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MINUTES

**TOWN OF PENNINGTON GAP
COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 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
C. R. Wynn

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

Pennington Gap Police
Dept.: Acting Chief Barry Cottrell
Lane Engineering: Jeff Cochran

Powell Valley News: Louise Carver - Absent
Kingsport Times News: Walter Littrell - Absent

Citizens: None present

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. 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

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approval to approach Lane Engineering and K. W. Poore to renegotiate the contract cost. Council agreed she should do this. (See Motion in item 10.D)

- 3. Transportation Enhancement Program - Sidewalk project - see report.
- 4. Pennington Gap Greenway - see report.
- 5. Leeman Field DCR-VOF renovation grant status - see report.

C. R. Wynn made a Motion to authorize the Mayor or Town Manager to sign the Notice of Intent to Award so they can begin negotiations on the specifications to reduce the costs to the amount of funds available for the project. They were advised to poll Council with the result of negotiations so the project can move forward before the 30 day bid hold limit expires. Connie P. Nunley seconded the Motion with vote as follows:

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

- 6. North Kentucky St. & North Johnson St. projects through VDH - see report.
- 7. Telemetry - see report.

9. Town Attorney/Treasurer Reports

A. Tina M. Rowe said she would like for Donnie Williams to help deal with a bill the Town received from St. Charles Sewer. Mr. Williams stated that he talked with Greg Edwards and he feels it would be best to plan a meeting with a representative from St. Charles. Mrs. Rowe said she has tried, unsuccessfully, to set up a meeting. It was agreed that Donnie Williams, Tina Rowe and Jeff Cochran will talk with a representative before taking any action.

10. Public Works/Leeman Field/Misc

A. Monthly Report was distributed for review.

B. Broadband grant - Tina Rowe advised that she had 2 meetings with Design Nine. The main goal is to provide businesses with enough bandwidth. The cost for broadband is very significant and should be considered an infrastructure such as roads or water/sewer, but the Town will continue the study with the funding we have. Mrs. Rowe advised that citizens' bills for telecommunications will decrease. She said the next step is public education.

C. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation(DCR) - ATV/Recreational Trails Fund - Tina Rowe informed Council that there is a copy of a handout from the Trails Conference and that she met with COAC at the conference and found out they cannot start on the conceptual design until the fall. Mrs. Rowe also noted some things that she learned at the Trails Conference. Greenways are a quality of life improvement. They are also good for economic development because they attract people. She said that recreation is the

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“new” industry.

D. Planning Grant for Main Street buildings - Tina M. Rowe will check on asbestos studies for these buildings before making any decisions. C. R. Wynn made a Motion to direct Mrs. Rowe to check on the asbestos studies and if she can renegotiate the contracts with Lane Engineering and K. W. Poore & Associates to \$15, 000.00 or less, to authorize her to go ahead with this project. The Motion was seconded by Mike Reuille with vote as follows:

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

E. Zoning - Tina Rowe advised that the Zoning Committee has agreed to add a fourth zone to Jonesville’s list. Mr. Wynn said he would try to get Duane with Lenowisco to help with writing the Zoning Ordinance so something can be presented to Council in June.

F. Leeman Field Happenings/Lease Agreements - Tina Rowe informed Council that she has not been able to have Sean White sign the caretaker’s lease yet, but she will try to get that done Friday.

Mrs. Rowe said the Antique Tractor Club has found a sign to put at Leeman Field to advertise events. The cost of the sign is \$4,000.00, and the Tractor Club would like for the Town to help with the purchase. Connie P. Nunley made a Motion for the Town to donate \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of this sign. The Motion was 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

Mrs. Rowe also informed Council that she has contacted Team Impact regarding performing at the July 4th celebration. The total cost for them to come is \$2,500.00, and the First Baptist Church will donate \$1,000.00 toward this cost. Connie P. Nunley said the committee was having a hard time finding entertainment since our celebration is on the 4th (Wednesday) this year instead of on a Saturday. A Motion to approve signing the contract (Letter of Agreement) with Team Impact was made by Larry Fish and seconded by C. R. Wynn. Vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Absent
Connie P. Nunley	Aye

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

13. At 8:25 p.m., Larry Fish made a Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Va. Code Section 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. 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

A Motion to come out of closed session was made at 9:19 p.m. by C. R. Wynn and seconded by Larry Fish. 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 in closed session other than the issue stated:

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

14. Larry Fish made a Motion to adjourn. 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

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Time of adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

MAYOR JIMMY V. SMALLWOOD

ATTEST:

ANGELA K. O'DELL, TOWN CLERK

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