

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mt. Jackson Town Council was held on December 13, 2005 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: Gale, Isolda and Dakota Netz and Charles Dodge.

Town Manager Moore added to agenda Presentation from Mr. Netz.

Gale Netz stated his National Guard Unit was called to active duty, and he was sent to Afghanistan. He took a Town of Mt. Jackson flag to fly over Afghanistan. He was not able to fly it because the two times he planned on flying it -matching the same days as annual festivals held in Mt. Jackson- he was home because of a death in the family. He brought an American flag with him that was flown on Sept. 11, 2004 at his base, each one spending nine minutes and 11 seconds in the air. He presented the Town of Mt. Jackson with a framed print from Afghanistan. It is a piece sketched by Seattle artist James Dietz that shows multiple operations soldiers undertook, such as patrol through a village and aerial support. He stated its patriotic to have an employee of your town over there and still not have them forgotten about. The print he bought was the 477th print, which indicates the phone prefix for the Mt. Jackson area. Town Manager Moore and Adm. Assistant Mary Embrey were in weekly e-mail contact with him. He also presented Town Manager Moore a plaque for employer support.

Town Manager Moore reported when Gale left for active duty things were getting desperate. He contacted Gale through e-mail and he carried us through. We had three DEQ violations.

Mayor Williams stated this is the end of the year and he thanks Kay Whetzel for filling in for him during his absence. He also thanks the citizens, the Planning Commission, and the Council for all the work they have done. He stated a citizen has asked him to present a few of his views to the Council. He suggests the Planning Commission members be elected and the zoning laws should be reviewed. The Mayor met a handicapped individual who was in the Visitor Center and he made a comment about the sidewalks from here to the funeral home do not have a handicap ramp.

Councilman Koontz came into the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Town Manager Moore suggested the Council consider changing the name of the Industrial Development Authority to the Economic Development Authority of Mount Jackson. He will ask Carolyn Perry to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Councilman Shepherd reported the Finance committee will plan to meet on Thursday morning weather permitting.

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Councilmember Whetzel reported Kathy Coffelt, who was part-time in the office, has resigned due to health problems. We are advertising for the position.

Councilman Hackenbracht reported the engineers have prepared the final design of the sewer plant. The market is hot for builders and suppliers. The sewer plant permit has arrived with the capacity of 700,000 gallons.

Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilmember Whetzel to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2005 Meeting, 2- Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report, and 3- Resolution R-24-05 Ratifying Town Manager's emergency purchase of four composite samplers to urgent sewer plant inflow data issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Hackenbracht and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve Ordinance O-17-2005 to amend Section 66-333, Minimum Offstreet Parking, of the Town Code to add a new Section 66-333 (d)- Landscaping and Buffering Requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Hackenbrach	None	None
" Holtzman		
" Koontz		
" Miller		
" Shepherd		
" Whetzel		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore reported a public hearing was held on Resolution R-25-2005. Motion by Councilman Shepherd and seconded by Councilmember Whetzel to approve Resolution R-25-2005 Approving the Issuance of Industrial Development Authority bonds with no obligation to the Town or Mount Jackson IDA in support of a project known as YMCA of Portsmouth. The City of Portsmouth is considering the bond. The applicant paid a \$4000. application fee.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6 AYE, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore reported the IDA has voted to replace all the signs in the industrial park.

Charles Dodge reported the Scouts are having a flag retiring ceremony this Friday. They are setting up the luminaries.

Charles Dodge asked about using the gymnasium at the fire department for the little league. They would like to set up batting cages. A lot of the framework for the haunted house is nailed to the floor. The little league would help break it down. The matter was referred to the Public Properties & Facilities Committee. This committee will need to meet with the fire department.

Motion by Councilman Shepherd and seconded by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

CLERK

MAYOR