

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mt. Jackson Town Council was held on March 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 5901 Main Street.

Present were: Joseph Williams, Mayor, Kenneth Hackenbracht, Michael Koontz, Rodney Shepherd, and George Whiting, Councilmen. Absent: Todd Holtzman and Kay P. Whetzel. Also present: Charles Moore, Town Manager, Judy Fultz, Clerk. Visitors present: Bucky & Kim Miller, Stacey Zirkle, and James Wolfe.

The presentation of flag ceremony was held by the Mt. Jackson Girl Scouts.

Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilman Whiting to add #3 Purchase of Sound System to the agenda under new business.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Hackenbracht to add closed session at the end of the agenda. There is a new business planning to move to Mt. Jackson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 ABSENT, motion carried.

Bucky Miller stated he was here to observe a council meeting.

Mayor Williams stated he will appoint a committee to work on the Veterans Memorial Park at the location of the old town office. He stated Saturday was a great day for artist John Paul Strain. There were approximately 300 people here for the unveiling of his new print. He donated a print to the Town.

Town Manager Moore reported the town and county dinner meeting is April 7th at Toms Brook.

Councilman Whiting stated the finance committee is still working on the budget. The State is cutting off things that the Town uses as revenue such as cigarette tax. We have been able to hold the line on taxes and reduce the cost of auto stickers. He stated he commends the town employees on saving money. Our town employees did most of the demolition of the old building. They separated the debris before taking it to the landfill to reduce the cost.

Councilman Shepherd stated the ordinance is in the consent agenda. It is good to have a polling place for Town elections in the new building. The May election will be in the Methodist Church. We hope to have the presidential election in November in the new building.

Town Manager Moore asked the Council to check their calendars for a personnel committee meeting in the next several weeks. The meeting will be March 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Williams suggested taking time to ride along with the police officers. The auxiliary police force was here Saturday.

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Councilman Hackenbracht reported the North Fork Regional Sanitation Authority met February 17th to review the proposal from R. Stuart Royer & Associates. Not all of the costs of the old Aileen plant was included. They will have a meeting on April 15th to compare the two costs and will possibly make a choice.

Councilman Whiting stated Gale Netz has been called to active duty. He will carry a lap top with him.

Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2004 meeting, 2- Acceptance of Treasurer's Report, 3- Ordinance O-01-2004 Adopting State Motor Vehicle Laws as Part of Town Code-Set Public Hearing for April 13, 2004, 4- Ordinance O-02-2004-Establishing Polling Places for Town Elections-Set Public Hearing for April 13, 2004, 5- Wolfe Property Rezoning, AMENDED,-Set Joint Public Hearing for April 5, 2004, 6- Wolfe Property Three-Lot Subdivision, AMENDED,-Set Joint Public Hearing for April 5, 2004, And 7- Holtzman Warehouse-Nelson St. Special Use Permit-Set Joint Public Hearing for April 5, 2004.

Councilman Koontz reported the Mayor will appoint a committee to work on the memorial park. We hope to have it finished when Gale Netz returns.

Town Manager Moore reported he had attended a CDBG seminar, and they indicated we could apply for more grant money. They have expanded their projects and have identified overhead lighting as blight. We need to apply by sending a letter. There is no housing in these grants. Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to prepare and send a letter.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 ABSENT, motion carried.

Town Manager Moore reported we received two proposals for a sound system. One was for \$9800 and the other one was \$7500. Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to accept the low bid of \$7500.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 ABSENT, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Koontz and seconded by Councilman Hackenbracht to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. under State Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 ABSENT, motion carried.

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Motion by Councilman Whiting and seconded by Councilman Koontz to return to the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4 AYE, 2 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.

Vote: Hackenbracht	So Certify
Koontz	“ “
Shepherd	“ “
Whiting	“ “
Williams	“ “

Ayes – 5, Nays – None, Absent – 2.

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

CLERK

MAYOR