They were picking on a little girl calling her names, which I can't say in public, they were bullying her. Ms. Keene went to Jessica Reynolds and complained, and it was not stopped. Some of the parents left. That was around 3:00pm. Around 5:00pm another group came in and the same thing was going on. No leadership and no one in control. As time goes on someone is going to get hurt. We don't have leadership and someone in a responsible position. There was also a ten-year-old selling potato chips and so forth. It was a sad situation. They were supposed to have come but I guess the pressure was put on them, so they decided not to come and tell what happened. Tim, I think you were over there earlier and I was told that you observed the same thing. As Town Manager I would expect you to at least stop the situation. You told this person you observed the same thing. As Town Manager you should have stopped that situation, but it was not stopped. I have been on Council for 12/13 years; the Town has had so many opportunities, every time some idea comes up we have been thwarted or didn't come to pass because of Administration and Mr. Taylor. Many opportunities lost. I am only one (1) Council Member and this is my opinion, not just because of the Rec Center but many other situations. I am sure the parents and the community know what has went on for 12 years. We need some problems solved and they are not getting solved. This is only my opinion because of lack of leadership and vision I urge the Town Manager to resign. He always told us if we lost confidence in him to let him know. As one (1) Council Member I am letting him know I have lost confidence in his judgement, his management and lack of leadership. I have seen different departments' micromanaged where they could not operate. He has interfered. I have seen other departments such as the Rec just run on their own with chaos. As my opinion, I am only one (1) Council Member and I know I am the minority, but so be it. I would urge Mr. Taylor with all due respect to resign. Thank you that is all that I have.

Mary Ann – Can I speak first about the Rec Park. Doug to be respectful to you I wanted to let you finish first. I also had a lengthy conversation with Ms. Keene and the gentlemen's name was Harold Street. I immediately, being the Council Representative on the Rec. Commission, first thing early Monday morning I reached out to Mr. Taylor. We had a meeting with Mr. Phillips. I don't think this is the place or time to get into all the details, but I know you are repeating what you were told but that is not what we were told; in fact, Mr. Phillips already had some reporting. The facts I heard are far different, again I am not saying you are not truthful by any means just what you were told. Mr. Taylor and I had a conversation with her on Monday which ended around lunch time. I had a message from her today thanking me for stepping up and getting involved and she seemed pleased. She didn't ask me to call her back, but I wish I had, unfortunately I had other commitments. She had one question for me but in my opinion is relevant to the public meeting. She seemed very pleased how the situation was handled.

Doug - I talked to her three (3) hours ago after you did. She wanted to come tonight and speak. She was supposed to be here I don't know what happened. I would like to bring her in sometime, I would love to hear her side of it. She said Mr. Taylor was there earlier and observed the same thing that she did. The footballs around the pool and everything going on and nothing was done She told me that Mr. Taylor told her that is what I was told. That is not the major reason I am asking Mr. Taylor to resign. I have been here twelve years and I have observed all the opportunities, all the mismanagement all the opportunities that the Town could have. We have no leadership and we need a new vision. I am only one (1) Council Member, but I am urging Mr. Taylor to resign. It is not all because of the Rec Park, it is all the other things that have happened in the twelve years I have been on the Council and what I have observed.

Mayor White – Angela did come but had an emergency and she would not be able to speak tonight.

Tim - I want to speak first on the request that you had, I will not resign. If Council wants to meet in closed session and talk about this and vote tonight I would be more than happy. If the majority of Council wants me to resign I will certainly step down. We will be having election soon, you will pick a Manager anyway, so we are close to that, it would be irrelevant what actions happens now it is going happen then anyway. I think once the people speak and elect whoever they are going to pick, things will happen exactly whatever that particular Council wants to do. Mr. Ratliff you will be there and will have a chance to speak. I am concerned that you have lack of confidence in me. I don't like anybody feeling that way. I would like the opportunity of any confusion of what I am doing or disappointments I would like to be able to correct. I would like to do in private first, but you like to do otherwise that is fine. The deal with Ms. Keene, we found out exactly who it was. We talked about it first with the Staff to see what the problem was. We have issues in Town believe it or not, we have problems, people live here, we have people problems. We would not need a Police Department if everybody treated everyone the way they should. We would not have this problem if we didn't have a Rec Center for people to do things. We had 220 in the pool which is the maximum we can have in the pool. When you put 220 kids in the pool you are going to have to deal with issues that arise. When they arise they are usually taken care of. I have talked to Ms. Keene and she was perfectly fine when she left here. I talked to her quite lengthy because I know her well. When you know someone personally and went to church with them you know

who you are talking too. I was over there at 11:30 and there were not 220 kids there and no one passing the football. I did observe the pool, and everything was fine. There were not that many kids there at that time. I was there seeing what was going on because I am the responsible party for what is going on in the Town and I check on my employees from time to time. I found some issues and I corrected. I talked to the supervisor on duty to get the issue straightened out. It was nothing to do with someone passing football because no one was passing football at that time. If there is some confusion on that I don't care to call Ms. Keene again. As far as what our actions were a result of meeting with the Staff and Ms. Strong, given a resolution and taken care of the problem. There was disciplinary action later that day with some folks on some things they should have not done and were asked to leave. If we have any more issues that are disruptive to the kids, they will be asked to leave. One problem we do have is the Council restrains on the budget and the ability to put people at the Rec Park. We only have (1) one full time employee and we have a bunch of part time people trying to run the Rec Park. We have a lot young adults/life guards. It is a strapped budget. If you have a lot of people at the Rec you need to have the ability to have more adult supervision. We do have a job description for a full-time employee second in command. We try to meet the achievements that the have been challenged the Rec Dept. to do the type of request that the majority Council has asked, hope they provide a good service for the Town and generate revenue to offset the cost for the tax payer. I hope that pretty much tells my side of the story. I will talk to Ms. Keene and if there is anything else I need to address with staff I will. We are dealing with kids and children over there and we must deal with them in the right way. The other problem convoluted with my leadership ability, I will talk to Council about that in confidence first and let them know how I feel about it. If the majority of Council wants me to resign I will do it. I will tell you that right now and I know we are on TV. I don't want to work for a place that doesn't want me. There will be an opportunity for that soon. I don't want to talk any more about personnel I don't think that is proper.

Mayor White – What is our policy about people dropping kids off and leaving them at the Rec? Do we discourage that?

Tim – Historically, it has been a certain age group that we don't like to see dropped off unless they are with an older sibling or teenager. We don't want an 8 or 9-year-old kid left by their self, most of the time it is 10 or 12-year-old. We don't want them to be dropped off and we are a babysitting service, we try not to let that happen.

Doug - I would like to add one thing, the budget is close to \$400,000 that is not a strapped budget. The salaries run close to \$300,000 a year. In my opinion it is not a strapped budget. I think we added \$40,000 dollars to the budget and the budget keeps going up. If you check the last three (3) years, there has been \$40,000 added to the budget. I think \$300,000 for salaries, \$400,000 budget plus in-kind work from workers in Town it is not a strapped budget. That is all I have to say.

Tim - The revenues increased is greater than the budget which would lessen the impact to the tax payers. Just having a low budget, you are going have less to do; you have a high budget less impact on the taxpayer. You have best of both worlds. It's not how big the budget its money taxpayer has to fund.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Larry Johnson

Larry – We had the first Greater Richlands River Race last month. Even though it poured the rain we had a great turn out. There was flooding everywhere but here. The overall winner was the EMS boat. We had (5) five McDonald’s boats represented, the Bearded Moose and several individuals. We had free support, TNT DJ Service which he didn’t get to play he was afraid he would get electrocuted and Mike Screen-printing supplied twenty-five free tee shirts, and the Town of Richlands. Anytime we need anything they helped. Our generator went down, Kevin stepped in and helped. Richlands Fire and Rescue was on hand to help if needed. Gordon was there soaked to the bone.

Last month I was unable to attend, something came up that I didn’t expect to come up. We talked about a lot of neighboring jurisdiction more successful and already have Liquor by the Drink. When I found out it come up I was a little disappointed. I think overall it is not the 70’s or 60’s and we are not going to have a saloon on every corner. I think it is something we need if we are going to move forward. I know a lot of people are not going to agree with it but that is why it is a Referendum, they are free to vote on it. Everyone that can vote can vote. The only thing we will do tonight is vote to see if it will go on the ballot, so you can vote on it. There has been people speak out against it but not as many as I have heard that is for it. There is no one here that does not go to Bristol or Abingdon to a restaurant that has a bar. I guarantee we have more calls in trailer parks than we do with the two (2) bars we have in Town.

Larry - I would like to make a motion that we go forward with the Referendum for Liquor by the Drink on the November ballot. 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 - 3/2 – Doug- No, Rick-No.

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

Mary Ann – First I would like to thank Ginger Branton and Richlands Chamber of Commerce. Last Friday at the regular chamber meeting she honored Frank Dorton & Richard Brown for their years of service to the Town. That was really a nice recognition for these gentlemen from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Just a reminder the Greater Richlands Festival & James H Drew Carnival begins on June 19. If people say there is nothing to do, starting in June there is plenty of fun family activities. As far as the report from the Recreation Commission it has already been stated. We had 220 kids this past weekend in the pool which I think is a good thing. There have been a lot of positive comments on Facebook, pictures of the pool and our Recreation Department. In the month of June, Jessica Reynolds has a kid activity planned every day. This gives the kids, parents and grandparents something to look forward to. In July we will be doing an “All Sports Camp”. The Rec Commission, Mr. Phillips and Jessica are planning each month to have activities and make it more than just a baby-sitting service as Mr. Taylor stated earlier. It is a place to bring the family to have clean safe fun. We will have our regular

planned monthly meeting on June 18 at the Rec Park upstairs. Any suggestions concerns or ideas I welcome you to come to our meetings.

Rod - When was the meeting?

Mary Ann- Monday, June 18 at 7:30pm – I would like to say something that is real positive. There have already been sixty swim lessons given this year. This is a very positive note, since we have not been giving swimming lessons. It was brought to our attention by Ginger Branton. Ginger came to the May Rec Commission meeting with a lot of activities that don't cost a lot of money. I think there is a lot of people here and on TV that have great ideas. Please come to our meeting we are very open to ideas.

Mayor White - "Department Head Reports"

Are there any questions or comments on the reports in your packet? Any of the Department Heads like to address Council on any issues or concerns?

Rod – I have something I would like to say, I am glad that EMS won the race, not taking sides I will get into trouble. I have great confidence and trust in the EMS.

Mayor White – "Mayor's Comments" – Jan White

Mayor White - We have some appointments that are expiring. From the IDA – Steve Jessee. Has anyone talked to Steve Jessee to see if he wants to remain on the IDA?

Mary Ann - I will follow up with Travis when he gets back in Town.

Mayor White - We can go ahead and make the appointment and then if he doesn't want to we can appoint someone else.

Mayor White – Do we have a motion to reappoint Steve Jessee on the IDA?

Rod - I make a motion to reappoint Steve Jessee to the IDA, 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 - 5/0.

Mayor White - I need a motion to reappoint Richard Smith and Gaynelle Thompson to the Planning Commission.

Rod - I make a motion to reappoint Richard Smith and Gaynelle Thompson to the Planning Commission. 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 - 5/0.

Mayor White – I need motion to reappoint Bill Patton and Gene Hurst to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Rod - I make a motion to reappoint Bill Patton and Gene Hurst to the Zoning Appeals Board. 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 - 5/0.

Mayor White - We have a lot of things going on in Town. Karen Deel will you come up and give us a summary of the activities going on at the Freedom Festival.

Karen Deel – The Freedom Festival starts on Friday June 29. We have sold a lot of vendor spaces. The 2nd Annual Older Adult Health Fair along with Jill Kinder Photography contest and the Richlands Traditional Quilters Quilt Show will be set up inside the Richlands Police Department. The Fallen Warriors 2nd Annual Memorial Flag Ceremony will present flags to the families on June 29 at 7:00pm. We will have a parade on Saturday, June 30 at 5:00pm. Line up starts at 4pm on Rockbridge Ave. Victor Lawson and Boogie Chillen will play on June 29 at 8:15pm. The Benny Wilson Band will play on June 30 at 8:15pm. Liam Farley will play on June 30 at 7:15pm. Matt & Jamie Stacy will play on June 30 at 8:00pm. After the fireworks on June 30 the Benny Wilson Band will play with special guest Victor Lawson to close out the night. Fireworks will be on June 30 at 10:00pm. Cruise-In & Bike night is June 30 starting at 6:00pm until fireworks. The “Window Decorating Contest” is June 29/30.

Rick – Is there any Vendor space left?

Karen - There is a little bit of space left.

Mayor White - We had people complain again about the Mobile Home Park in Hill Creek. They said they were running cords across the driveway and some of them don't have water or electricity. They are dumping sewage in the creek. If you could check on that I would appreciate it.

Mayor White – I know you have been cleaning on the monuments. There are shrubs and trees growing around the one made from brick. The others look nice they have been pressure washed. The lights that were ordered for the flags have they come in?

Tim - I think some are here. They have not all come in.

Rod - In reading the minutes, the Robotics Team was supposed to have come to the June Council meeting. I happen to have a conversation with Brandon which we had invited him originally, he said to please let him know and he would come, Mary Ann is that something you have been working with?

Mary Ann – The reason they could not come tonight Adam Quesenberry was out of Town. They think they will get to come next month.

Rod – Will you confirm with him?

Mary Ann – Yes

Mayor White – “Attorney Comments” – Brad Ratliff

Brad - We have several annual ordinances that are passed each year by the Council.

Brad – Consideration of Ordinance #O-2018-06-01 Adoption of State Law Section 1-6 – (Read the Ordinance) – Ordinance viewed as urgent.

Mayor White - We need a motion to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance.

Rod - I make the motion to dispense of the second reading of the ordinance. 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 - We need a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Larry - I make the motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-06-01, Rick seconded the motion.

Mayor White - Will it be effective today?

Brad - Will be effective July 1 but passed today.

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.

Brad – Consideration of Ordinance #O-2018-06-02 Adoption of State law Article X, Section 11-112 – (Read the Ordinance) – This ordinance is also viewed as urgent.

Mayor White - We need a motion to dispense of the second reading of the ordinance.

Larry - I make a motion to dispense of the second reading of 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- 5/0.

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

Rod – I make the motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-06-02, 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- 5/0.

Brad- Consideration of Ordinance #O-2018-06-03 Adoption of Real Estate Tax. (Read the Ordinance) – Viewed as urgent.

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

Rod - I make a motion to dispense of the second reading, 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 - We need a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Rick - I make a motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-06-03, 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.

Brad – Consideration of Ordinance #O-2018-06-04 Adoption of Budget 2018-1019. (Read the Ordinance)

Mayor White – This ordinance is also viewed as urgent. We need a motion to dispense of the second reading.

Larry - I make a motion to dispense of the second reading, 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 - We need a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Rod - I make the motion to adopt Ordinance #O-2018-06-04, 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.

Brad – Consideration for Adopting Rate Schedule and Riders – Water/Sewer Rates and Garbage Collection Fees. Ordinance #O-2018-06-05 – (Read the Ordinance) – This ordinance references a secondary document, we do not like to include that because.... It is included in the book; I think everyone has seen that.

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

Mary Ann - I make a motion to dispense of the second reading, 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 - We need a motion to adopt the Rate Schedule and Riders-Water/Sewer Rates and Garbage Collection Fees.

Rod - I make a motion to adopt the Rate Schedule and Riders- Water/Sewer Rates and Garbage Collection Fees, 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- 5/0.

Mayor White - "Manager's Report" – Tim Taylor

Tim – You have a copy of the check register in your packet. Does anyone have any questions?

Tim - Check 58072- \$28,575.13 Clatterbuck Pavement Markings Inc.- This year bill is a little higher than last year we don't paint the curbing but every three (3) or four (4) years. It lasts a lot longer than the stripes.

Rod – What is check number 58095?

Tim – Idexx Distribution, Inc. - Parts for Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Tim - Check 58148 – Thompson & Litton, Inc. – Burn building must be inspected every five (5) years. We had very minimal type of response or conclusions. Keith and the Fire Department need to be commended on maintaining the structure.

Tim - Check 58163 – Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Corporation - Fireworks for the Freedom Festival.

Mayor White - Do we have a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills?

Mary Ann - I make a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills, 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.

Tim- You have a copy of the "Monthly Power Cost Report for April 2018" – Total sales come in what we expected for the month. It is a percentage lower than the forecast. We did have a settlement with AEP on transmission fees, working out details. Any questions on the report just let me know.

Tim - There has been a lot of questions on the Section House. We are finalizing a lot of plans for what the Town is supposed to do. The college has finished the rest rooms and will be transporting over soon and will be installed. The outbuilding will be constructed by town forces once that is done all we lack is parking, landscaping and the sidewalk out front. It should move quickly once it is started. We are trying to catch up on all the road work and places that we have not been to like Mr. Lester was talking about. I don't disagree with you Mr. Lester; we will try our best to get to all the areas like that but not quite as bad as yours. It is a tough place when it rains it really washes it out. We will do what we can. If you have any suggestions on what to do since you live there, please let us know we will try to help you out.

Tim - The Water/Wastewater Project –You have a copy of the Asset Management/Capital Improvement Plan. Just for your information when we start in the future we will talk about what this means and what this means long term in keeping the rates stabilized. We will also be looking at the Asset Management/Capital Improvement Plan for West Fork. We are 50% finished with that. When we get both documents finished and the Cost of Study finished, Council can clearly see a long-term sustainability plan for keeping quality, pure water and non-polluting facilities at Clinch River.

Tim – We found some places for housing on Shadow Lane close to West Fork. There were four (4) houses that did not have public sewer. Once that is done we will finish up West fork Project which is just across the stream from Shadow Lane. The last piece of property in town that did not have public sewer.

Since we have the budget behind us we can finalize it and give a copy of the approved budget to the Council. We will post on line for the public to see. We have worked on the sound system. Our next goal is to finish with the software improvements and get that finalized out to move to a fiscal year.

Mayor White - George you probably already know about this but there is a bad hole coming out of Brooklyn at the edge of the bridge. It causes people to veer to the other lane. If you could look at that I would appreciate that.

Mayor White - We need a motion to go into "Closed Session" for 2.2-3711(A) (1) Personnel and 2.2-3711(A) (3) Boundary Adjustment Issues.

Larry - I make a motion to go into "Closed Session", 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- 5/0.

Mayor White I need a motion to come back into "Open Session".

Rod - I make the motion to come back into "Open Session", 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 – 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, Larry-Yes, Doug-Yes, Rick-Yes

Mayor White – We will have a "Special Call Meeting" on June 26 at 6:00 pm to discuss Personnel.

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

Rick - I make the 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- 5/0.

Adjourned

Jannis White, Mayor

Connie Allen, Town Clerk