

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on September 11, 2018 at 7:30pm with the following present:

Mayor: Jannis White
Town Manager: Tim Taylor
Town Clerk: Connie Allen
Council Members: Mary Ann Strong, Doug Ratliff, Larry Johnson, Vickie England, Rod Cury
Council Members Absent: Rick Wood
Town Attorney : Brad Ratliff

Mayor White opened the meeting.

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor White – Do we have any additions/deletions to the agenda?

Mayor White - Do we have anyone who would like to speak that is not on the agenda?

Mayor White – Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as presented? Rod made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, Vickie seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mayor White – We have one (1) set of minutes, August 14. Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

Mary Ann- I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Doug seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries - 5/0.

Mayor White - “Proposed Richlands High School Lighting Project – David Lamie”

David – Thank you Mayor White and Council Members. (Handed out presentation) I come before you on behalf of Tazewell County Public Schools and Richlands High School. We have applied for a Baseball grant, funding for lighting on the softball field. I am not asking for any money. The guideline for the grant is a 50/50 match. The lights we are looking at are around \$39,000. The lights will be manufactured and delivered to the sight. We need some funds to run the conduit and power to each pole. Most lights

consist of four (4) poles and four (4) bulbs on each pole. Lasko designed everything. They are pretested, and the engineering is done upfront, we just need for you to put the lights in. I come to you today to ask for permission to use the expertise of the Town. I have already talked to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Blankenship. We would like to use your services to install the lights. We can use as an in-kind match. We do have a cash match of around \$15,000. An individual has already given us \$5000, the schools \$5000 and some individuals will give us another \$5000. We have the cash match already. We just want to use your services to install the lights for us, by sitting the poles and running the power to each pole. We already have a shortage of ball fields in the Town. When the time changes, it is hard to practice.

Doug - I don't see a problem with it.

Rod – I appreciate your presentation and what you are trying to do. I agree, and I am for it. You are only seeking the Town's expertise as an in-kind match. I think it is appropriate. It offers us an opportunity to work with our school system and all the students who benefit from it. I think it is very positive and I am supportive.

Dave - The grant we are applying for they give special consideration when you have more organizations involved, especially Towns and Counties. The deadline for applying is October 1. The only thing I need from you guys tonight is a letter of confirmation that you are willing to do it. We need to complete our package. We won't know until January 2019 if we are approved. We would receive the funds in February 2019. We would start sometime in February after we get the funds. Once we are approved, I can see the lights up before the season starts.

Mayor White – We will need a motion. What are you specifically asking for?

Dave - We will need the Town to unload and install the lights for us.

Doug - I make the motion that we unload and install the lights. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mary Ann - I would like to make a comment. It would be exciting to be able to have night games. People who work cannot get to the field during the day. It will bring more people out. When we get the new soccer, field complete it will bring out the 8th grade, J.V. and Varsity. It would be utilized. It is a beautiful facility and we should be proud of it. This just finishes it.

Mayor White - Tim, does he need to give you specifics of what needs to go in the letter?

Tim - We can work out the details. We are clear on what needs to be in the letter.

Mayor White – “VDOT Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Matthew Taylor”

Matthew – We currently have a \$2.2 million project involving a bridge structure construction in Hill Creek. The project began on July 12 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2019. The contractor has requested permission to work day and night shift. We set up a meeting with your Town Manager, Mr. Taylor and we discussed the specifics with the contractor. We have made him aware of the noise ordinances that you have in the Town since it is in the Town Limits. The night time work would consist of the following type events, demolition of concrete, loading of the concrete in the trucks, there will be jack hammering work breaking down the tier caps on the bridge, there will be equipment running thru the night and you will have night lights which will be very bright. The advantage of working day and night the contractor can complete the project quicker if weather permits. Mr. Taylor asked that we bring before the Board the request for the contractor to work day/night shift. If you have any questions on the bridge project I will be glad to answer.

Mayor White - How much time will you save by working day/night shift?

Matthew - Weather is always going to be a factor. If we have a reasonable winter I can see six (6) to eight (8) weeks being knocked off. It could possibly be complete by the middle of April.

Tim – I discussed with the contractor. If the weather is good, it should shorten the time.

Matthew - He said around six (6) weeks, day/night shift between now and the next four (4) months. Schedule shows Phase One bridge deck would be placed mid-November. Phase Two would be complete between Christmas and New Year's, possibly January 2019 to be on the safe side.

Mayor White - I spoke with a few of the residents and explained to them to the best of my ability of what would happen if you worked a 24-hr. shift. They were happy, hoping you would get out quicker. I think they would be appreciative if you could move the project along quicker.

Matthew - The contractor made an effort to speak to some of the locals in that area. They have made everyone aware of the day/night shifts. We just need to discuss the noise ordinances and the contractor's request to work day/night shift. They have already tried it for one (1) week. I am only aware of one (1) compliant.

Mayor White - We need a motion to allow VDOT to work day/night shift on the Hill Creek Bridge Project.

Rod - I make the motion to allow VDOT Bridge Rehabilitation Project to be speeded up by working day/night shift and wave the noise ordinance as related to the project. Vickie seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Matthew – Tim, I will get with you tomorrow and make it official for the contract.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" - William Charlie Brown – No Show

Mayor White – No "Unscheduled Public Comments "

Mayor White - "Council Member Reports" – Rod Cury

Rod – The last Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled the first Tuesday in October at 7:30pm. I had a few concerns but have already relayed to the Town Manager to take care of. I would like to make everyone aware of the dedication for the Section House. Norfolk Southern & Norfolk Western Railroad Section Foreman House in Richlands is going to be Saturday, October 13. The festivities will start at 9:30am and conclude approximately 2:00pm. The public is invited to celebrate this special occasion; it has been a long project. It has taken eight (8) years from the time the idea came about to save it, to get the grant and execute the grant. It was not an easy grant to do, but we did it. I am proud of the Town and the Committee who stood behind this so diligently. I am very pleased and proud of the Town of Richlands, Manager, Staff and the Council for what they have done. I am very grateful. I would like to tell you a few things that we are going to be doing at the dedication. It is a non-political day, no political speakers. We don't want it to be about that we want it to be about the people. You can come and enjoy the house, grounds and the mural. One of the activities that has been planned is to have a train that day. Adrienne has made every effort to acquire a Heritage Train. Most likely we will have a Heritage Train but could be Commemorative Train nevertheless they are painted, and they are pretty. It will be a big draw for the event. We will have food for everyone, not sure of the menu, probably brunch/snacks. We will have coffee, water and juice. Ellen Elmes painted the mural which was funded thru the General Commission of the Arts. We will do a program that day on "The Mural Speaks". The people in the mural are real people. There will be people there represented in the mural, they will tell their story. We will have a special stamp cancellation day. The U.S. Postal Service is going to be on site, on their own time to post stamps, post cards to be mailed on the special occasion. If you want to bring a card or a letter for stamp cancellation, please do so. We hope to have some cards for sale that day, will be supportive of the project. Stamp cancellation is only done on special occasions. We will be having a kiddie ride; a Choo-choo train for children. It will be set up at the parking lot beside of the Richlands Post Office. We will have entertainment for younger children along with touring the house the grounds and getting a lot of history and welcoming people to Richlands. It is a multi-purpose house and we have stories to tell about it. I also want to thank the Virginia State Library System, Tazewell County Public Library and the Richlands Branch, they are all connected. They will be doing book readings for children during that time at the public library. We want this to be a family occasion and we are excited, there is more but I won't take all Council up with it. The members of the committee are very excited. Hope everyone attends the event I think you will really enjoy it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of the committee. I appreciate your time and support.

I have been in touch with W. T. Hedrick; he called me late this afternoon. He will be there for the striking of the spikes. He will be representing Norfolk/Southern, he is our local man. We are going to have a ceremony of the striking of the spikes. He said why not do it like Transcontinental Railroad. He will bring five (5) or six (6) railroad ties and two (2) rails and putting them there, we will predrill, so it will be easier, we probably won't be having golden spikes but if anyone has spray paint we can make it look real nice.

Rod - Recently I was picking up my medicine at the Pharmacy and one of the Pharmacy Techs made a comment. Mr. Cury, I want you to know what the Town of Richlands has done. You have taken a Town eyesore and made it into a Town treasure. That made my heart sing and I hope it makes everyone else feel the same way. Thank you.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Vickie England

Vickie – One important fact about the Lake Park Project, I was not at the meeting when it was said that I would get in contact with Mark. That was right after my heart attack. I was not told to get in touch with him, but I did have a lengthy discussion with him the other day. His wife did pass away. The dedication for the Lake Park Playground will be in November instead of October. There are a few things we have to work thru with the equipment, getting transferred from one location to another. He feels it will give him another month to heal. We also need to get in touch with Mr. Robinson's family as well and get the signage taken care of. I really want to mention how much Larry Johnson did last Saturday in getting the trash picked up in our community. Larry that was such a big task and you did so much to get this organized. Thank you so much for your incentive and your caring for our Town. Mr. Ratliff, I need to apologize, last Town Council Meeting a gentleman made a comment and I responded in a way that was probably out of my league or my way. Since I am a realtor sometimes I stick my foot in my mouth if I know things. I am sorry if I offended you in any way whatsoever.

Rod - Do you have a date for that?

Vickie – I don't have a calendar with me, it would be the next Town Council meeting in November.

Mary Ann - It would be November 13.

Rod – So it will be that day?

Vickie – Yes, that will give us time to take care of some issues.

Mary Ann - They plan to come here that night.

Vickie – Yes, they will come that night, the children and Mark.

Mary Ann - I will take the responsibility of contacting Dr. J.A. Robinson and the family. They donated the property; they obviously need to be included.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug – I just have two (2) things. I need an update on the gas meeting.

Tim - I have not had a chance to get that established. He was pretty open later on in the year. Should be able to get a date in October, I will get to you prior to the Council Meeting.

Doug – Another is Urban Planning, we were supposed to have a meeting.

Tim – Community Planning Partners, I can get a meeting set up with them if Council is OK with that. I will try to get it scheduled.

Doug - I would like to have a “Closed Session” meeting on possible litigation and an employee matter.

Brad – 2.23711(a1) Personnel and 2.23711(a7) Litigation

Mayor White - We will go into “Closed Session” after all the reports.

Mayor White - “Council Member Reports” – Larry Johnson

Larry - First of all I appreciate the compliment Vickie, but I worked until 3:00pm that day, there were a lot of people that did a lot more work than I did. I really appreciate the Town Workers, Mr. Taylor and the Staff organizing and having everyone out. They collected five (5) trash trucks, which ends up being 100 compact tons of garbage. That is pretty amazing for one (1) day. Logan Plaster set up the Facebook Page while we were talking to Mr. Edgell about it, by the time we were finished that night he had everything set up. I appreciate everyone’s help and I think it is awesome. We will probably do twice a year, in the Spring and in the Fall. I could see the difference when I drove thru Town. I saw different areas that had not been mowed in a long time being mowed. It was great.

Larry - I am on the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee. Everyone knows they have been working on the spearhead trails and they are coming this way. Hopefully, it is sooner than later. In being proactive I would like to ask that we take a step to be ready. When it is here we can take full advantage. I would like for us to go ahead and develop an Ordinance to create an ATV route within Town. They called them ATV friendly Towns, does not included the whole Town. Don’t think someone is going to be driving a razor by your house at 3:00am in the morning. You would have specific routes that are friendly to the Town and to the businesses. Helps promote the trail systems and the businesses. Everything from restaurants, car washes and museums all would be incorporated and draw traffic. The way it is being presented Richlands will be the largest municipals within 500 miles of trail. We would be the hub of the whole thing.

Larry - I would like to make a motion that we give Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ratliff our Attorney permission to go ahead and work with VDOT to develop a plan and an Ordinance to allow ATV Route. That way we will have plenty of time for Council to review the route to make sure we don't have any concerns, and have the concerns addressed before it is too late in order to take advantage of it. Doug seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Larry – Last month on the 22nd I had the opportunity to go to the dedication of the OP Trail in Boissevain. If you have never been to Boissevain or Pocahontas they are taking full advantage of what the trails has to offer. I have not been there in years, matter of fact, we use to use the area to have police activities where the cabins are now. They have turned a Miner's Memorial Park into a good establishment. They rent ATV's; they have cabins for people to stay in. I was talking to one of the guys this morning. They said they were staying full until the hurricane caused cancellations. I hope we can see this in Town. While we were over there for the Skewes Family dedication Fred and some of the members of the Rec Commission were there. Fred can you come up and talk about the grant?

Fred - They ordered us a \$20,000 grant, I ask for \$60,000 but they give us \$20,000 for the new weight room. They told me to buy what we could with the \$20,000. Me and Dorton are going to North Carolina to get three (3) pieces of the cardio, flooring and weight machines. That does not sound like very much but is very expensive. They said to take pictures of what we purchased, and they would give us the \$40,000 in December. They said they would help the Rec Department annually as long as they could. LaRhonda and Larry went with us; they were very pleased to see the renovations we made at the Rec Park.

Larry - The Skewes family is from this area, they are able to help with things at the Rec Park. They focus on things in this area; I think they will help with the Rec Park anytime that they can.

Mayor White - "Council Member Reports" – Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – I would like to say a little bit more about the grant that we received. I really appreciate Fred, Jessica Reynolds, Frank Dorton, LaRhonda and Larry for going. I had planned to go but something came up unexpectedly at work, so I was unable to attend. I am super excited about it and even more, so they are going to continue to give us money. We were very well represented. Larry, I appreciate you going on behalf of the Council. Everything I have tonight is positive. The Rec Park continues to have events and have been very well attended. They had a night swim after the first home football game. The Richlands Young Life had their first club meeting of the year this past Monday night and planned meetings all the way up to Christmas. Fred, I appreciate everyone welcoming the Young Life Program. I have a letter that I would like to read briefly. I mentioned last month that the CVMC had their annual employee picnic at the Rec. Park. They used to have the picnic years ago at the Rec Park but stopped

probably due to the condition of the Park. I told you last month how the employees and Peter Mulkey complimented the Rec Park. (Read letter from Legacy Hospice Recreation Commission) Thanked the Rec Park for letting them have their annual picnic on August 28. They were very impressed with the Rec Park employees and the upgrades. That is two (2) of our local organizations that have enjoyed annual employee's events at the Rec. Park. We had our Rec Commission meeting on September 17. We did have an issue. We had a large crowd that night. The issue was about the use of the field for softball practice. I am really proud that we got everything worked out very calmly. A lot of conversation and participation but teams left that night very happy. I appreciate Mr. Taylor attending as well. We will meet again on Sept. 20 at the Rec Park at 7:30. Ronnie Cordle our President and LaRhonda who is on the Commission are here tonight. If there are issues, questions, concerns or recommendations please come. I love enthusiasm; I would like to mention Rod Cury your passion and enthusiasm for the Section House is being completed. I love it when people have positive reports and things to be excited about, that is going to be a big event. Thank you for sharing. The Police walkabouts have continued. One day last week there was a card in my door where Police Officer Brittany Dye was checking on our businesses that means a lot. IDA, Steve Jessee has agreed to be reappointed.

Mary Ann - I make a motion that Steve Jessee be reappointed to the Richlands IDA. Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mayor White - I would like to comment on what MaryAnn said about the officers. I had a note from Matt Whited on my door. I appreciate that because several years ago I left the door unlocked and the police called me. I received a "Thank You" for the Town workers from John and Debbie Teets. They had a water line break on Crestwood on Friday evening, and the Town workers came late that evening fixed the line without complaining. They said they were thankful to live in a Town that was as caring as Richlands. They are grateful people out there, it is nice when they say thank you.

Mayor White – We talked about the "Pooper Scooper Ordinance". I had a complaint on Altizer Street; they want to know what they can do. They saw the person leading the dog without a bag to clean up. Can they register the complaint themselves?

Brad - They can report to the Police Department and they can issue a warning. We have discussed that. The police officers themselves can't pursue, if they have not witnessed. I will get back to you on that, if someone is serious enough to go to a magistrate. This is a civil penalty not sure we can do that.

Mayor White - They saw the person walking the dog and they did not have a bag to clean up and it has happened on several occasions.

Brad- If they know the person by name they need to report to the Chief of Police. They can follow up on a warning.

Brad - I had a proposed Ordinance for "Discharging Arrows from Bows" that I brought to Council last month. I have the proposed Ordinance with changes. (Read the ordinance)

Mayor White - Can we make this an emergency and dispense of the second reading?

Brad - Yes

Larry - I make the motion to dispense with the second reading. Vickie seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Rod - I make the motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mayor White - "Manager's Report" – Tim Taylor

Tim – You have a copy of the check register in your packet, please review and let me know if you have any questions. It is mostly routine type bills.

Mayor White - Are the power bills running about normal?

Tim – I will address in my report.

Mayor White – Does anyone have any questions? If not, do I hear a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills?

Rod - I make a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Tim - The Monthly Power Supply Report is favorable. Sales based on forecast also a shoulder month. There was some PJM cost that gives us a little concern. Overall the market was fairly good to us and not as bad as it was. APCO has not had a summer peak yet which is very detrimental to our transmission cost. We hope the peak will occur sometime at the end of the month, that way we won't have a high transmission cost, will be higher in January if it don't occur. Overall, we are pretty much on budget.

Tim - Clinch West End Access Point, the Council give me permission to pursue last month. We have started the permitting process for the access point and the bridge maintenance for Fifth Street Bridge and Hill Creek Bridge. The joint permit application with the US Army Corp is distributed to various agencies both the State and Federal level. It should be a fairly easy process but takes time to get thru the process. No work can be initiated until we have a response from the joint permit and effected agencies. If we have to do maintenance due to flooding, we will have to do that.

Tim - We have a meeting scheduled this week with the Representatives of Sunset to discuss an agreement to house the Point of Presence (POP) that is located in the Richlands Department/Civic Center Complex. Our goal is to have a recommended agreement ready for the October Council meeting.

Tim - Continued working with our Town Attorney on Real Estate Tax Relief Ordinances hope to have ready for the October Council meeting. If you have any input or concerns on the Ordinances, please get back with Mr. Ratliff.

Tim - We had a meeting with the Public Safety Committee on the Fire and Rescue Financial Study. The draft is finished. We need to get a few things worked out. Our goal is to have a final report to members of the Council by October meeting. We can schedule a work session to address the concerns with the committee along with the Staff.

Tim – We continued working with Lucie Law Permit Coordinator with Canaan Valley Institute and Corey Kanuckel Biologist with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to look at soil and stream bank erosion issues in various parts of the Clinch River throughout the Town. They are planning to start surveying Williams Parks Fields and will install “Survey Control Points” in these areas to be used for the project. We are also talking to land owners in the affected areas. No action from Council is needed at this time.

Tim - We have started purchasing the material for the Westfork Sewer Project. We have met with APCO to discuss the electrical pole that is in conflict. They are going to relocate and replace which will help the project move faster.

Tim - Section Foreman House Project, we are constructing the outbuilding as required by the project guidelines. A local craftsman is building the windows. Southwest VA Community College students constructed and delivered the outside restrooms. We have installed a portion of the street sidewalks and began the constructions of the curb, guttering, parking lot and access ramps prior to the dedication ceremony.

Tim - We lost one of our senior carpenters, he had medical problems and had to retire. It has been hard trying to find a replacement.

Tim - Everyone is trying to get prepared for the storm. Most people don't know what the local government does. The Rescue, Fire and Safety and Staff are working on getting prepared. Flooding is one of our biggest concerns based on our history. The emergency generators will be full of fuel, fleet

will also be prepared. We will have shortage built up, so we can respond to whatever we might have. We have already had one (1) issue today up toward the school. The ground was saturated with a lot of water. Folks need to be very attentive to the water, especially the Clinch. We are as prepared as we can be. The Civic Center is officially a "Warming Station" for anyone who needs a place to go. Water has never been in that building.

Tim - We did have some promotions at the Police Department, I will let Chief Gilbert tell you who they are.

Jerry - We advertised within our department for two (2) Lieutenants, to replace a gentleman who had retired. We had a promotion panel in place last week which included myself, retired Lieutenant Wade Casey and Jerry Stinson Chief of Police at the SWCC College. We interview candidates from our Police Departments. I am proud to say that Sargent Greg Reynolds is now the Patrol Lieutenant for the Town of Richlands and Sargent Paul Little is now the Investigation Lieutenant for the Town of Richlands. Our plans right now are to move forward and replace the two (2) Sargent positions, hope to have the positions posted tomorrow and in the next couple of weeks have the positions filled. We are currently taking applications to fill the three (3) open positions.

Mary Ann - I really enjoyed attending the retirement dinner for Officer Dave Fox. It was really nicely done; your department did a great job. Hats off to Marcella Keene who coordinate all the food, it was excellent. It was a nice send off for him.

Jerry - I would like to mention we have applied for several grants. A "School Resources Officer" grant, "Game Commission" grant and \$3000 for Kids and Cops. If we get the grant we will buy kayaks and life jackets and teach safety classes. We will try to get the children to the creek by Spring if we get the grant. A "Fire House" grant for \$25,000 for bullet proof vest for the officers. We received a grant which I will apply for every year a "Community Giving" grant. They awarded us with \$2500. It is for the White Christmas Children Program. I applied earlier than normally due to the fact many people apply for the grant. We appreciate Wal-Mart and what they do for us.

Rod – I know things have changed since Magic Mart is no longer with us, but have you had the opportunity to set dates for White Christmas?

Jerry –I planned a yard sale for White Christmas. The public donates items to sell in order to buy for the kids. The yard sale is normally first Saturday in December at the Farmer's Market. Shopping with the kids would be on the following Saturday and Sunday. Last year we took 133 children shopping and they each received \$65.00.

Rod - The History Club meet Tuesday morning. They ask about the program and they want to participate.

Doug - I had several complaints on Iron Street, do you have any follow ups?

Tim - What is the compliant?

Doug – It is contaminated, and they want to know if the government is going to do anything.

Tim- The last conversation I had with the Representative of the company they are considering to go ahead and excluded that one (1) piece of property that is in dispute. It has been at least three (3) months.

Brad - If you will recall about two (2) years ago we approached the land owner with the adjoining parcel and there is an issue on the ownership of portion of the property that is in dispute. Essential the survey shows that each property owner owns property on the other. I reached out to the adjoining property owner in efforts to do a swap at no expense.

Tim - I can follow up.

Tim - We have been awarded a grant for an EMS vehicle. Gordon can you please speak on the grant.

Gordon - We have been awarded to get a new truck. We have sold the other two (2) trucks. It was a two (2) for one (1) grant. We sold the 2008 Model, 4-wheel drive No. 54 for \$27,001 and 2006 Model No. 52 for \$3000. We have a grant in for the schools, a bleed kit for the kids in case we have a shooting in the schools. We have certified people to train them; it is an \$11,000 grant. We have the hospital board with us and the Tazewell County School Board to instruct the facility. We need to put the kits in the schools.

Tim - On the EMS grant we budgeted 20/split but it turned out to be a 50/50, it cost a little bit more money. The selling of the vehicles will help offset it. First grant we have received in five (5) years.

Mayor White - What about the Trick or Treat dates?

Tim– Please consider setting the dates, we have been getting all kinds of calls. Some wanted to observe the night of Halloween instead of doing a weekend.

Larry - If the Police Department doesn't have a problem with it I make a motion to have it on October 31.

Jerry - That is fine, I plan to have a Trunk or Treat on October 29 behind the Police Department.

Mary Ann - The Rec Department is doing a Halloween event.

Fred – The event is the Saturday before Halloween. The Kiwanis is also doing a Haunted Trail. It was my understanding we were doing the Trunk or Treat. If the Police Department is going to do it that is fine.

Mary Ann - That is why I mentioned it, maybe you can work together.

Jerry - We can work something out, just as long as the kids get to have one.

Mary Ann – It would be great if you could work together.

Mayor White - When will you decide a date, or have you already set the date?

Jerry - I was looking at October 29 but I will get with Fred and work with him.

Rod - I make a motion that we have Trick or Treat- Halloween on October 31 – 5:30-8:00. Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - I noticed that someone wanted to have a fundraiser at the Farmer's Market. It would be a fund raiser for a cancer patient.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Tim - In regard to the email, they wanted to sponsor a singing at the Farmer's Market for Robbie Proffitt a cancer patient. One good thing about having a stage in a common area to allow different events, it is inconvenient at the Farmer's Market. I don't know how you feel about. If we do consider we need to have guidelines and forms to fill out, etc.

Rod - I agree with you, just a question of protocol and safety of the citizens. Did they request a particular date?

Tim - They did not. I can get with Brad and get something legal wrote up if you want to consider.

Mary Ann - A good area but we need to set guidelines.

Tim - Don't know timelines but I want to handle properly. Brad do you see any problem with it.

Brad - As long as we have confirmation that it is a legitimate cause. We need to screen folks to make sure they are proper candidates.

Rod - I am in agreement with Mary Ann and Brad, before we consider I think we need a date.

Tim – You want me to follow up and get more information?

Mary Ann - How does insurance work? Do they have to get their own?

Tim - We have to be responsible and provide them with a safe area.

Brad - A lot of things that offers us protection. We have VML coverage and general liability coverage. We would have to be very negligent for someone to get to that point. I would not be too concerned with that.

Tim - Charter communications, Spectrum has a program for people to receive high speed internet. You would qualify if your household is on National School Lunch Program and receives free or reduced cost lunch, Community Eligibility Provision of the NSLP or age 65 and receives SSI. They are eligible to receive internet for \$14.90 a month. We will post on our bulletin board.

Mayor White - We need a motion to go into "Closed Session" for 2.23711(a1) Personnel and 2.23711(a7) Litigation.

Doug - I make the motion to go into "Closed Session" for 2.23711(a1) Personnel and 2.23711(a7) Litigation. Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to come back into "Open Session"?

Rod - I make the motion to come back into "Open Session". Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Mayor White – Does all members agree the only business discussed in "Closed Session" was 2.23711(a1) Personnel and 2.23711(a7) Litigation. Vickie – Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann – Yes, Larry- Yes, Rod- Yes

Mayor White – Can we have a moment of silence for 911, it has been 17 years.

Jerry –I would like to thank Woodmen of the World for the dinner for the EMS Team and First Responders.

Mayor White - We could not do without the EMS team.

Mayor White – Does anyone have anything to add? If not, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Larry - I make the motion to adjourn, Rod seconded the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries- 5/0.

Adjourned

Jannis White, Mayor

Connie Allen, Town Clerk