

## Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mt. Jackson Town Council was held on December 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 5901 Main Street. Present were: Joseph Williams, Mayor, Kenneth Hackenbracht, Todd Holtzman, Michael Koontz, J. Bucky Miller, Rodney Shepherd, and Kay P. Whetzel, Councilmembers. Also present: Charles Moore, Town Manager and Judy Fultz, Clerk. Visitors present: Randy Lonas and Sam Bohus.

Mayor Williams read a letter written by Chief of Police Rick Hassler. At approximately 0634 hours on 11/23/07, Town Maintenance Department supervisor Randy Lonas contacted me via the Town radio system that there was a structure fire at the Harlow residence located at 5735 Main Street. I immediately notified the communications center of the fire and requested Fire and Rescue units to be dispatched and responded to the scene myself. Prior to my arrival on the scene, Randy had already made entry into the residence and was alerting the occupants that there was a fire and that they needed to leave the residence. To my knowledge, the occupants of the residence were unaware of the fire until Randy's entry and notification. There were a total of eight (8) occupants in the residence at that time with three (3) being on the ground floor and five (5) on the second floor. Upon my arrival, the entire southern wall of the second floor was engulfed in flames with heavy smoke pouring out of the second floor windows. Randy and I both made an attempt to gain access to the second floor to get to the upstairs occupants, but we were turned back due to the entire stairway being engulfed in flames and the intense heat from the fire. Randy and I exited the structure and went to the south side of the residence where we began evacuating four (4) of the occupants through a window onto a porch roof. We were then advised that the fifth occupant was still inside the residence and was not able to get out. At about this time, fire personnel from the Mt. Jackson Fire & Rescue Department arrived on the scene. With the aid of a ladder from the fire truck, Randy and Assistant Fire Chief Sam Bohus got onto the porch roof but the heavy smoke coming out of the windows forced them both back and they could not gain access to the fifth occupant. Bohus was then able to get a self-contained breathing apparatus on and made entry into the residence where he located the unconscious victim, brought him to the window, where Randy helped him through and onto the porch. The still unconscious victim was treated by medical personnel for smoke inhalation and then transported via helicopter to the University of Virginia Hospital for treatment. There were no other serious injuries to any of the occupants of the residence. I bring this to your attention because I feel that the quick thinking and heroic actions of town employee Randy Lonas saved the lives of the occupants of that residence. The actions of Assistant Fire Chief Sam Bohus were just as heroic by his entry into the structure to locate the remaining victim. The rapid response and professional work of the fire & rescue personnel were absolutely fantastic. I don't know what form of commendation the Town has to award to an employee for heroism, but Randy Lonas deserves such a commendation. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Randy saved many lives at this very serious fire scene. He has my highest praise and admiration for his actions in this incident.

Mayor Williams presented a plaque to Randy Lonas commending him for his actions.

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Councilman Hackenbracht presented a plaque to Sam Bohus commending him for his actions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Shepherd, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated everything is in good order. We wrote our first million dollar check. The money comes in with our reimbursement requests as the money goes out with the requests for payment for the construction.

Councilman Holtzman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee reported the auxiliary has provided additional enforcement. Our grant for additional traffic enforcement continues until the end of the year.

Councilman Hackenbracht, Chairman of the Public Services Committee, reported everything is on schedule with the two contracts.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Miller to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2007 Meeting, 2- Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2007 Special Meeting, and 3- Approval of Change Order Number 1 - Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$41,125.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Miller to approve the Special Use Permit for Zero Lot Line Houses per O-12-2007 for AMB Builders/Old Hickory Subdivision, Jackson Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel\		

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6 AYE, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore reported the Chamber of Commerce has purchased two benches for the new town center park. The designs are consistent with the apple theme and the railroad theme. Motion by Councilman Miller and second by Councilman Holtzman to accept the designs of the benches.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd reported we have received the full audit report. Copies of certain sections were included with the agenda. A complete copy will be delivered to each councilmember. Motion by Councilman Shepherd and second by Councilman Hackenbracht to approve and accept the audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Miller that the Council of the Town of Mt. Jackson convene a closed meeting at 7:45 p.m. under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act under Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7) in order to discuss legal matters involving actual or probable litigation with legal counsel, staff or consultants where such consultation in the open session would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town of Mt. Jackson.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Miller and second by Councilman Hackenbracht to return to the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whetzel and second by Councilman Koontz that the Council of the Town of Mt. Jackson hereby certifies, by roll call vote, that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were considered by the Council of the Town of Mt. Jackson.

Vote: Hackenbracht	So Certify	
Holtzman	"	"
Koontz	"	"
Miller	"	"
Shepherd	"	"
Whetzel	"	"
Williams	"	"

Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Absent - 0.

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

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