

Public Hearings

Two public hearings were held by the Mt. Jackson Town Council on December 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The first hearing was to receive comments on O-27-01 Amendment to Town Code Sec. 54-80 Senior Citizen Tax Relief. Town Manager Moore presented the amendment which was adopted from the County formula. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was adjourned. The second hearing was to receive comments on O-28-01 Proposed Annexation of Area "A". Town Manager Moore presented the agenda item in accordance with the agreement adopted by the County. The Town is proposing to annex the Blue Area "A" with the attachments describing the metes and bounds for the 1275 acres. We ran the public hearing ad for three weeks. The zoning will remain the same as in the County. The Planning Commission will need to work on the new Comprehensive Plan. Any farmland will be given land use. The area being annexed is pretty much the area already served by Town water and sewer. The Mayor asked for any comments on the annexation. Gary Lantz asked about extending the water and sewer lines. He was advised if it is economically feasible, they will be extended. At this time, 95% of the area is served by Town water and sewer. If a building exists, they will not have to hook on. New construction will be required to hook on. The tap fees are water - \$1000.00 and sewer -\$1500.00. The minimum water, sewer, and trash bill is \$23.37. Gary Lantz asked about the yellow area being annexed. He was advised the yellow area would not be annexed unless the property owner wanted to be annexed. Martha Lantz stated the property owners were never notified about the annexation. Town Manager Moore stated the Town was following the State Code provisions to the letter. Gary Lantz asked about the rescue service. He was advised the rescue service was not affected by the annexation. The Town will increase by 150%. The sewer capacity will be increased by hooking up to the Aileen plant. The water capacity will be increased by several times the number of customers. The public hearing was closed.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mt. Jackson Town Council was held on December 11, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The Mayor asked for the roll call. Present: Joseph Williams, Mayor, Gene Bodkin, Todd Holtzman, Michael Koontz, Rodney Shepherd, and George Whiting, Councilmen. Absent: Kay P. Whetzel. Also present: Doug Arthur, Town Attorney, Charles Moore, Town Manager, and Judy Fultz, Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Gordon Bowman II, John Flower, Gary & Martha Lantz, Chris Moore, Dick Neese, and Richard Tibbetts.

Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilman Bodkin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2001 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated he wanted to thank Councilman Bodkin, Councilman Koontz, Councilman Shepherd, and Town Manager Moore for all the work they have done on the annexation. He commented on the cooperation between the Council and the County during this process.

Town Manager Moore advised the Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled their Christmas parade for December 15, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Manager Moore advised the VML/VACO meeting will be January 31, 2002.

Councilman Bodkin stated Beverly Fleming worked really hard on the annexation and sewer agreement. The Town did not want annexation just to get the land and the taxes.

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Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilman Holtzman to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- O-01-2002 Amending Floodplain Regulations – Intro, Set Joint Public Hearing 2/6/02 at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Bill Young from Shentel Cable gave a presentation on cable changes and the new channels that are in effect. The VH1 Channel is missing. Mr. Young stated they needed to consider the cost of carrying channels when they make a decision on which ones to carry.

Motion by Councilman Shepherd and seconded by Councilman Koontz to approve O-27-01 Amendment to Town Code Sec. 54-80 Senior Citizen Tax Relief.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilman Holtzman to approve R-34-2001 Approving Final Wording of Annexation Agreement and Incorporating Provisions Re: Floodplain Regulations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Holtzman and seconded by Councilman Koontz to approve O-28-01 Annexing Areas Designated as Area “A” on Annexation Map, effective December 31, 2001.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore reported the Commission on Local Government has approved the annexation. 95% of the annexed area is already served by Town water and sewer.

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Motion by Councilman Holtzman and seconded by Councilman Koontz to approve R-33-01 Approving Supplemental Agreement to Town/County Water/Sewer Agreement. The new plant will be operated by an authority. We need to look at a bond authority. Wharton, Aldhizer, & Weaver have drafted a revised agreement to be bond eligible. We hope to be eligible for a grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to approve the Audit for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/01. Mayor Williams thanked the Finance Committee and the employees for the condition of the Town. We ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$1,500,000.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to go into closed session under State Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. The Council went into closed session at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to return to the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Bodkin	None	Councilmember Whetzel
“ Holtzman		
“ Koontz		
“ Shepherd		
“ Whiting		

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried.

Whereas, the Mt. Jackson Town Council convened a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Mt. Jackson Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Mt. Jackson Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Mt. Jackson Town Council.

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Vote: Bodkin So Certify
Holtzman “ “
Koontz “ “
Shepherd “ “
Whiting “ “
Williams “ “

Ayes – 6, Nays – None, Absent – 1.

Rick Hassler introduced Derek Good, new patrolman, to the Council.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Holtzman to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

CLERK

MAYOR