

January 16, 2007

MINUTES

**TOWN OF PENNINGTON GAP
COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2007
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

7:00 P.M.

Mayor: Jimmy V. Smallwood
Council: Larry Fish
Keith Harless - Absent
Connie P. Nunley
Mike Reuille - Arrived at 7:26 p.m.
C. R. Wynn

Town Attorney: Donnie Williams
Town Manager: Tina M. Rowe
Town Clerk: Angela K. O'Dell

Pennington Gap Police
Dept.: Chief Mike Nunley
Lane Engineering: Jeff Cochran

Kingsport Times News: Walter Littrell

1. Invocation was given by Donnie Williams.
2. Donnie Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Jimmy V. Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
4. Larry Fish made a Motion to approve the Agenda with the additional of item 8A. New Grants. The Motion was seconded by C. R. Wynn with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Absent

January 16, 2007

Commission funds. She had attended a Tobacco Commission meeting today and found out that projects such as community centers, cultural arts and theaters are not top priority for funding. If the Town could incorporate education into the building use that would probably help raise the priority level.

3. Transportation Enhancement Program - see report

4. Pennington Gap Greenway - see report. A Public Hearing was set for January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. for the Leeman Field Greenway Grant application. Tina Rowe advised that the Town is applying for this grant along with the VDOT grant. If awarded both grants, the entire project could be funded.

5. Leeman Field DCR-VOF renovation grant status - see report A Motion was made by Connie P. Nunley to advertise for Greenway Public Hearing and Leeman Field DCR-VOF renovation beginning Sunday. The Motion was seconded by Larry Fish with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Absent
C. R. Wynn	Aye

6. North Kentucky St. & North Johnson St. Projects through VDH - see report

7. Telemetry - see report. Larry Fish made a Motion to authorize Mayor Smallwood to sign the Notice to Proceed. The Motion was seconded by C. R. Wynn with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

B. New water tank maintenance agreement - Tina M. Rowe asked Council's approval

to obtain bids for a maintenance contract for the new water plant. Mayor Smallwood said that someone had told him to wait 7 - 8 years before getting a maintenance agreement. Jeff Cochran said after 5 years is the optimum time for a maintenance agreement. The original warranty is only for one year, but no maintenance should be necessary in the first 5 years. Mrs. Rowe said she thinks the tower was built in 2003. Council advised to hold off on obtaining bids.

C. Water Supply Plan Meeting - Tina Rowe advised Council that she has a meeting to attend on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Center. Any Council members are welcome to attend with her.

D. Wholesale Water Contracts - Mrs. Rowe said inside the packets is a copy of a letter to be sent to Woodway Water Authority. C. R. Wynn said Woodway should be responsible for paying for their share of the new telemetry and their rates should be adjusted

January 16, 2007

if the Town is responsible for maintaining their tanks. Tina Rowe said Woodway's portion of the telemetry would be approximately \$13,000.00. She has asked them to pay for their share, but they say the Town will benefit more than them. They asked for a financial break from the Town. Larry Fish made a Motion to appoint a committee to review the wholesale contracts with members to be Donnie Williams, Tina M. Rowe, Keith Harless and Gary Garrison. C. R. Wynn seconded the Motion with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

9. Town Attorney/Treasurer Reports

A. VDOT land acquisition status - Donnie Williams advised that he is still waiting for the agreement to be sent to him.

B. Alltel Lease Optimization Program - Donnie Williams said there are 3 options to optimize the lease if the Town is interested: 1) reduce the rent rate by 40% to guarantee a 15 year lease term, 2) agree on lump sum purchase price for lease, 3) leave things the way they are (with Alltel paying same monthly lease amount). He recommends leaving things as they are currently. Mayor Smallwood and Council agreed, so no action needs to be taken.

10. Public Works/Leeman Field

A. Monthly report was distributed for review.

B. Broadband Grant - Tina Rowe advised that a meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

C. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) - Recreational Trails - Tina Rowe advised Council that there is a meeting January 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. She said TVA is also interested and will attend the meeting along with county officials, Stone Mountain ATV Club and Councilman Reuille.

D. Planning Grant for Main Street buildings - Tina M. Rowe informed Council that negotiations are in progress with Lane Engineering for engineering and architectural services and with K. W. Poore & Associates to perform management services.

E. Zoning - C. R. Wynn said the Planning Commission met last Friday. Every member of the commission agreed that zoning is needed. He directed members to review Jonesville's zoning ordinance and make any suggestions. He also advised that the by-pass map of Town is available for viewing. Mike Reuille made a Motion to re-appoint C. R. Wynn to the Planning Commission since his term has run out. The Motion was seconded by Larry Fish with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye

January 16, 2007

with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

At 8:36 p.m. Connie P. Nunley made a Motion to reconvene regular session and C. R. Wynn seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Roll call was taken to verify that nothing was discussed during closed session other than the issue stated:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

14. At 8:37 p.m., C. R. Wynn made a Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711A1 for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of employees. Larry Fish seconded the Motion with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

A Motion to reconvene regular session was made at 8:20 p.m. by C. R. Wynn. The Motion was seconded by Larry Fish with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Roll call was taken to verify that nothing was discussed during closed session other than the issue stated:

Larry Fish	Aye
------------	-----

January 16, 2007

Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Connie P. Nunley made a Motion to advertise for a sanitation crewman position and Larry Fish seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Connie P. Nunley made a Motion to reduce the Town Manager's wages to the advertised salary of \$35,000.00 beginning 1/17/2007 since the new treasurer is now trained and she will not be working in both positions. C. R. Wynn seconded the Motion with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

15. A Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Fish and seconded by C. R. Wynn. Vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Time of adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR JIMMY V. SMALLWOOD

ATTEST:

January 16, 2007

ANGELA K. O'DELL, TOWN CLERK

January 16, 2007