

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on July 9, 2019 at 7:30pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Paul Crawford – Absent
Vice-Mayor:	Rod Cury
Town Manager:	Tim Taylor
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Richard Brown, Vickie England, Rod Cury, Mary Ann Strong, Rick Wood, Doug Ratliff
Town Attorney :	Shannon Cooke

Vice- Mayor Rod Cury opened the meeting.

Rev. Nick Koontz gave the invocation and Boy Scout Troop 701 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – Do we have any additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda?

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I would like to add Gordon Russ as 5A and Connie Allen as 5B. Please go to item IX on the agenda, add Connie Allen – Town Events.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? Mary Ann made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, Vickie seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – We have one (1) set of minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 11, are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Do I have a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Vickie - I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Richard seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury- 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 - 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury– “Scheduled Public Comments” – No scheduled “Public Comments”.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – “Unscheduled Public Comments” – No scheduled “Unscheduled Public Comments”.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Rod Cury

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - The Planning Commission Meeting will be next Tuesday, July 16. We will meet to discuss zoning issues that were presented at the last meeting, rezoning of property on Birmingham Road. I want to address a couple of things that I am aware of, Connie will expound on the Summer Fest which is this coming Saturday. The Section House is going to participate. The Richlands Garden Club will have a Flower Show which you can come by and vote for your favorite. We will have some chocolate snacks to serve.

Vice - Mayor Rod Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Vickie England

Vickie – I had a call on a road washed out on Kentucky Avenue. It is my understanding that it has been taken care of.

Vice- Mayor Rod Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Rick Wood

Rick – I would like to congratulate the Richlands High School Girls Softball Team for a great year.

Rick - There is a hole in front of Hardees. It is between the sidewalk and the asphalt.

Tim – Is it in the turn-in?

Rick - Yes

Vice -Mayor Rod Cury– “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug – Have we heard anything on the natural gas, is it going to go any further or are we stuck?

Tim – It is part of a discussion coming up. It is part of the long-term plan that we have. We have scheduled a meeting and will look at the downtown rehabilitation; it will be part of the discussion. We will meet with Department of Housing and Community Development the first part of August with the staff, after that we will schedule meetings.

Doug - Have you been in contact with Appalachian Gas, have they agreed to participate?

Tim - I have not, if Council thinks it is time I can.

Doug - It was my understanding when they come into Town, they were to provide gas for the whole Town, they have done nothing.

Tim - They have not given us an update in a long time.

Vice -Mayor Rod Cury – “Council Member Reports – Richard Brown

Richard - I would like to thank Connie for all the work she has done on the Summer Fest. I do have a suggestion and I wanted to bring up with Council, it may be an issue with money, but I think we need to do some more advertising. I realize that it is a hard issue. I had some people close to me at a reunion this weekend and they didn't even know about it.

Richard - I have had several calls about the carnival not coming to Town and the lack of Richlands having fireworks this year. I want to make a statement and make it clear that the carnival has nothing to do with the governing body of the Town, it was a Chamber of Commerce event. They were on a three-year contract. I don't know if it was the Chamber or the carnival people, but they did not pursue the contract. It is not at fault with anybody on the Council or governing body. I have had several calls asking if we could bring the carnival back. I don't know if we need to get the Tazewell County Chamber involved since we don't have a local Chamber.

Mary Ann - James Drew cancelled the contract. The contract did not allow other events to have carnival rides. We had two (2) events in our Town that had carnival rides. I think the first year Ginger was able to smooth over, after the second one he would not come back. He also claimed that he didn't make a lot of money. He also told Ginger our Town charged excessive fees, which I don't agree. It was Jimmy Drew's decision not to come to Richlands. We could have the Chamber to look into getting them back or someone similar. We may not even need it, Connie has some good events coming up.

Richard - I just wanted to make it clear the governing body of the Town had nothing to do with the carnival not coming to Richlands. As far as the fireworks, we didn't want to step on anyone toes on the 4th with Jewell Ridge. We kind of took over when Jewell Ridge didn't have them for a few years. Next year I would like to see in conjunction with the Summer Fest, fireworks as an ending to the Summer Fest. If we bring up early enough maybe, we can raise the funds, or the funds be available. It may be cheaper if we don't do on the 4th of July.

Tim - We didn't charge any fees that I know of, they donated some money since we supplied them with electricity, water and sewer. We didn't charge them. I think they hired the Police Department to do some security work for them.

Richard - The only reason I brought that up was because all the calls I had was negative asking why Richlands did not have a carnival.

Tim - It was the Chamber's Event.

Richard - I did inform them it was a Chamber Event.

Mary Ann - Did we charge the Chamber anything?

Tim - Not as far as I am aware, police security was extra.

Mary Ann - I know Ginger is not involved anymore but I think it would be wise if we sit down with her.

Tim - If they want the Town to do it, we can talk about that.

Richard - We are part of the Tazewell County Chamber, I think they need to represent us.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I also received some complaints about the lack of a carnival and fireworks. I explained that the carnival was support by the Chamber of Commerce for as long as I can remember. I was going thru some papers and I ran across a brochure from 2009 where the Richlands Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring the Greater Richlands Area Festival which included the carnival, that tells me it was a Chamber Event. Another thing that was a misunderstanding, we have never had a carnival or fireworks on the 4th of July, it has always been in June. Following the carnival was the Freedom Festival. The Freedom Festival was always held at the end of June. The fireworks were a part of that event. I think it was supported by the County, but I am not for sure. I do want to make it clear that the Council and governing body have not nixed the carnival or the fireworks, I am not in disagreement that we need to revive those things. I know Connie is in the planning process for Town events. Food for thought, the events are for our families, young people, single people anyone who wants to be part of it. It was voiced to me directly that there is nothing to do, I have heard that all my life. Sometimes that is true, but if you look hard and fast at this community there is always something to do. I think that is a point that we need to clarify.

Doug - The Freedom Festival was a group of citizens in Richlands and Mayor White at the time, it was not the Town.

Richard - Mark Gillespie from Richlands Little League had ask me to put him on the agenda, he was not here at the time, but he is here now. If you don't care can you give him a chance to speak.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - We can add him to the agenda.

Vice - Mayor Rod Cury - Mark please come up front and state your name and address for the benefit of the Clerk.

Mark - I am Mark Gillespie 1112 Kents Ridge Road - The reason I have come tonight is to get the approval from Town Council about building another facility at Critterville. We have made improvements at the Flanary Field with the batting cage. What we want to do now is bring on a shed cage like we had to start with over at Critterville. We would like to make it 10' by 50', it is going to have a concrete pad it was a flood concern.

Tim - The location is because of the flood way.

Mark - That is the reason we want to do a concrete pad it is like a shed there is no replumbing.

Tim - If you know where it is going to be and if Council approves, we will have to approve the location.

Mark - It is where the cage is now.

Tim - Is it between the two ball fields.

Mark – Yes

Tim - I think that is far enough away, it should work.

Mary Ann - Since there has already been one there before there should be no issues, correct?

Tim - If it is the same footprint, we have already approved should not be a flood issue.

Mark - Do I need to get a zoning permit?

Tim - If it requires a building inspection you will need a zoning permit otherwise you won't have to.

Richard - Do we need a motion to give him permission?

Richard - I make a motion to allow improvements to the batting cage at Critterville, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Mark - Do I need to go over the donations? Mary Ann had received a donation. We are going to Virginia Beach in the morning, hopefully we will be gone for five (5) days. It takes a lot of money for these trips.

Rod - I wish you the very best, how long will you be there?

Mark - Hopefully five (5) days.

Rod - If you keep winning you stay longer.

Mark - We didn't want to burden the Town with the expense. I do appreciate everything that the Town does for the Little League. We would like to challenge the Council members to help the kids out, it is nothing big, but it does cost a lot.

Mary Ann - Mark and I had a discussion this evening, the donation request is from the parents of the 8 to 10 year old's. I would like to ask that you just make a personal contribution for their trip. They are pretty good, so I expect they are going to be there five (5) days.

Mark - Thank you very much.

Vice- Mayor Rod Cury- "Council Member Reports" - Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – First thing a huge praise, the Richlands Greater Road Race was a huge success. It was a great effort of unity between our Town's Rec Department , Clinch Valley Health and Kiwanis. The three (3) organizations came together wonderfully. There were 100 plus registered runners and walkers, there were no problems. Thanks to Chief Gilbert, his staff, Gordon Russ and the Fire and Rescue. There was a lot of unity between the three (3) groups. They are already planning next year to make it bigger and better. I would like to say thank you to Clinch Valley Medical Center they gave a \$2000 contribution to our Rec. Department for the event. Jessica Reynolds was an integral part of the race. They had many

meetings; Jessica and the staff did a great job. The Rec Commission did meet in June. I want to thank Mayor Crawford who came to the meeting. It was nice to have someone from the Town to show support. The Town Manager always comes when we ask him, and we appreciate that. We will meet this coming Monday, July 15 at 7:30 upstairs at the Rec Park. If anyone here or listening, if you have suggestions or concerns please come to the meeting. As far as I know swim lessons are going great, concessions and pool are going very smoothly. As Rick has already said a huge congratulations to our Richlands High School Girls Softball Team for winning the State Championship. Plans are underway to have big banquet on Sunday August 18 at 2:00pm at the Community Center in the Richlands Police Department. There will be a meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00pm at my office. If any of you are interested in helping, please get in touch with me. Congratulations to Tazewell, Richlands and Lebanon ladies they just recently won the Jr. League State Softball Tournament. We have an exciting future to continue on with these young ladies. The "National Night Out", I want to ask Chief Gilbert to come and talk a little bit about the status of the event.

Jerry- We are doing "National Night Out" on August 6, the event will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. We have several businesses that have donation boxes set up in their store. It is a program between the law enforcement and the community where we can all get together to meet and greet. During the program we give away school supplies to our area children. We have invited Cedar Bluff Police Department to come and join us that night. We are currently working with some of the local churches to come and distribute some food. We have school supplies coming in and we are reaching out to anybody that can donate money or school supplies. We hope to have games and events, we have several things planned. We invite the community to come out, enjoy and be with us.

Richard - A suggestion, you may want to contact Dr. Stacy at the School Board. He may want to come out and meet kids especially upcoming freshmen and kindergartens before school starts.

Rod - Do you know how you will be distributing the supplies?

Jerry - We set out tables and distribute until we run out. It has always been a huge success in the past.

Mary Ann - I would like to make a motion that we give \$250 for "National Night Out", Vickie seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Mary Ann - I would like to thank Dr. Willis for allowing us to continue to use the name of Great Richlands Road Race. He had the race many years ago. I apologize for failing to mention that there was a great pancake breakfast at the Section House, and to thank Burger King and the Huddle House for helping the Kiwanis Club with the breakfast.

Richard - When is the celebration for the High School Girls?

Mary Ann - August 18

Richard - Make the cake a little bigger that is my birthday. LOL

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury- "Mayor's Comments"

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - IDA- Jeff Brown's term expires on 6-30-2019, I think Mary Ann was going to check with Jeff.

Mary Ann - Jeff Brown did send his resignation to the Chairman of the IDA, Travis Hackworth and to myself, it was a very nice letter. He has served many years but due to his work schedule he does not have the time to commit. I would like for the Council members to be thinking of a replacement for Jeff Brown. I have not spoken to anyone yet, I just received the resignation from Mr. Brown. Unless

someone has a person to nominate tonight, I would like for us to have nominees for our August meeting so we can get the vacancy filled.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - We need to be considering someone to replace Jeff Brown on the Richlands IDA.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Rec Commission member vacancy, Mary Ann can you please respond.

Mary Ann – The Rec Commission appreciates Ronnie Cordle’s years of service and has been an excellent leader. He was our President. We hope at our Monday night’s meeting to have a replacement that the Rec Commission can bring to the August meeting. It needs to be someone from Richlands since he was part of the six (6) members that lived in Town.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I asked to add Connie to the comments so she can tell us more on what is going on this weekend.

Connie – The Summer Fest/Chocolate Festival is this weekend. I would like to say that advertising has been a big issue. We advertised with WGTH, STAR95, Richlands News Press, ACCESS Channel, Facebook, word of mouth and handouts plus two (2) bill boards and two (2) banners. The advertising has been the most difficult part of the festivals. I really don’t know which direction to go in when it comes to advertising. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Richard - I talked to Mr. Taylor prior to the meeting and told him we need to do whatever it takes on advertising. You have put in a lot of work and money into the events and people need to know about the festivals.

Connie - Frank does keep the Facebook page updated. I would like to make a couple remarks about the events. We did put a generic flyer out on the events so people could plan to attend. All the information about the festivals is not on the original flyer but updated once all the activities are confirmed. I will try to do better on the advertising, and I am open to suggestions.

Vickie - Have you talked to WVVA about putting on their information site about area festivals?

Connie - No, but I can.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - You have told us before, but I think it is an opportunity for us to get out our pencils and pads and write down future dates for events. I know you have the dates set for all the Town events.

Connie - The Fall Festival is September 14; the Small Town Christmas is December 7. I will double check the dates.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Please mark on your calendars, it is something for everyone to do. Connie is trying to have something of interest for everyone. It is very important.

Connie - We have a lot going on this year. We also have events not sponsored by the Town but we do assist if needed. We have helped with Relay for Life and other events. We have something going on every month. The Craft and Vendor show is in August. The Council and the Town are very supportive of the events. I have been reaching out to the businesses and getting them involved. It has been very positive. I think we will get there it is just taking time.

Connie - Schedule for the Summer Fest - On July 12 at 7:00pm – 3rd Annual Memorial Flag Ceremony by the Fallen Warriors, 21 Gun Salute and Taps, 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Blue Stone Music Group at the stage located beside of the Richlands Post Office. July 13 from 4:00pm-9:00pm a variety of local vendors, 10:00am – 2:00pm, Clinch Valley Health will be doing free Child’s CPR Class in the AASC Building, 4:00pm-9:00pm – Cruise-In & Bike Night on Norfolk Street sponsored by Advance Auto, 3:00pm – 5:00pm – Blue Stone Music Group in the Richlands Pharmacy parking lot, 5:30pm – 10:00pm, Boogie

Chillen Band at the stage, 5:00pm Classy Closet will be doing a Fashion Show, 6:00pm is a Children's Magic Show, 4:00pm – 9:00pm the Richlands Garden Club will have a Flower Show at the Section House, 4:00pm to 9:00pm Appalachian Arts will display in the First Christian Church.

I do have a Committee helping me. I want the ideas of the community not just my ideas. A citizen sent me an email telling me about the Chocolate Festival in Lynchburg. I researched on the website and I thought it was a great idea. It is something we can build on. I would like more ideas from the community, you can call me in my office anytime. Saturday is going to be a very exciting day, the event has something for all ages, come out and enjoy the fun.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Do you have a list of the businesses participating?

Connie – Yes

Connie - Simple Pleasures, Fortune Realty, Advance Auto, Sugar Foot Bakery, Section House, Boxdrop Richlands-Mattress Direct, Seasonal Treasures, Emporium, Tazewell County Library, Huddle House, Tazewell County Mercantile, Time to Celebrate, Twin Enterprises & Appalachian Millworks & Cabinetry, Specialty Care RX, Absolute Freedom/Ideal Protein.

Mary Ann - What is the hours for the chocolate tasting?

Connie - The time for the tasting is from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. We will put chocolate balloons at every location participating. The event is "FREE" to the public except for the tasting at the business locations and you need a ticket for each tasting.

Rick - Where do you get the tickets?

Connie - We are selling at the Town Hall or you can buy at the event.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - The Section House is participating but we are not charging for the tasting.

Connie - We do have other businesses that will be giving away treats.

Richard - I pulled up the Town of Richlands website, this is what it looks like, it is too small. (showed on his phone)

Connie - I am open to suggestions, it is a lot of hard work planning and getting the event together which includes decorating, getting people to participate, set up/tear down and setting the atmosphere for the festival along with many other things.

Rick - Is it on the ACCESS Channel?

Connie – Yes, I apologize I took so much time talking about the event.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I ask you too, it is very important to have the awareness of what we are trying to do. As a government we are doing something for everyone.

Vickie - Did you give the information to the Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce?

Connie – Yes

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - The only thing else I need to add tonight is to make sure everyone has in their packet the handouts from Adrienne Cordle which includes supervisor reports, approved budget FY 2018-19, Audit Engagement Letter from Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates, Resignation letter from Ronnie Cordle and donation request form for the Little League State Tournament, Police Department Report, Power Cost Review, Check Register. Are there any questions or comments about the reports?

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Any questions on Fire & Rescue? Any questions on Street/Sanitation? We have a copy of the approved budget FY 2018-19. Attached is a letter from Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates – Audit Engagement Letter. We also have a letter from Jennifer McGee which we have already talked about today, asking for support for the Richlands All-Star Team. Next is the Power Cost Summary package with details for the month of May. I would like to mention something about Mr. Taylor, last year he was awarded from the Commonwealth of Virginia recognition for his service in the power industry. He deserves recognition for that. Thank you, Tim. Included is the monthly report from the Police Department. You should also have a copy of the check register.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury – “Attorney Comments” – Shannon Cooke

Shannon – We have for voting purposes tonight two (2) ordinances. #O-2019-07-01 and #O-2019-07-02. I can read again tonight, or the Council can go ahead and vote since we have had two (2) readings already.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - #O-2019-07-01, Ordinance amending Nuisance Ordinance and providing for removal of trash, etc., and cutting of grass, weeds, etc. Is there anyone who would like to have the ordinance read again? We have had two (2) readings already.

Richard - I make a motion to adopt and amended the ordinance #O-2019-07-01, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - #O-2019-07-02, Ordinance amending Nuisance Ordinances providing for removal, repair, etc. of buildings, walls, and structures that may endanger public health or safety. Is there anyone who would like to have the ordinance read? We have had two (2) readings.

Rick - I would like to make the motion to adopt & amended the ordinance #O-2019-07-02, Vickie seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury- “Manager’s Report” - Tim Taylor

Tim - Please take a moment to look at the check register and let me know if you have any questions.

Tim - We do have a couple that are seasonal. Check No. 60375, Clatterbuck Pavement Markings, Inc. - \$34,514.40, street stripping / crosswalks and symbols. We do once a year usually in June.

Tim - Payments for concrete work, Check No. 60411 – McClure Concrete Products, Inc. - \$5,589.00

Rod - Check No. 60385 – Dominion Driveway and Parking Lot Paving - \$17,200.00.

Tim – Paving they do for us in different areas.

Mary Ann - I make the motion for Town Manager Tim Taylor to pay the bills, Vickie seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Tim - There is a grant opportunity from Cumberland Plateau Regional Opportunity Program Grant. The money is made available from the sale of BVU. Out of the sales was part of the construction that was owned by Cumberland Plateau Company. The proceeds of that sale are distributed to the company. The monies are outlined on the website if you would like to look. There is CProp, communities are eligible that are represented by Cumberland Plateau Planning District. Richlands is one of the Towns that can apply. The restrictions are up to \$200,000, you can ask for multiple grants as long as you don't go over \$200,000. They will award grants on a quarterly basis. This is the first round of the grant monies to be distributed. We have been working on the greenway project beside of the Richlands Post Office, the area is vital for the long-term goals that we have. Connie has worked really hard on this project along with staff members. The grant will provide monies to complete the area. We have a request for Council tonight to sign a resolution and give me permission to submit the application. The project will have some site development in the greenway area. The greenway will provide a gathering area for the downtown area business activities. It can be multi-seasonal like we are doing. It is a pretty area in the town. The artificial turf will provide a place for a permanent stage, the design structure of the stage will allow for the stage to be moved if needed, just in case things change in the future. We want to install turf, area lighting to enhance the area, a children's play area. We talked about a water element, but after discussion we decide to put a smaller area for kids to play. We will also have an area with a fire pit. We already have a permanent place for the Christmas Tree. The Kiosk and the LOVEwork sign are already in the greenway. We had a bench donated and will purchase additional benches. The grant would cover the things we need for the site. We would like to use the CART building for a Community Development Center not a Welcome Center. The Chamber of Commerce elected not to make a satellite office there, it is now underutilized. We have requested money to paint, install new lighting, carpet and other things to make the building look nicer. We have calculated cost for the project. We have to submit the application by July 15. If Council buys in on the concept, we would like to apply for the grant. The cost is between \$140,000 to \$150,000. We hope to submit additional applications for some more of the money later for other projects. We will have some labor cost in the project, we want to do sound system and some lighting. This will give us some leverage. We are asking Council to allow me to execute the application and meet the deadline by July 15 and to sign the resolution which is part of the grant application.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Do you have a copy for all of us?

Tim - It is in draft form, but I will get all of you a copy when finished.

Richard - Do we have any lead way as far as BVU storage at the Police Station?

Tim - Yes, Sunset does not own the company anymore, sold to another company trying to find out who they sold it to. We do need to get some finalization on that. We don't write a check to them for internet access, it is a tradeoff. We offset the rent.

Richard - I didn't know with the change if that is still the agreement.

Tim - We need to get a new agreement. We don't have a contact person now.

Rick - Do you think we will get internet from them for the Town?

Tim - We already do, we will also get TV. They are not limited like BVU, not regulated by the government on that part of it. BVU is not allowed to provide TV to anyone except in Abingdon. They can provide internet but not TV.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Do we need to adopt the Resolution?

Tim - Yes, it is part of the grant.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Read Resolution R-2019-07-01.

Rick - I make the motion to allow Town Manager Tim Taylor to submit the application for grant funding and adopt Resolution R-2019-07-01, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Tim - Monthly Power Cost Report for May 2019 - We have seen some contribution over the last few months to the transmission cost. Actual sales came in 2.4% lower than the budget, \$22.92/MWh lower than budget all-in wholesale power cost rate of \$98.73/MWh with the dollar cost of \$107,307 lower than the budget. Looking at the Summary we have done better than expected as far as buying the power. We have not sold as much as we budgeted.

Doug - What is the reserve now?

Tim - I don't know, Adrienne do you have something pretty close?

Adrienne - 1.6 cash reserve for electric, total fund balance is 2 plus million.

Doug - So it has went down a little bit?

Adrienne - Yes

Tim - We have another grant that we have been awarded, VHDA-FY19 Community Impact Grant, for \$30,000, IDA was awarded the grant. I have to sign the grant award for acceptance. You give IDA permission to apply for the grant. I talked to Chairperson Travis Hackworth; he has no problem with us signing the acceptance.

Mary Ann - Have they met this year?

Tim - No need to until now. I think he is going to have a called meeting as soon as he can to get this going. The grant has changed a little bit from the beginning. We thought it would take the complete \$30,000 to do a market study, the market study had to be fine tuned; allow us to look at other market areas. They are going to do a market study to meet the needs of the application in the immediate area housing for all classes of people, what we are short and what the current market is or what we have too much of. This needs to be addressed based on demographic and what people actually need and looking for. Will be outlined in the market study. The cost is \$10,000 the additional \$20,000 they are going to allow us to use for architectural concepts, they want to expand not just for the Richlands Professional building but expanded to an area that we think makes sense, mix use such as residential and business, The map goes down to Floyd and comes up to the one way streets. IDA is going to be challenged to find interest level and who gets to participate. We cannot use any of the money for advertising or professional services. Will be paid from the \$1500 issued to the IDA by ordinance, should be able to pay out of their budget. Will provide an opportunity for entrepreneur, business owners and housing concerns we are not aware of. I will be signing this grant tomorrow, I will get you a copy of the timeline. Start date for the activity is going to be August 2019, has to be completed by July 2020. IDA will be engaged, just wanted to let Council know what is going on.

Tim - Clinch River Walking Trail, we are on course with the trail. We have met with the engineers and talked with them on conference call. We have tackled the most difficult piece of Phase I, to produce the engineering cost reports. The area around the bridge we have elected to present to the Planning Commission to discuss at the meeting on August 6. There will be drawings and participation on that to talk about as far as looking at the concerns. The biggest concern is the railroad trusses, the first ones we clear, it may even flood. Another option would be taking the particular trail up on over Veterans Drive Bridge. If you have not had a chance to float the river and look at it; the potential of the walk trail is amazing.

Rod - I would like for you to tell about your personal adventure with your family.

Tim – My family came up and we went tubing from the Rec Park all the way down to Washington Square Clinic. It was a little dirty in places and had a little bit of trash, but not a bad as I thought. I am telling you it was a wonderful day, it was about 3 ½ hour float. My kids loved it, they take the tubes all over TN, and they left the tubes here so they can do it again. I encourage anyone listening to take advantage of the water, it was beautiful.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I thank you for sharing, it highlights the opportunities here. How long have you lived here Tim?

Tim - My whole life.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Have you ever been on the river in a tub?

Tim - No, I have not.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Me and my family did kayaking last year, they loved it. I cannot express to the public and anyone listening how important every piece of the package is, recreation, history, river, everything counts.

Tim - I wanted to see the lay-out of the river too.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Sometimes we have to face our fears to understand it.

Tim - We do need a little clean up.

Tim - We are not doing as well on the Boat Launch behind Richlands Mall, we need to find a contractor to get a quote and get it done. We are having trouble scheduling as far as work load. Not as many contractors in the area as you think. We hope to get done as quick as possible.

Vickie - That was the complaint that I heard, when you float the river you have to get out in the mud.

Tim - We will try to get fixed as quick as we can.

Tim - Water/Wastewater Facilities - We are a little ahead of schedule , we are getting money from the grant for that part of it. I mentioned last month we are going to meet this Thursday with the Health Department again on Disinfection Byproducts. That is a fairly expensive type of project.

Tim - Waste Water Treatment Plant - Our engineers are in the final parts of the PER, we have to solicit and we did that this week for professional engineer services for the final design. We meet with Department of Housing and Community Development may be able to get some money from them as well as DEQ.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I have a request, I would like for you to share with Council and the public how you envision the Section House to turn out this year.

Tim – We will get the brick sales in place and hand rails for the handicap. The fence is the last piece to finish. Bathrooms will be finished, they are exterior bathrooms that can be used for downtown activities. The historical value of it you all have done a good job to preserve. The pavement will be the last thing we do and some enhancements on the sidewalk. It will provide some parking for people visiting and cultural for anyone to look at . It is a first-class building.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - We had a family who wanted to help with the Section House by purchasing bricks, we ordered 200 brick purchased by a family anonymously . The family does not live here anymore, they purchased bricks for the town workers and employees. They did not want to be recognized, I want to thank them in spirit and in heart. It fits in with what Connie is doing, we are

having so many events and we are being part of it. I really think this is important. When Mary Ann and the race team came to the Section House, some people had not been in the building, they were fascinated and want to come back . That same day we had Maddie White doing her book signing. She had two (2) before but this one was the most successful. Runners came with no money, they don't carry a wallet, and they said they would purchase the book on Amazon. She is doing a workshop at the library, another plus for us.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Gordon did you want to present your awards?

Gordon - I will wait for the next meeting, the guys were not here tonight.

Mary Ann - I would like to welcome the new business that we have behind the Magic Mart, Seasonal Treasures, unfortunately I have not been there yet, but I am going. The planning for the baseball banquet is at 6:00 pm this Thursday, at my office. They want to have a small parade escorted by the Police Department.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Mary Ann I am glad you said that, I had a conversation with Ronnie Davis; the girls anticipate being here at the August 9 meeting. They are scholar athletes.

Mary Ann - I think we should recognize them with a Resolution .

Mary Ann - I make a motion that we ask our town attorney to draft a Resolution honoring RHS Softball Team for winning the 2019 State Championship, Richard seconded.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - 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 - 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Any more business?

Connie – I have an announcement on behalf of the Richlands Garden Club. They will be awarding Twin Enterprises the Business Beautification Award for July, on July 10 at 11:00am at Twin Enterprises, everyone is welcome to attend.

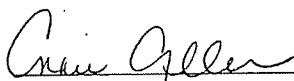
Gary and Diane Taylor are the July winners of the Richlands Garden Club's Beautification Award for their home which is located at 519 Alleghany Street. Tim and Polly Doud were the June winners and their beautiful garden is in the Brooklyn Addition.

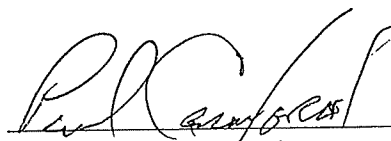
Vice- Mayor Rod Cury - This is what is going on in our Town, these ladies work hard in our Town .

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Please stand for the benediction please hold hands.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - I make a motion to adjourn, Vickie seconded the motion.

Vice-Mayor Rod Cury - Adjourned


Connie Allen, Town Clerk


Paul Crawford, Mayor