

Town Council Meeting

June 8, 2021

The Town Council of Victoria, Virginia met on June 8, 2021 in the Victoria Town office with the Honorable Allen D. Smith, Mayor, presiding: Councilmember's in attendance were Ronald Mattox, Johnnie Brame, James G. Elam, Jr., Christopher Garrett, Sandra Jones and Chris Gill. Also attending were Town Manager Rodney Newton, Treasurer Diane Harding and Assistant Fire Chief Christopher Garrett. Absent was Clerk Vickie McDaniel.

Mayor Allen Smith called the meeting of the Town Council to order.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Brame followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Allen Smith asked if there were any additions to the meeting. Citizens Wanda Fix and Christopher Garrett wanted to address council.

Councilmember Garrett addressed Council concerning having golf carts in town. Mr. Newton advised Councilmember Christopher Garrett of the Safety Committee and Councilmember Christopher Gill of the street Committee to meet concerning this request. Councilmember's were asked to bring this request back on the July meeting.

Wanda Fix addressed her concerns at 1601 5th on unlicensed vehicle and drug activity. She stated that the Police are not doing anything and tickets need to be written on these cars. Councilmember Garrett stated that we don't want to Real estate values to go down. Town Manager Newton stated that the Town has a case on another property and waiting the outcome from the court. He also stated that he would get back to her at the July meeting with these concerns. Mayor Allen Smith voiced his concerns on this matter also.

Mayor Allen Smith asked if there were any Conflicts of Interest on matters being discussed on the agenda. No comments.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brame and seconded by Councilmember Jones to accept the May 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mattox and seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2021. Motion carried.

Mr. Newton stated that Chief Phillips was busy at the moment, if you have any questions I will ask Chief Phillips. Mr. Newton also stated that the new Officer Stacey Warf is already certified and will start on June 15th. Motion was made by Councilmember Brame and seconded by Councilmember Gill to accept the Police Report as presented. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Garrett gave the Fire/Rescue Department Report. He stated they had an average month. Assistant Chief Garret stated that the Truck & Tractor pull was successful. Mr. Newton stated that there is no report yet on funds. Motion was made by Councilmember Elam and seconded by Councilmember Garrett to approve the Fire Department report as presented. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

- a) Motion was made by Councilmember Elam and seconded by Councilmember Brame to approve the FY22 budget.
- b) Mr. Newton stated that a Budget amendment was needed for the transfer of \$80,000 from the general fund to offset some of the balance owed for the Streetscape project, which is in the amount of \$179,750.57. Also transfer \$30,000 from the general fund to be put back into investments for which \$60,000 was borrowed to offset debt in 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Elam and seconded by Council member Mattox to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
- c) Town Manager Newton submitted to council a Special Dog Permit for Cynthia Gaulding to have three dogs at 1617 5th Street. After talking with the neighbors, they stated that

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they had no problem with Ms. Gaulding. Motion was made by Councilmember Mattox and seconded by Councilmember Elam to approve as submitted.

d) Mr. Newton stated the Ricky Lyles had requested a street light and that it could go on a pole that is already there. Mr. Newton also stated that it could be on next year's budget. Motion was made by Councilmember Elam and seconded by Councilmember Garrett to approved as submitted. Carried

Town Manager Update:

- a) Mr. Newton stated that the Consent order report is due July 1, 2021
- b) Mr. Newton stated that the Water Plant operators received the gold award.
- c) Mr. Newton stated that the American rescue Plan was passed by Congress and the President. The Town would receive and allotment thru the State in a estimate of \$1,600,000. The three things it could be used for is Broadband, Water & Sewer. These fund have a 2 to 3 year window to be used.

Mayor Allen Smith stated that we all need to work together to make our Town more pleasing. We need ideas and help from the community. He asked if everyone in attendance would give it some thought.

Motion was made by Councilmember Elam and seconded by Councilmember Mattox adjourn the meeting.

Diane Harding, Treasurer

Allen D. Smith, Mayor

Approved July 13, 2021

Rodney Newton, Town Manager