

## Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held on March 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Joseph Williams, Mayor, Neil Fadely, Kenneth Hackenbracht, Todd Holtzman, J. Bucky Miller, and Kay P. Whetzel, Councilmembers. Absent: Rodney Shepherd. Also present: Charles Moore, Town Manager and Judy Fultz, Clerk. Visitors present: Don Albright, Alex Hofgren, Sally Montrey, Tom Chipley, Gerald Forsburg, Steve Baker, Board of Supervisors, and several members of the Art Group.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Miller to cancel the public hearing and item #1 under New Business. They will start in the fall and will re-advertise.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Fadely	None	Councilman Shepherd
" Hackenbracht		
" Holtzman		
" Miller		
" Whetzel		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Don Albright spoke for the Art Group. The Virginia Artisans Center in Waynesboro closed its doors on March 1st. It was one of the major promoters of art in the area. There are very few active art centers. There is the Oasis in Harrisonburg, the Art Group in Mount Jackson, and one in Woodstock. The Art Group has been here for 10 years and is run by volunteers. They have live music the first Friday of each month. They have sold about \$100,000 of art for local artists. Northwestern Community Services had an art therapy class for at risk children. They had to give it up due to the economy. The Art Group took over the class. They rented a space behind their building that is used for free art classes. They are in the process of talking to Response about helping out with at risk adults. He feels they are an important group. He is asking the Town Council if they will support the Art Group by talking about them, visiting them, and if they could come up with \$200.00 a month as a contribution.

Mayor Williams stated he feels the Art Group is an asset to the community. The request will be referred to Rod Shepherd and the Finance Committee for consideration. The Town can put an article in the Town Newsletter about the Art Group.

Sally Montrey, representative from the Chamber of Commerce, reported the Business Expo will be held March 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the community center cafeteria. The Chamber golf tournament will be a Shenandoah County chamber challenge. They are asking the Towns to put their mayors in the tournament. The chamber banquet will possibly be a casino night.

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Town Manager Moore reported the Town is hosting the Town & County dinner meeting on April 1st. The TEA 21 grant funded the office building and site. The final piece of the grant is the park renovation. The bids are in different categories. VDOT has not approved all the phases. Mr. Albright was on the committee that designed the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Whetzel, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported Johnny Raines is back to work. Jerry Weaver is back on light duty but needs surgery.

Councilman Hackenbracht, Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee, reported the opening of bids for the new well will be in about two weeks.

Councilman Miller, Chairman of the Public Properties Committee, reported he has received a proposal from the Rescue and Fire. There is a group that would like to have a carnival in the Town.

Councilman Miller has discussed the volleyball court being used for T-ball. Town Manager Moore reported the demolition of the volleyball court has been completed.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Holtzman to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2009 Meeting, and 2- Freedom Outreach and Worship Center - Shenandoah Valley Teen Challenge - Special Use Permit - Church in R-1 Residential Zone - 6043 Broad St. TABLE UNTIL April 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Fadely	None	Councilman Shepherd
" Hackenbracht		
" Holtzman		
" Miller		
" Whetzel		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore explained R-02-2009. There have been four studies done. The last was the Northwest quadrant. This resolution is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include these studies in the Comprehensive Plan. The first priority is existing Town and Annex Area A, the second priority is Caverns Road, third priority is Northern and Western Area, and fourth is Red Banks Road Area. One citizen asked that the ratings for two items in the Appendices be changed. He wanted to reflect that the agriculture conflict and property owner sentiment was lower than listed in the draft resolution. Both items

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would be lowered from "FAIR" TO "POOR". This would lower the points in the total, but would NOT change the order of priority given to applications received from land owners in each area. Since there is no change in the final result, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the change to Poor in both categories. Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Hackenbracht to approve resolution R-02-2009 with change.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Fadely	None	Councilman Shepherd
" Hackenbracht		
" Holtzman		
" Miller		
" Whetzel		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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CLERK

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MAYOR