

City of Virginia

June 16th, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7pm

Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, Wulf, Knous, and Cox all answered present.

Agenda Approval: Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the agenda, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Minutes Approval: Alderman Cox made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as they are, Alderman Knous seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Monthly Bills: Alderman Knous made a motion to approve the monthly bills, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Sales Tax: \$13927.47

Gaming: \$7619.20

Treasurer Barrett stated there will be a TIF meeting on Thursday at 3pm.

Guests

Terry Ayers, John Shaner, Michelle Carty, Steve Clark, Adam Dotson, Stacy Dotson, Pat Noltensmeier, Tim Noland, Dennise Minor, Eric Whiford

John Shaner:

Shaner requested the sidewalks to be replaced by his house. McClure discussed a 50/50 program.

Steve Clark:

Clark stated to the council that the VRWS ordinance was done incorrectly. It should have been two readings instead of one.

Monthly Reports

Police Chief: Chief Shumate stated he has been working on grants. He also stated that he is getting the new part time officer ready for the academy and has been doing some training. He will start doing evening work next week.

Fire Chief: Chief Stock stated the department helped out at the demolition derby. There were two fires that were taken care of.

Ordinance Officer: no report

Superintendent of Water Report (Dylan Cook): Superintendent Cook stated that they have been working on rebuilding the pump.

Superintendent of Street Report (John Ratliff): no report

Park Board: Alderman Cox stated that the pool is opening tomorrow as the repairs have been completed. The slide however is out of commission. Chief Shumate requested a ballgame schedule. Next meeting: June 19th 7pm

TIF: Meeting on Thursday at 3pm

Attorneys Report

Attorney Laegeler stated that she is waiting to get information back on the Mediquip Building.

Mayors Report

Mayor McClure thanked the BBQ Committee and volunteers

Aldermanic Reports

Cox: thanked the crew for getting the new truck

Knous: stated that the sink hole is back on Myrtle St.

Wulf: thanked the BBQ committee and volunteers

Stanbridge: nothing to report

Andrews: addressed the statement about P/L loss for the last couple of years do not account for utilizing savings. He stated we are going in the right direction.

Martin: nothing to report

City Clerks Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

A. Discuss and/or approve demolition on 126 and 128 E Beardstown St.

The cost will be:

\$110,000 to Littleton's

\$65/ton to haul

\$1500/day for inspector

For a total of around \$173,500.

With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Cox made a motion to approve demolition on 126 and 128 E Beardstown, Alderwoman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Mayor's Appointment of following Officers:
 - a. Chief of Police
 - b. City Attorney
- B. Discuss and/or approve the Mayor's Appointed Officers:
 - a. Chief of Police

Alderman Andrews discussed the Chief trying to get night and weekend coverage. He stated the Chief is trying and that he supports the Chief. Alderman Wulf stated wants the Chief to answer phone calls. He also added he wants the County to provide coverage. Alderwoman Martin expressed how hard it is to help cover all the hours. Alderman Cox added that his ward wants coverage on nights and weekends. McClure added that the Chief was hired with the understanding that he would not work nights and weekends. Mayor states he supports the Chief and the new part time officer. Alderman Knous stated that at the meeting the Chief stated he would adjust his hours based on calls but will not work on nights or weekends. Alderwoman Martin stated that Arenzville and Chandlerville are not happy with the coverage they have from County. Alderman Wulf replied that Arenzville and Chandlerville don't pay for coverage. Beardstown does and gets help. Alderman Knous stated he is not happy with no summer coverage, there is no police presence. Alderman Wulf added that two part time police officers were hired in Petersburg in 2 days. Mayor McClure called for a vote. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Police Chief. Alderman Wulf asked about taking calls at night. Alderman Knous stated he asked the chief about having a fire phone and the Fire Chief offered. He stated the Chief turned it down and said he doesn't have his phone on anyway. Attorney Laegeler stated if there is no appointment then there is no Chief. Mayor McClure called for a second to the motion. Alderman Knous wanted to table the decision for 3 months. Attorney Laegeler stated the city is out of compliance already. Mayor McClure asked if there was a time limit on a second motion. Attorney Laegeler stated there is no time limit. Alderman Wulf stated then we will just adjourn. Alderman Andrews responded that he will not withdraw his motion because there is no other option. Alderwoman Martin asked Chief Shumate if he would commit to more nights and weekends like three nights during the summer. Chief Shumate responded that he has said it multiple times and he will not cover the fall months. Alderman Knous stated he talked to the Sheriff about coverage and they said they wouldn't work for the Chief. After a long discussion, Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion on the condition of nights and weekends for the summer months. Alderwoman Stanbridge, Alderman Knous, and Alderman Cox voted yes; Alderman Wulf voted no. Motion passes.

b. City Attorney

With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Knous made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of the City Attorney and Alderman Cox seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McClure swore in the Chief of Police and City Attorney

Alderman Knous made a motion to go into Executive Session and Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

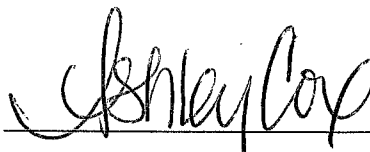
Roll was called to go back in to Open Session with all answering present

Alderman Andrews made a motion to give a 3% raise, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn the council meeting and Alderman Knous seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Randy McClure, Mayor

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Ashley Cox, City Clerk