

November 7, 2019

Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council.

Members present: Mayor Dan Wright, Council Shelly Davers, John Post, Danny Stark, Marshal Britt Burgemier, Maintenance Ron Hendershot, Clerk M. Jean Rockey, and Attorney Brad Kage.

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Dan asked the council if they had time to look over the minutes of the previous meeting. John made a motion to pass the minutes as presented with the one change concerning the name of our insurance agent, Danny Stark gave this motion a second with all in favor.

Public Comments:

Roger Taylor came as a representative of the Vernon Fire Department concerning the alley that runs between the two properties the department purchased on Brown Street to build their new building on. Roger had spoken to the clerk and was told they needed to come to the meeting to request the use of the alley. The building may encroach on this alley. Dan explained that the town would not close the alley but would have our attorney draw up a resolution stating the situation and the Town would not take any legal action on the proposed building. Brad asked Jean to get him the information and he would have it for the December meeting. John made this matter into a motion to pass as requested with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Mr. Roane who lives on the corner of Brown Street and Montgomery Street came to the meeting to see if anything could be done about his neighbor to the right of his property. They have 4 vehicles parked on the street in front of their property and in front of Mr. Roane's property. One of the vehicles has a jack under it. Discussion on this matter with Dan suggesting Brad draw up a letter to the Maddens and also send a copy of this letter to the APC. Brad asked for Britt to get him the information on the vehicles and Jean for the address of Sarah and Mike Madden.

Council:

Shelly asked if Trish Hendershot had been paid for the 4 hours she worked at the gym storage building. Dan explained that while it was brought up at the last meeting, no one made a motion on this matter. Shelly then made a motion to pay her \$10.00 an hour for the 4 hours she worked on helping clean the storage building to put the new tractor in, John gave this a second. Motion passed.

Shelly then asked where we were on posting the old tractor and the brush hog for sale. Ron explained he had not gotten to it this month. Brad asked Ron to get the information to him and he will get it advertised and bid opened up at the December or January meeting.

Shelly asked where the council was on the trash pickup proposal. We have discussed it for a long time and we either need to proceed or tell them we are not going to do it right now. John feels that we should get the proposed ordinance done and proceed with trying to get the ordinance and the public hearing ready for the meeting in February, he made this into a motion. Dan is going to check with Kevin Mullikin with Sherman, Barber and Mullikin about charging procedures and rates to be implemented. We still have to check on the charges on the people who leave for the winter months. Shelly gave this motion a second.

Shelly asked about the green barn, Dan said he thought it could be salvaged and is looking into it. If not it will have to be taken down.

John Post reported that Marie Shepherd did get Kolin McDonald served for the APC.

John asked Jean to look up the ordinance on skateboarding on Vernon sidewalks and streets.

John asked if anyone had any street lights to report.

Brad had nothing to report.

Ron had two quotes for the office for Jean at the fire house. One was \$4785.00 and the other \$2400.00 Kinney Glass is due down next week to install new door and 2 windows. Discussion on when everything will be done with the council saying they hoped to be out of this office by the first of the year. The money for the updates will come out of the Lit/Loit/PS and the Gift from the sale of the old Town Hall.

Dan asked John to check out the use of the government center for our meetings.

Dan Wright brought up the presentation from last month about the new water meter system. After some thought he thinks it would be best to order all the meters at once and borrow money from the Alliance of Rural Water we could borrow 75% for a low interest loan of 3% over a 5 year period. Discussion on this matter with Danny Stark making a motion to proceed with the replacement with the Neptune 2 system, this was given a second by John Post with all in favor.

Ron is trying to track the water we purchase from North Vernon and the water we bill out to our customers to see how much loss we are experiencing.

Ron is also checking into a system to track maintenance on our assets. It could track everything from the water tower to street signs to sidewalks. It would alert us when something is due to be checked out. An annual report could be run off. Dan Wright feels like this is a good idea and we need to get an asset management plan in place.

Danny Stark had nothing to report.

Jean did contact the courthouse on the Loit/Lit/PS money and it can be used for anything concerning public safety.

Jean also asked Brad to check the McDonald delinquent water bill and the Ashely Helton delinquent water bill.

Shelly asked about the apartment over the Post Office, where are they on getting it cleaned up. John said they had one more dumpster filled and taken away and they are looking to possibly selling it.

Shelly asked about putting the minutes on the web site. Dan will call Rodney and get this set up.

Dan Wright reported that Amber Fields has gotten 2 small grants to repair the playground equipment at the commons. She has \$3000.00 in grant money coming in and the total she needs is \$4200.00. She is

asking the Town if they can pay the difference. John made the motion to approve paying the difference with a second by Shelly with all in favor.

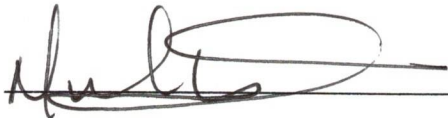
Dan informed the council that the grant application has been filed for the trail system. He had a picture of the trail signs they are working on. We will not know until January if we receive the grant, and it could be up to a year before everything is in place.

Concerning the two Town of Vernon sign areas on the highway, it was recommended to Dan to have the mulch removed and put down a weed barrier and then rocks. This would help with the weed control. The total cost to have both beds done would be \$2200.00. John made a motion to take up to 2500.00 out of the CEDIT money for this project with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Brad asked Danny Stark about the boat at the storage building. He said he sent her a letter and she is going to take care of it.

Nothing more to discuss, John made a motion to adjourn with a second by Shelly.

Meeting adjourned.



Dan Wright, Mayor



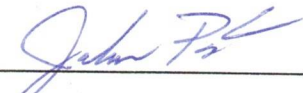
M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

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This statement is for the purpose of verifying that the council did receive the vouchers for approval and signatures.


_____ Mayor, Dan Wright

_____ Council, Shelly Davers


_____ Council, John Post


_____ Council, Danny Stark

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