

Council Meeting

July 8, 2019

7:00 p.m.

The council meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members Dias, Smith and DeBenedictis present with Mayor Letterman presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Chief Carl Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Marvin Pedigo, Jadasa deLeon, Nigel Scott, and David Derrick were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Letterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge to the Flag** – Mr. Letterman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to accept the Street Committee Meeting minutes from 06/05/19, the Council Meeting minutes from 06/10/19, and the Street Committee Meeting minutes from 06/19/19 in written form. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Letterman stated that Councilman Carrow was excused from the meeting due to work.

4. **Approval of Income and Expense Report** –

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Income and Expense Report. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Communications** – Ms. DeBenedictis read a letter dated 07/08/19 from David Letterman resigning from Town Council. His last day will be 07/31/19.
6. **Report of the Chief of Police** – Mr. Hutson stated there were 249 service calls, 117 traffic arrests, and 3 traffic accidents for the month of June. Lt. Scott gave a safety talk at Byrd’s AME Church on 6/1. Chief Hutson spoke at the Providence Creek Academy’s graduation on 6/6. Chief Hutson, Lt. Scott, and Lt. Rau attended Leadership Training at Smyrna PD. Many officers provided security for Firefly on 6/21 – 6/23. Chief Hutson, Lt. Scott, and Lt. Rau attended the Police Security Expo in Atlantic City, NJ on 6/25. Chief Hutson wanted to thank the 4th of July committee. Mr. Letterman stated they also relayed their heartfelt thanks. They wanted to thank the Public Works and Public Safety departments.
7. **Report of the Town Foreman** – Mr. Hurlock stated there is a yard waste issue. They are having issues with tree branch pick up. Mr. Hurlock stated chipping is labor intensive. They are only supposed to pick up “normal” clippings per the Town Ordinance. They are going to start sticking to the Town Ordinance. Also residents are bagging grass. Mr. Smith stated isn’t it supposed to be loose in the can. Mr. Hurlock stated yes. There can be 200 cans at times. Mr. Smith said

come to Council with solutions. Mr. Letterman stated we cannot write an ordinance where everyone gets the same interpretation.

8. Report of the Town Solicitor – Mr. Chambers had no report.

9. Report from Inspections/Enforcement – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

10. Reports from Members of Council

a. Report from Electric Committee – Ms. DeBenedictis stated AUI is here. They are starting the conversion from 4k to 25Kv. Mr. Letterman asked how far they are into it. Mr. Hurlock stated not far. They are waiting on Del DOT permits. Mr. Hurlock stated we have had a few underground faults due to age.

b. Report from Street Committee – Mr. Smith had no report.

c. Report from Water & Sewer Committee – Mr. Dias had no report.

d. Report from Equipment Committee – Mr. Smith had no report.

e. Report from Personnel Committee – Mr. Letterman had no report.

f. Report from Public Safety Committee – Mr. Dias had no report.

g. Report from Budget Committee – Mr. Smith stated we will have a mid-year meeting and a review for the 2020 budget in early August.

h. Report from Economic Development Committee – Mr. Letterman had no report.

i. Report from DEMEC – Ms. DeBenedictis had no report.

j. Report from Board of Adjustments – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

k. Report from Planning & Zoning Committee – Mr. Hurlock stated we are moving forward with the comp rezoning. Public Hearing scheduled for 7/24 at 6:30 and a P&Z Meeting is scheduled for 7/24 at 7:00.

l. Appeals Board – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

Ms. DeBenedictis stated the Downtown Development Committee will be recommending four applications to the Governor. The Town of Clayton was recommended. We should know an answer in the next couple of weeks. The Downtown Development is an area of the town mapped out as the business district. The state gives money – it is a rebate program. There is a building in town that is need of desperate repair.

11. Public Forum –

David Derrick – Stated he moved here in December. It is a great place. He was made to feel very welcome. He lives at 405 Main Street. At 403 Main Street it smells like raw sewage by the driveway. Also the alley by Fingertip Fantasies – there is debris everywhere. He is asking if anything could be done. Mr. Letterman stated this is the Public Forum. He will pass along to the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Derrick also stated many UPS and Fed Ex trucks are going to Hanover. Trucks (18-wheelers) are coming down Main Street at a high rate of speed. The police do a good job, but he is wondering if they can do anything.

Nigel Scott – There is an issue with speeding in Providence Crossing on Coldwater Drive. Mr. Letterman stated there was a discussion earlier this evening and it is being worked on.

12. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

13. New Business – No new business

Adjournment

Mr. Dias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey