

City of Virginia

October 14th, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7pm

Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, Wulf, and Cox all answered present. Knous not present.

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

Minutes Approval: Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the minutes, Alderwoman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barrett was not present.

Guests

Terry Ayers, Dennise Minor, Ronnie Paul, John Shaner, Eric Whitford

Monthly Reports

Police Chief: led Homecoming parade, did a school safety drill last week, Adam is halfway done with the academy, been pretty busy the last three weeks

Fire Chief: not present

Ordinance Officer: no report

Superintendent of Water Report (Dylan Cook): work orders have picked up, addressing people's usage questions, bought a new poly pump, water is testing good

Superintendent of Street Report (John Ratliff): dump truck in Jacksonville getting serviced with numerous issues. The AC no longer works and having issues getting some of the parts. The street crew has been working on mowing and weed eating, cutting brush around town, sidewalk in front of Mr. Wulf's house, started picking up brush. Alderwoman Stanbridge asked why the steps were taken out of the sidewalk by Mr. Wulf's house. Ratliff states it was a straight down step. Alderwoman Stanbridge states she is concerned that it is a little steep. Ratliff states the sidewalk is stamped. Alderman Martin

asked about city wide clean up, Ratliff states will start next week. Ratliff stated they will be picking up brush all month.

Park Board: hosted IESA JH Baseball sectional, board hired David Little to winterize pool and concession stand. Log cabin days had the biggest crowd they have had in a longtime. Sat 19th is the spooktacular at the park, starts with a parade and then the festivities are at the park. Oct 16th 7pm

TIF: no report

Attorneys Report

Attorney Laegeler stated everything to discuss is on agenda so no report.

Mayors Report

Mayor states that he got a paper from Vickie Bell that she wants council approval on for the gazebo. The council needs to approve so she can put this out for bidding. Mayor doesn't see anything wrong with it. Alderman Wulf asked to see bids on both composite and regular so we know the cost difference. Mayor states he can relay that to Bell. Alderwoman Martin states the important thing is that we keep on top of maintenance and not let it go 20 years like it has been. Mayor and Alderwoman Martin both agree that we need a maintenance plan for it. Council agrees that Bell can put it out for bid both ways. Mayor adds that he has been talking to another solar company, will put out by the county property on 125. City line goes through the middle of the property so going to see if we can get them to annex the property in to the city. Mayor added he talked to cell tower people. They will send someone down to look at the site that we chose.

Aldermanic Reports

Cox thanked Adrian for taking care of some brush

Knous no report

Wulf stated he has gotten complaints about speeding all hours in town, would like to get that looked at, thanked street department for their hard work.

Stanbridge no report

Andrews thanked the street department for taking care of the sign on Hardin St. He wants to make sure all committees were aware about doing budgets. He added he would like to start planning out the budgets for the committees and suggests to sit down and talk about it now.

Martin asked Dennise Minor how long she has cleaned the office and thanked Minor for her years of service. Martin also added that the city should be proud of getting the outside of the square looking better, it took a lot less time and money than originally stated.

Chief Shumate stated that he asked the sheriff for the radar tracker and wanted to thank the Sheriff Office for letting us borrow that. Communication is that speeding has gotten better. Chief Shumate is

also working on the speed limit signs in town as well. Chief Shumate and Alderman Andrews are trying to create a plan of action to convince IDOT to rectify the issues with speed limit signs.

City Clerks Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Tax Levy Ordinance- 1st reading

With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Wulf made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the tax levy ordinance, Alderman Cox seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Stop Sign by Caraway Pub- 1st reading

Alderman Cox states he has talked to a lot of people in town that don't think this is a good idea. Alderwoman Martin states she is going back and forth with it, the only thing that it might help is if someone is turning left there. Alderman Andrews states he drives it every morning, he says it is almost 100% of the people who are traveling that road don't look to ensure no one else is coming, no one looks to the left. Alderman Martin states she will support if that is what everyone else wants. Mayor states it will be like the intersection outside of city hall. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the stop sign by the Caraway Pub. No second, motion denied.

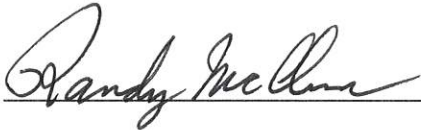
C. Compact Car Parking/South Side- 1st reading

Alderwoman Stanbridge asks how many people know the cu. ft. of their vehicle? Attorney states that was the best definition that she could find on how to define a compact car. Alderman Wulf asks if someone could just ask the person parking there to not park there anymore? Alderman Andrews states compact cars is a universal term. Alderwoman Stanbridge asks why is it 3 spots. Alderman Andrews states that we discussed this in the streets committee meeting and if you are sitting at Petefish that is how many spots block it. Alderman Cox asks again if someone can just talk to the individual that has been parking there? Alderman Andrews states it is not just one person. If we allow it to stay open, we will have the same problem continue. Alderwoman Stanbridge asks how many accidents have been there? Alderman Andrews stated he isn't sure but when you pull out from there, there is no way to see until you are all the way out in the street. Alderwoman Martin asks if we could start with one space on the end, would that do anything? Ratliff states no, need to have 3 spaces or if you clearly state no SUV/trucks. Alderwoman Martin states maybe we should put that on the sign that just says no SUV or Truck. Alderman Cox states he makes a motion to table this discussion until next meeting. Attorney Laegeler asks if there is any suggestion by the council as to how to define a compact car or the size vehicle that the council wants? Alderwoman Stanbridge states she thinks by talking with the people that are parking there and asks them not to will get that to stop. Attorney Laegeler states if anyone has any suggestions, please let her know. No action taken on this item.

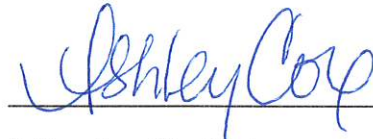
At 734pm, Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn into executive session and Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Council went into executive session.

The council returned from executive session at 759pm.

At 759pm, Alderman Wulf made the motion to adjourn the council meeting and Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Randy McClure", written over a horizontal line.

Randy McClure, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ashley Cox", written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Cox, City Clerk