

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Rod D. Cury
Town Manager:	John O’Daniel
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Mary Ann Strong, Doug Ratliff, Jeff Hurst Logan Plaster, Mike Street, Richard Brown
Town Attorney :	K.W. McClanahan

Mayor Cury opened the meeting.

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

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

Mayor Cury – Are there anyone who is not on the agenda who would like to speak under “Unscheduled Public Comments”?

Mayor Cury - Please add Laura Mollo, Mike Cochran, Joe McCracken, Sandra Culler. Anyone else that would like to speak under “Unscheduled Public Comments”? Please state your name and address for the record when you come to the podium. No one will be allowed to speak if you are not added to the agenda.

Mayor Cury - Are they any additions or deletions to the agenda?

Richard – We have representatives from the area’s Youth, Middle School and High School Wrestling Program. We want to recognize them tonight.

Mayor Cury - We will add under V (a), thank you for bringing them to be recognized.

Wayne - I do have a few suggestions, under Attorney Comments (b) first reading of O-2021-05-02- Derelict Buildings we need to change that to a general conversation. I just drafted some things for the Council to look at but had a few things to come up that we need to discuss.

Mayor Cury - We will dispense with the first reading and have a general discussion of derelict buildings.

Mayor Cury - Under XII. (b) First reading of Q-2021-05-02 delete and add discussion of derelict buildings.

Wayne - Under Executive Closed Session add 2.23711 (A8) Specific issues regarding legal counsel regarding a specific issue utilities/ VDOT easement utilization.

Mayor Cury - Under Executive Closed Session will add 2.23711 (A8) Specific issues regarding legal counsel regarding a specific issue utilities/ VDOT easement utilization.

Mayor Cury – I will entertain a motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Logan - I make a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Mike seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury –Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor Cury - On page three (3) add my original letter being used unchanged to be a permanent record of the minutes. Page six (6) – Delegate Moorefield should be Morefield, Page 8 – COS should be CPS, Page 27 – Kirby should be CRVI.

Mary Ann – Page 50 – “boom” should be “but”.

Mary Ann- I make a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Jeff seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury - We will recognize the Wrestlers and their Coaches. At this time, I would like to invite the young men into the Council Chambers. These young men are representing our community, our schools, and their selves. They do with honor and distinction and they are our future. I am so grateful for their help.

Mayor Cury – Brody Boyd – Richlands Elementary School – Virginia Youth All State place winner. He is in the 1st grade.

Mayor Cury – High School State place winners as follows:

Richlands High School

Brennan Phillips – 3rd Place in the 106 lb. weight class

Chance Rose – 2nd Place, 113 lb. weight class

Noah Spencer – 5th Place, 138 lb. weight class.

Richlands High School State Qualifiers

Kaleb Simmons and Connor Cole

Freshman State Place Winners

Kaden Dupree – 5th Place

State Alternates for the Virginia State High School Tournament

David Compton

Dalton Phillips

Kaden Dupree

Mayor Cury - We are very proud of each of you. They are coached by Frank Daugherty, Eric Phipps, Jon Brown, Elliott Joyce, Shawn Rose, Jared Smith, Richard Boyd, and Ronnie Hess. I want to thank you for your time and devotion. We are grateful for your service and these young men are too.

Mayor Cury – Tonight we have a timekeeper I would like to introduce him to you, Brian Stilwell. Brian called me and volunteered to be the timekeeper. Brian is not a resident of Richlands, but he works here at the hospital. I want to thank you very much for volunteering your services.

Mayor Cury - This is a resolution from 2015 the part talking about the time, “The Town Council shall maintain an agenda which shall list items to be discussed at Town Council meetings. Speakers who have requested inclusion on the Town Council Meeting Agenda are limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes per person unless (1) Prior arrangements have been made with the Mayor, or (2) The Town Council, by motion at the beginning of the meeting, increases or reduces the time limit. No speaker shall be permitted to cede his five (5) minute allotment to another speaker. Each speaker shall speak from the podium or microphone and shall state his or her name and address for the record.” I think we all should have a copy with us. We will study this, and it would have to be Resolution of Council to alter this, at the moment we need to accept this and if we need changes on it, we can do that at the next meeting.

Mayor Cury - I will entertain a motion to accept Brian Stilwell as Timekeeper on a volunteer basis.

Mike - I make the motion, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mike - Does he have a sign?

Mayor Cury - We did away with the sign, but he will stand up and give me a motion if he doesn't catch my eye. Thirty second notice to me before the five-minute scheduled comments or the three-minute unscheduled comments. It will be a "hard stop" at five (5) minutes and a "hard stop" at three (3) minutes.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury – Brian, thank you for your service.

Mayor Cury – "Scheduled Public Comments" – No one scheduled.

Mayor Cury – "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Laura Mollo – Please state your name and address for the record.

Laura Mollo– 262 Linwood Drive – First of all I want to touch on our appointment process, whenever we have a vacancy; it is filled whomever you know wants a position. Prior to January 2019 the appointments were advertised, and every citizen had a fair chance to explain why they want the appointment. With the last appointment the seat was vacant for literally three (3) seconds before Mike Street made a nomination to appoint someone into that seat, you did not even respect a reasonable election and chose someone who has never ran in an election. I have said for months and I will say again the appointment process in this Town is bias and unfair to the citizens, there is no order to it. The appointments need to be advertised and every citizen given a fair chance to state why they fit the position. Last year I brought up that we were paying for a Councilmember to have insurance despite never passing an Ordinance. My question now is will that Council person be responsible to pay the money back to the Town since the person took it without an Ordinance being in place. I am standing before the Council, the wealthiest residents are sitting on this Council and you have the nerve to say to us you are going to sit in those seats and raise every single tax and fee that we have this year, and we don't have money to fix potholes or do anything nice for the citizens but some way we have the money to pay up to \$135, 000 for Councilmember's insurance. You should be losing sleep how you hurt this budget and burdening taxpayer for higher taxes and fees. We are in the worst shape financially that Richlands has ever been in and you still want to take for yourselves. Sitting on this Council should be an honor and a privilege and each of you should ask what you can do for this Town and not what you can take from it. We have men and women in almost every department who are labeled part-time and not eligible for insurance. We have EMT and Fire Fighters who we ask daily to lay their lives on the line for us in this Town and they do, and we deny them insurance. But somehow you think sitting on this Council entitles you to have the Town pay for your insurance. Anyone who voted yes to this issue last meeting should be ashamed of themselves of putting your own entitlement over the needs of this Town, voting yes to personal insurance for Council members. Councilman Ratliff was right, we can cut this budget to save taxpayers money, but you don't want to. If we can pay over \$135,000 for your insurance, we could put a splash pad in Town, build a Dog Park and still have money left over. I appreciate Councilman Ratliff and Councilman Plaster for not voting yes on this issue. Ironically, you already have the Resolution and drafted into tonight's package so you have plans to pass your own selfish gain just remember some of you have an election coming up and we will not forget this.

Mayor Cury – "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Mike Osborne

Mike Osborne – 216 Plantation Drive – I own three (3) lots and I have one (1) lot to put a building on. I am in the process of cleaning and I have a sink hole for drainage. The plat shows a water easement that has never been put in place. Electrical lines, sewer lines, my driveway is going to be in that easement in two (2) places. Why has it never been put in place in the beginning of the land development, that is my question and I need some help with this. The water is going in a sink hole in a piece of property that I purchased, and I didn't realize it was there. I have that to deal with.

Mayor Cury – If you don't mind write down on a piece of paper and you can give it to the Town Manager and he will follow up with that, not sure we can do here in Council.

Doug - It is the same problem that your neighbor had with the berm just so Mr. O'Daniel will know, we talked about it last month. They had the same problem all that water coming from that area.

Mayor Cury - If you will write your name and number down, we will give to him. Thank you

Mayor Cury - "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Joe McCracken

Joe McCracken– 1411 Jewell Street – It is over by the Propane Gas Company. I am here to speak on drains, ditches, and flooding in the Town of Richlands. There has nothing been done that I know of to protect the Town of Richlands from the flooding and the drainage issues. We have been talking about this for several years. The prior Town Manager said he would do some ditching on down toward the Concrete Plant, but it has never happened. Nothing has taken place over there and the water has come really close to coming over into the road again, the last two (2) times it was impassable, you can't get in or out and we only have one (1) way in and one (1) way out along with the 60,000 gallons of propane on my street. We need help over there; at least do some draining and ditches and maybe getting us a second way in and out just in case there may be a hazard over there in the future. I would appreciate your help; it was voted on last month that the ditch be extended over down toward the Concrete Plant and it has never happened. I would like to see some movement over there. The railroad has cleaned up a lot of their material down in the bottom, hopefully we can talk to them some more and get some more cleaned out for the water to have a little more time before the water backs up.

Mayor Cury - We probably have your number in our files. I will refer Joe to you (John O'Daniel). We will make sure everything is addressed the best we can.

Doug - If we check the minutes the Council voted that we extend the ditch, Mr. O'Daniel if you could check into that.

John - How long has that been?

Doug - About two (2) months ago. It was unanimous vote.

Joe - The Town Manager said he would extend that, but it never happened.

Mayor Cury - "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Sandra Culler

Sandra Culler – 1301 McDowell Street - At the risk of been redundant I want to speak to the matter of the provision of health insurance for the Councilmembers. I must say if I had to vote I would vote "no". You chose to run for an election, and you chose to serve in a public service. I know you get paid, but I don't think it is a paycheck I think it is stipend because you are willing to work and put an effort to represent our Town and our citizens. I do not want my taxes raised to pay for your health insurance, it is all I can do to pay for my own. I think it is self-serving and it is self-serving at someone else's expense. I would have to say "no" to that. I do have one more thing I want to bring up and I don't know who owns the apartments on 4th Street. There is a lot of children living in those apartments and they are young children, and they are playing in front with all kinds of things on the sidewalk and it looks horrible. The kids are running back and forth between parked cars and someone is going to get hit. It really is a mess whoever owns that property I think they need to be advised to take a look at the situation.

Mayor Cury - The corner of 4th Street and Suffolk Street?

Sandra Culler – Yes

Mayor Cury - Thank you to each person that spoke and spoke your will to the Council.

Mayor Cury – “Downtown Events” - Update presented by Richlands Director of Community Development – Connie Allen

Connie – First, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Event – Logan Plaster, Ramp-Up Committee, Braden Cordle, Devin Vandyke, and Kristen Newberry. I would also like to thank the sponsors Clinch Valley Medical, Town of Cedar Bluff, Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, Tom Lester and Travis Hackworth, AJ Robinson – Director of Communications & Tazewell County Tourism and Pizza Plus. It was an exciting day for the kids.

Connie - Revitalization – I have completed and submitted all the documents required for the Planning Grant. DHCD will review all the information at the Review Meeting in April and then they will advise the next steps. Library- the IDA met today but did not have enough members to vote on putting a bid out for repairs for the library. We have a total of \$40,000, Thompson Foundation \$25,000 and \$15,000 from Tazewell County Supervisors Travis Hackworth. River Walkway – The Planning Commission is going forward with Phase I of the River Walkway. Thompson and Litton updated the projected project cost \$2,350,017. A letter was sent out to all the landowners that would be involved in Phase I. Property owners were invited to the April 6 meeting. Mr. Ervin Davis attended the meeting and agreed with allowing the Town to use his property. Mr. Bob Tatum sent a text stating he would allow the Town to use the property needed that he owns. Richard Smith was going to talk to Mary Ann Strong and the Mayor was going to talk to John Willis. I will ask the Town Attorney to draft an official commitment letter for the landowners to sign once all parties agree. Summer Fest – June 25 and June 26, contract for fireworks has been signed and sent to vendors. Committee working on details for the event. Pitch package is still not 100% complete but should be finished by the end of the month. I do have enough information in the package that would benefit a new business that would be coming to Richlands.

Mayor Cury – “Council Member Reports” Jeff Hurst

Jeff- Thank you Mayor and thank you Council for my appointment. I will serve you and the Town the remainder of this appointment and I appreciate your confidence and your trust in me to help fulfill the duties that Rod left to take over to be Mayor. Good Luck in your Mayorship. A couple of things I would like to mention I do appreciate the name plate better than the homemade sign. Since the last meeting, the Shamrock 5K was held Saturday March 14, downtown Richlands, we were taken back by the participation, my wife Charity Hurst directed the 5K, it was an outstanding day and night. When we looked at the numbers, there were over 157 runners and out of that 112 were out of Town and out of State, North Carolina, West Virginia, and those were just the runners not to mention their families and the people they brought to this area and to the Town that night. It was a sight to see. I know a lot of you were there. It was very nice.

Mayor Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug – There is a pothole just below Riley’s, I think it is in front of the Gillespie’s, in the dark if you hit it, it is going to cause a wreck. I wish we could look into that and fill that pothole. Two (2) months ago we talked about the Police Department when they went on trips, they were given cash, what I am concerned with is if they take a trip and they have a flat or blowout or have an accident and they have to stay overnight there is no way that amount of money can cover what they may run into. I am going to make a motion that they have a credit card when they take a trip. If they have a flat tire or they have to stay overnight they have the credit card they can draw on and cover the expenses.

Doug - I make a motion that the Police Department have a credit card that is kept at the Police Station and when one of the officers takes a trip that he has access to the credit card, when he runs into unexpected expenses he is not out there with no cash.

Mayor Cury - May I help clarify that?

Doug – Yes

Mayor Cury – Doug is making a motion to allow the Police Department to have one (1) credit card for travel expenses.

John - Can we go back and get some information on this; I know we have a policy on our credit card usage. Maybe we can put on next month's agenda and bring information back to the Council for further discussions.

Doug - If the motion is not seconded, I guess we will have to.

Mayor Cury - I understand the point of it I really do, I am going to suggest that you withdraw and refer to Mr. O'Daniel for further research.

Doug - I checked other Police Departments and that is their procedure and not only helps the officers it keeps a good record of what they have spent. I will withdraw the motion until you do some research next month.

Mary Ann - May I make one comment on that, I am sure Mr. O'Daniel will meet with Chief Gilbert anyway, no reason to discuss any further, last meeting Chief Gilbert explained why he preferred cash. I think it was more than \$25 or \$30 dollars that is really relevant because you are going to discuss with Chief Gilbert.

Mayor Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Richard Brown

Richard – Back on April 8, Mr. O'Daniel sent an email regarding complaints from citizens that Councilmembers have been receiving; I didn't quite understand, is it an issue we have been having with a group as a whole passing along information to department heads. I didn't understand the email.

Mayor Cury – Is this the one you are referring to? I would like to read the letter – “ I would like to make sure we are on the same page when it comes to request or complaints that you may receive from citizens. As you receive these requests, please pass along to me and I will be working with staff to respond and address the concerns. I feel this is the best way to make sure that all requests are handled appropriately. I also wanted to let you know that the Alleghany Street Bridge will be closed Monday April 12 for repairs. The bridge will remain closed thru June 29, but the contractor hopes to finish the repairs earlier.” Richard, I think you are talking about the first paragraph.

Richard - I didn't know if it was becoming an issue with Council.

John - It has not become an issue yet; I just see where it could become an issue and I wanted to make sure we are all on the same page and not become a bigger issue. We can work with staff to address the issues and make sure nothing falls thru the cracks.

Richard - That is my goal too that we work together with that.

Richard - The preparation of the budget, I like the way that you worded this, self-explanatory what we are getting ready to get into. I appreciate your work on that.

Richard - The Richlands High School has requested that the Town sponsor the “Not-Prom” it is Junior Senior Formal, it is basically going to be the same thing as last year, I have spoken to Connie a couple of times. We are going to try to have outside this year and incorporate Suffolk Avenue the Greenway and the Section House and several businesses has agreed to stay open. It is very little expense to the Town, Project Graduation is over it, I have talked to the Chief about traffic control.

Mayor Cury - It will be a really nice event, just pray for good weather.

Mayor Cury – “Council Member Reports” – Mike Street

Mike – Richard, what is the date of the prom?

Richard - May 22

Mike - I think it is Mary Ann's turn.

Mayor Cury - I apologize

Mayor Cury – "Council Member Reports" – Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – I don't know who changed the order; I think it is unfair that you go in one direction. I have been last for several years most of the things have already been mentioned. I think it is very fair to mix it up. I just want to welcome our new Town Manager John O'Daniel; I hope so far, we have been friendly as in friendly circle and make you feel very welcome. I can tell you the lady that I refer to as Ms. Richlands, I am sure you have met Ginger Branton; she has been wanting to bring meals to your house. That is how our community is. We welcome you from North Carolina to come to the beautiful mountains in Virginia. I would also like to recognize Jeff Hurst, back to another interim position with Council. Jeff is extremely involved in Richlands Recreation Commission. As being a Councilmember, he can't be on the Commission. He served a long time as the Commission President and does an outstanding job. He can't be on the Commission unless we later decide to appoint two (2) people. We welcome his input at the Commission Meetings, I know he will continue to attend. Speaking of Rec Commission, I do have four (4) appointments that the Recreation Commission agreed upon. We have problems with attendance and some people have moved out of Town. We need attendance and we need a quorum to continue business. I do have a few things I want to mention after this an exciting project.

Mary Ann - I would like to make a motion to appoint the following four (4) individuals to the Richlands Recreation Commission, Mark Gillespie, Christopher Hess, Jon Brown and Grace Stuart, Jeff Hurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion?

Mary Ann - Grace Stuart will bring more insight to Senior Citizen activities. She is extremely enthusiastic and energetic and very interested in our community and I think she will bring some fresh new ideas to the Recreation Commission.

Richard – I think each one brings a specific skill set; I don't know Mr. Hess.

Mary Ann - He works at the College and also Youth Pastor at Gethsemane Baptist he lives across from Critterville. He has a small daughter, and he is at the park a lot. An all-around great gentleman.

Jeff - I was at the last meeting when we talked about this, attendance requirements: people get busy, we did not have a quorum so we could not conduct business, and we really need to do some things. We did a pretty good search, and we had some volunteers. The Commission is made up of members in Town and members out of Town. It makes it extremely difficult to get in Town member, so many people involved with athletics and to find one in Town that is willing to serve. I am excited about these four (4) people and moving on with the Commission.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mary Ann - Our next meeting will be Monday, April 16 upstairs at the Rec Department, we invite all of you to come. One project that we presently have going on is the Lake Park Playground. The WW Fields Park at the JA Robinson Field. The Fields and the Robinson names are not going to change. If you have

not been down there you need to go. We would like to thank the Falls Mills Fishing Club, they donated this wonderful pirate ship and it is connected to a Fort with a rock-climbing wall and swings. The kids have already been enjoying the park. This is Phase I that Appalachian Senior Citizens is planning with the Town we have had several zoom meetings. I want to thank Regina Salyers and her Team. Regina is one of those people who is a mover and a shaker. She is extremely organized. I know Mr. O'Daniel, Mayor Cury has been in on these zoom meetings. The first Phase will be a Walking Trail. It is a small park for walkers you will have to go six (6) laps to make one (1) mile, we hope to have that completed by November. Lynna Mitchell who is Appalachian Agency's grant writer and is one of the best in the area is working on a grant. We have a citizen who has donated private money and with the grant we should be able to complete Phase I, the walking trail and we already have the additional playground equipment. Lake Park residents have reached out with great enthusiasm and appreciation. Critterville- Jessica Lawrence our Recreation Director is doing a great job keeping that area clean along with our great Street Crew and other people in Town, working for the Town and citizens. We got fresh sand; our parks are looking extremely good this time of year. I would like to thank Connie, the vendors, and Logan for our Easter Event. They had a lady singing that had sung at Coal Town Taps before. It was a really nice event for children. I appreciate all that participation. Most Councilmembers each month will express concerns or questions that have been presented to them from citizens. Most of these things I have learned early on, I try to settle with the Town Manager and have them addressed prior to and then there are some things that have to be mentioned at the meetings. Leading into that I know our Mayor is a fabulous history teacher and is very knowledgeable. I have already asked him of course; he knew today was Thomas Jefferson's birthday. I would not have known that, but Ron Brown announced it on WGTH. He had a quote from Thomas Jefferson that I think is exceptional. The quote is "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom". I would like to ask two (2) Councilmembers a question and the reason I ask this it has been asked of me. For a long time, a very long time Mr. Ratliff, citizens have asked me this question, how does Councilmember Doug Ratliff serve on the Council when their belief is that you do not reside in the Town Limits the required amount of time. My question is and I ask for an honest answer, can you honestly say that you physically reside in your residence in Hidden Valley for the required six (6) months and one (1) day out of a year.

Doug – Absolutely I do.

Mary Ann - A questions that citizens wanted me to ask. Second question is to Councilman Plaster, you have not been on the Council very long, but these are questions ask of me to ask. Do you plan to physically reside in home in the Town limits that you have a utility bill in your name?

Logan - I do and I already do. If anyone needed to speak with me on that I would want them to feel comfortable to call me at any time.

Mayor Cury - One of the duties of the park in Lake Park it is intergenerational. That is important because Ms. Mitchell is applying for a grant with AARP, (Associations of Retired People). It is for a broad range of people and abilities. I am really excited about that.

Mayor Cury – "Council Member Reports" – Mike Street

Mike - I do want to welcome John, it is his first meeting with Richlands, and I hope that you have been welcomed well. Connie touched on the Pitch Package; that is something that is going to be great for us, touched a little bit on the Revitalization that I am working with her, she is doing a fantastic job. We have got to the point where we need to address some blight to make sure our Revitalization Project is a success. We really don't have blight address like we should. We were able to get some Ordinances from the Town of Lebanon; they completed a Revitalization Project as well. We have given a copy to Wayne. That is my part in the Revitalization, is making sure that all the small business has what they need and make sure that the Revitalization is a success, it is going to be phenomenal. One of the big things I have talked about recently is Broadband; we have had an initial meeting. We still have a long way to go but, in the beginning, it looked like Hidden Valley might have some issues due to not having power poles. It looks like that is not going to be a problem. It looks like there is some strong possibilities that we are going to be able to get into Hidden Valley and offer the residents up there a different service. We are

working with AEP to make sure that happens. It is going to be a lengthy process. They are prepared to take care of the cost. We don't know about the cost for Richlands it is still premature it is a phenomenal opportunity. There have been some announcements from different Senators about unserviceable areas and being able to provide Broadband, it is not something we are eligible for because we have service. This is all of us, reaching out and trying to do better for Richlands it is an incredible opportunity, will provide attractiveness to our Town as well as businesses and that is what we want. That is ultimately the goal, increase our tax bases and obviously that is something that can do that. I am very passionate about it, and I keep going thru that and will be some discussion. It is something that I am looking forward to. Economic Development, I am very passionate about and helping small businesses. I am trying to do everything I can for our small businesses and that includes incentives. I am currently looking at some incentives and have a consensus of Council to move forward on the incentives, but we are going to look at those thoroughly for new business it is pretty cut and dry. It is awesome opportunity that we are going to be able to help existing businesses and we know how important they are and trying to find the right incentive for them, give them opportunity to grow. There are different options, and I am looking at those and I have called some folks every week. It is going to be a good thing for us; we are looking at an Economic Development Committee or Commission, something I am really passionate about. Something that will focus on actual business prospecting as well as incentives and commercial blight issues, things of that nature that we really need to address in Town and have recommendations on. I am really doing everything I can. I am passionate about it and will continue to be passionate about it. We need more small business we need bigger businesses. I don't know how much room we have for it but if we got it I will help find it. That is my goal I just want the citizens to know how hard I am working, I will put my name out there to make sure we are doing the best thing we can for Richlands and providing jobs for our people, doing the best we can. Someone reached out to me in regard to how often we do meet being once a month, I meet much more than that, and I can only speak for myself. I spend hours and hours on the phone with different folks trying to do different things as far as Revitalization Committee, REEC Committee, and all the different contracts we are dealing with, Broadband. This is not a one meeting job and I appreciate this job and I would encourage Council if you are a one meeting person it is probably not a job for you. If we would all put forth the same amount of effort to go way beyond, I think our Town would thrive. My goal is to sit here and tell all the wonderful things I am trying to do and encourage Council to do the same. Find your passion and help and do the best you can and let's move forward.

Mayor Cury - Thank you very much sounds exciting.

Mayor Cury - "Council Member Reports" - Logan Plaster

Logan - I have good news for our friends with the cats. Since the last Council meeting, I have spoken with numerous people, numerous citizens that have been concerned about the feral cat colonies in Town and numerous people trying to find solutions. I met with Lisa Hess a few weeks ago, we talked for a very long time trying to come up with some ideas. I have also spoken to other citizens about ideas. I have two (2) emails one (1) is from Ms. Julie Winston; she is Executive Director of Wise County Humane Society and an email from Ms. Linda Fritsch, Director of Animal Defense League of Washington County, VA. Read the email from Julia Winston. I have talked to her extensively. I have only talked to Linda Fritsch thru email. Read letter from Linda Fritsch. I spoke to Ms. Winston in great detail, they have named Lisa Hess as their Chairwoman of Richlands, as we well know Tazewell County does not have a Humane Society and Wise County has graciously opened the door to let us be part of them. The way Julie explained it to me that four (4) women will be trapping the cats and they will be taken to Dr. Sparks the Veterinarian in Cedar Bluff. Dr. Sparks has offered on her day off to neuter and spade up to ten (10) cats at a time. That is where they stand right now. They have a detailed plan and Julie is going to send to me. Lisa Hess will be spearheading it and I can't imagine anyone more qualified. I think that is a good answer and a good starting point for the feral cat colonies in Richlands.

Mayor Cury - I talked to Logan about this I was trying to solve this problem outside the rim of government. We have limited ability around the government to do a lot. Did you mention them coming here and having an educational program?

Logan - I did , Julie Winston said she was willing to come to Richlands and do an educational meeting with the feeders and the trappers. She said with the right education and the TNR Program you won't even see the cats in the areas where they are seen. If the TNR is done correctly, you won't even see the cats and the feeders. She is very enthusiastic. With her and Lisa the feral cat population will decline.

Mayor Cury - To the people here concerning the cats, I do have feelings for animals just like everyone here does and think positive of it. I asked Wayne what the role of government is, but my own assumption is we are limited to what we can do as a government. With your volunteer help, Ms. Keen, Lisa, and others I think this is going to succeed with the work that Logan has done. I think we can help these animals to have some measure of life, whatever is possible, working in tandem with everyone around us.

Logan - The complaints regarding the sound system, a lot of people say they cannot hear, and had questions about the Access Channel. I asked Frank about it. I want to welcome John O'Daniel I really appreciate him, and I have already met with him twice and he has answered numerous emails. I have to thank Connie for all her hard work. The Town Council does not know all that she does. Connie, I really appreciate everything you do. She works very hard, and she is very appreciated from me. I want to thank the Town Crew and George for the new cross walk at House and Barn Collectables and Tressia's Trends. They were very pleased. I did have a call from Wanda Lowe on Plantation Drive in Hidden Valley, Mr. Horn was here last time and Mr. Osborne was here tonight, they are all having major issues with water. She wanted to know if the ditches that were supposed to be ditched out for her are on the schedule yet and when the by-laws of Hidden Valley were done away with. She was under the assumption those were still intact and, on the record, she wants to know why those are no longer intact. I was not sure of that and told I would bring to Council.

Doug - They are still intact; they are automatically renewed every ten (10) years.

Logan - That was one issue she asked me about, I will ask Mr. O'Daniel for clarification on that. At the Community Development meeting few weeks ago Ginger Branton was there and asked me to bring this up, they are having issue with people coming to walk their dogs in the grass area of the library and they are using the bathroom there and no one is picking up the leftover. She is very upset by it. She said the library will have children coming soon and they go out there and read books and different things. She doesn't want a child to step in something. She wants someone to take a look at that. Maybe our Code Enforcement Officer can take a look into that.

Mayor Cury - We actually have code on that.

Logan - I was there and saw it, the lady walked the dog and let it use the bathroom and she did not pick it up. Our cat issue, I hope that my friends are satisfied with my answer.

Mike - I think there is a way we can address additional cats. Jerry, in regard to new cats when somebody drops off, do we have Code for that?

Jerry - Yes, there are Codes for animal abandonment.

Mike - Have we looked at sight cameras for that area or some type of camera?

Jerry - We do have them; we have couple of trail cameras.

Mike - I don't know if we have people dropping cats off every little bit, but if they are abandoning that cat.

Doug - Mr. Street brought up about our businesses and he brought up some good points, I would like to add to that, we need to take care of our existing businesses and have Richlands help those businesses. If you do the math, we need to take a look at our electric rates not only for the businesses but for the residential area. If you do the math Richlands is much higher than AEP. Hidden Valley is much lower

than the Town because they are on AEP. I urge that the Council take a look at the electrical rates. You can do your own math. AEP is on the average of 10 ½ kilowatt . The Town is 12 ½ kilowatt. That might not sound very much but if you use several kilowatts that is probably adding \$20/\$30 to a low bill in Town.

Mayor Cury - You are speaking about the proposal that Mike was talking about helping businesses and relating to cost of electricity to be business friendly.

Doug - We need to keep our tax rates low; all of our businesses are struggling. We don't need to add any more taxes and we need to look at our electric rates. We should at least be the same as AEP and we are not. One of the things is, the Town Attorney later is going to bring up some properties that we need to clean up and so forth. We need to do that, but it is hard for the Town to ask citizens to clean up their property when the Town has eyesores. One of the big eyesores is the Town's lot; we have had trucks sitting there for thirty years. They don't move, they are rusted down I would urge Mr. O'Daniel if he would take a look at that and start clean that eyesore up then we can ask the citizens to clean theirs up if we keep ours up.

Mary Ann – I think Councilman Street when he talked about business incentives for new business he also mentioned for existing businesses.

Mike – There are some we are going to attempt to adopt from a small business standpoint. I am looking into DHCD money. Would provide them with a lot more money but that is premature. It may help with electric bills and there are a few different things we can look at. I agree with Mr. Ratliff when he talks about the eyesores and things. We need to be focusing on those areas.

Mary Ann - As far as electric rates, I learned something today, thru Social Services depending on household size and maximum income there is help and it is really shocking how easy it is. About eight (8) months out of the year they call it cooling season and the winter months a lot of families eight months out of the year get assistance to pay their entire bill. I am very thankful. The only thing it does not pay I was told is the garbage pickup. I was told from a very reputable source. Maximum income with a household size of four (4) and if you fall below \$2849 you can get your entire bills paid for.

Mayor Cury - The Mayor does not take any position what rates are or not right now, I just listen to the Council and I appreciate all the input.

Doug - I can bring studies. I have a laundromat in Abingdon, and I have one here. They have the same equipment and same everything. It costs the one in Richlands \$138 extra a month for the same number of kilowatts. We also done studies with the car washes, the same exact thing we found that Richlands is at least two to 2 ½ higher a kilowatt. Don't sound like a lot but smaller businesses like beauty parlors they have a problem if their bill is \$30/\$40. I understand what Mary Ann is talking about, but most businesses and residents won't qualify for those programs, they are turned down. I think we should look at our rates for the citizens. In the budget meeting I will show how Richlands is much higher.

Mayor Cury - We will be choosing budget work session dates tonight. The only reason I am smiling not at the facts you are putting out but your reference to beauty parlor. It is such a young term Doug, I understand it.

Mayor Cury – “Mayor’s Comments”

Mayor Cury – IDA Appointments, I have been in contact with the Chairperson of Richlands IDA, Barry Alley. They are missing members and they have had problems as many commissions and groups do people who can't attend or people who quit for various reasons. I don't know how many, I would like to work with the existing membership to see if they have some people in mind. These are Council appointments and interested citizens who can serve. Richlands IDA, you have to be within the Town limits. I have no suggestions for tonight. I did make some suggestions to Barry, but those people were

unable to serve. I appreciate their honesty by saying I can't do it. I don't know if it is urgent, but I will ask members if they have someone in mind and they would like to put in. Think about who would like to serve on the Richlands IDA. If you know of someone, ask if they can serve and we work from there. If someone in the audience has someone to suggest, that would be a way to engage the citizens.

Mary Ann - I would like to ask Ms. Mollo because you are very active and intelligent and you do a lot of research, would you consider serving on the IDA?

Laura Mollo – I appreciate that, but I think they meet early in the morning and I would not be able to do that. Since I can speak for a moment, if you guys wanted to advertise that on Facebook I think if we had five (5) days to take names, a very helpful approach to help get out to citizens.

Mayor Cury - I appreciate the suggestion and that is why I put it out there, we try to listen to everyone. Something I think is very simple gets to be very complicated. I get really trapped and I don't know. I would ask from Council, the Attorney, and the Manager about advertising for these positions which are called political appointments. That has a bad ring to it, it doesn't matter if your name as an "R" in front of it or a "D" it is political, this is a political organization. It has nothing to do with politics. I wanted to make a clear to everyone here. Even if you are a socialist it doesn't matter you can serve on the IDA. I want to make that really clear, no backing down.

Mayor Cury - Wayne can we advertise that?

Wayne – Certainly

Mayor Cury – John?

Mayor Cury - I suggest before I say something derogatory that I allow the Manager and the Attorney to frame the advertisement to whatever they think is best, for me to make a snap decision would be a wrong thing. I will also ask a motion of Council.

Richard - Are we going to have the same guidelines as the Planning Commission appointments or do you, have it?

Mayor Cury - I had a suggestion in mind tonight.

Richard - I make the motion for Mr. O'Daniel and Mr. McClanahan to form the wording to ask for appointments from the community for the Richlands IDA, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mary Ann - They have to be approved by Council.

Mayor Cury – These are political appointments.

Mike - The guidelines for IDA as far as restrictions for residency, those are in the Charter?

Mayor Cury - I can help, it is not in the Charter but in the power of the Charter for the Council to form an IDA. IDA has its own by-laws and operates independently from the Council. We could actually fund them which we do not do. Their job is a little different from the Council they are an arm of Council but independent of Council. It is a hard thing to explain, it is an independent group. They are an arm to bringing business here. That is a broad summary from Rod Cury but refer to Wayne for clarification.

Mike – Their by-laws state they have to be a resident.

Mayor Cury – They have to be, it is Richlands IDA opposed to the Tazewell IDA.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury – Planning Commission appointments, I sat in that seat so it was natural for me to contact Jeff Hurst and ask him if he would like to serve on the Planning Commission. I really don't want to give it up but they tell me the by-laws don't allow me, I can attend but I can't vote. I will be honest; I want my cake and eat it too. Jeff what is your thought?

Jeff – Yes

Mayor Cury - You agree to serve, they meet regular at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday. What little I know I will tell you, I learned by attending and have made lots of mistakes. I want to give credit to Tim Taylor and tremendous credit to the late Richard Vance who helped me so much in what time I served.

Mary Ann - I make the motion to appoint Jeff Hurst as the Council Representative to the Planning Commission, Mike seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury - One good thing we have filled a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and we need a Representative on the Commission, we need a full house for the Rec Commission, and we are looking for members for the IDA.

Mayor Cury - I want to welcome Jeff Hurst as a member of our Council, he has served before and willing to serve now. I am very grateful, and he will bring his experience and expertise which is not any little matter, we can't all serve he is willing to do it and I am appreciative. He has a family, and he has children, he has a wife and a hard job, and he is willing to spend time with the Town and for the Town and learn something. I am grateful for that. He is active in the church. You learn a lot about people and how to manage people and do the right thing which brings me to this, this is a church fan, I didn't bring it because I get that hot, I collect different things, and this is "Harriet Beecher Stowe" wrote Uncle Tom's cabin. She got women to stand up and the right to vote, 100 some years ago. Common sense is seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be. I want to thank John O'Daniel for coming to Richlands. He has his own charm, no doubt and he has his own way of thinking, I have met with him a couple of times briefly. I ask Mr. O'Daniel to make his own stamp on Council. Tim Taylor was with us so long and did a super job. Anyone who works for you, for us for so long has got to do some good. I hope we can always remember that with everyone in this room. I want to say to Mr. O'Daniel this is your opportunity to make an impact here and, in your life, I hope you stay for a long time, you might not. You will always be with us and we will always be with you. John it is called the ARC of Life. Your ARC is forever and is entangled with ours and will not go away. Thank you so much for joining us.

Mayor Cury - At this time I would like for Logan Plaster to come up front. Mr. Plaster at the January Richlands Town Council meeting by a motion of five, you abstained from your own motion and you didn't have to do that, we honored you in the motion to recognize you as the youngest member ever elected. Read the certificate – Certificate of Recognition by approval of Richlands Town Council on January 12, 2021, it is hereby acknowledged that C. Logan Plaster is the youngest person elected to serve as a member of the Richlands Town Council, this 13th day of April 2021 by Rodney D. Cury- Mayor.

Mayor Cury - My last comment is about the minutes, Connie thank you, there were fifty-seven pages of minutes. They are not minutes; they are a transcription. It is a daunting task I do not know how you do it, to that I compliment you. I have personally thought about this a lot, I saw mistakes and I corrected the important ones. Let me suggest something, we had this before with Kelly Goodman, Chris Brown and finally Rod Cury is finally getting it out where it should be. We need either a transcription machine if we are going to ask for these kinds of minutes or we need an App, a speech to text App that can do a

decent job, not perfect to get the minutes down actually. What you did was super, they are not inaccurate, but it is very difficult. I propose to the Council and suggest we invest in some way to help the Clerk. If we want these kinds of minutes, word for word, we need something to help.

Logan - She actually takes that home and does it on top of everything else she does for us. I totally agree we need to make as easy as possible.

Mayor Cury - I have not looked into it thorough enough to make a suggestion. I have a thought. Mike, you are a tech guy you might want to work with Logan and you two work on a suggestion for Council at the next meeting to help Connie or any Clerk.

Mike - Have you looked into it at all as far as Apps or anything like that?

Connie - I have not.

Logan - I think it is definitely needed she is way dedicated to her job.

Mayor Cury - It is just not for Connie it is for us. We used to have Council actions when Elvalee Vandyke was the Clerk it was a summary of Council action. This is word for word, and it is much more difficult.

Mike - We will figure it out.

Mayor Cury - Will you bring something back at the next Council meeting?

Mike/Logan – Yes

Doug - What do we need for the sound, someone said we need a piece of equipment to get it back on the channel is that correct? What piece do we need?

John - We are going to discuss later in my report.

Mayor Cury – “Attorney Comments” – Wayne McClanahan

Wayne – I didn’t realize you were going to present Logan with the certificate, Connie and I have made preparations for a plaque.

Wayne - The first reading of the O-2021-05-01, Nuisances- We do not have to read this twice will go thru the process that I am going to recommend. I will read the Ordinance for the first reading and elaborate a little further with some thoughts on that. (Read the Ordinance, attached exhibit) All the language has the recent and up-to-date codes regarding our maximum amount of authority, various sorts of problems from grass to trash and different structures that are becoming a public nuisance, inoperable vehicles all of the things and issues have crept up from time to time from my time here Chief Gilbert has mentioned to me from time to time the desire to have some codes that have more teeth in them and provide his officers with the ability to take care of some of these things. You can reach out to me if you need any explanation. What I would suggest that we get this published on the website and get it out to the community, we have a public hearing to get the community input on this and put on the agenda for consideration at the May meeting to become effective June 1. I think it will address a lot of different problems that we have had.

Richard – Why is bamboo specified?

Wayne – It is part of the Code Sections 15.2-901, 904,906,907.

Richard - It has not been that long that we had requalification of the code, motor vehicles, clean up properties are place specific places of the code. Is that removing all those separate codes and combining into one?

Wayne - It is all back in Chapter 92, all address in the specific code sections giving the Town authority to address these types of things.

Mayor Cury - Section 92-01,02, etc., these are the codes, you have clarified, and these are from the Code of Virginia, all the wording is from the Code of Virginia.

Wayne – Yes

Mayor Cury - Any alternate wording?

Wayne - Nothing substantial, the maximum authority as I see it and give us all the teeth that we can get. If Council is on board with that you can get the public hearing scheduled and get on the website and get ready to have the second reading of this and put out for Council consideration.

Mayor Cury - What I am reading here this is to take effect on June 1, that being said this is for the adoption of the Ordinance. Do we vote on the first reading?

Wayne – Just by default under the charter.

Mayor Cury - Suspension of the first reading.

Wayne - I just think it is best practice.

Mayor Cury – I total understand that, I need clarification.

Richard - Is there an enhanced penalty?

Wayne - Yes this reflects the maximum civil penalty that the state code allows. It gives us the flexibility to designate Mr. O'Daniel or designee to provide a reasonable notice to the citizens. We have flexibility on case-by-case basis as our financial situation dictates civil penalties or if we want to act on notice, self-help and all the individual sections have reference that we are not limited to the power we have under 15.2-900 for actual court proceeding. We will have to address on a case-by-case basis.

Richard - The majority are repeat offenders.

Wayne - Derelict Buildings, Councilman Street sent me some sample Ordinances that Lebanon had adopted, the reason that tax abatement is pertinent in this conversation my reading of that code says our authority pursuant to 907.1 in reference on Exhibit A. In order for us to adopt the Derelict Building structure procedure we have to have a Tax Abatement Program. We have a little flexibility in what we can do with that effect if you have a derelict structure more than likely there is a real estate tax delinquency. Cleaning up of the derelict structures, to receive tax credits or tax abatement for exchange for the willingness to submit a plan for the demolition or renovation of a derelict structure. I would want Council to give direction to Mr. O'Daniel and myself I think we need to reach out to the County to get into conjunction with them because if there are delinquent taxes on them there are probably County taxes as well. We are limited to our efficiency without getting the County involved. I have been working with Councilman Street on trying to identify some opportunities for some industrial development, economic development. I just happened in the last few days to run across a VA Code Section allows us to create an economic revitalization zone, gives us some authority to implement some of the business incentives for new prospective businesses but existing business as well. We need to take a collaborate approach not only with the County but I think the Planning Commission and Zoning needs to be together in this so we can move into this downtown revitalization.

Mayor Cury - Planning and Zoning together.

Wayne - I think everyone needs some input.

Mayor Cury - Zoning is a part of Planning.

Wayne – Ok - What the code section allows us the ability to do to potentially adopt an Ordinance upon determination the building is determined derelict state we can offer this Tax Abatement Program and we can require them to submit a plan to us that is approved, and the plan will call for demolition and/or revitalization of that property which we can work with Connie. Assuming everything goes forward with the downtown revitalization to work collectively if Council would direct John and I to approach the appropriate County officials to have something a little more concrete.

Mayor Cury - Is that DHCD?

Connie – Yes

Wayne - Consideration of Ordinance to sell property tax Map ID #105A5100001-002. We read this Ordinance at the last meeting for the first time and the Council directed to solicit bids for that property. We did receive one (1) bid for that that I am opening now. Read the Bid form Ronnie D. Cordle for amount of \$15,000. The Council can go in what direction they want to go on the property since it has been solicited for bidding in newspaper. I can read the Ordinance for the second time and you can consider a motion. Read Ordinance O-2021-03-01.

Mayor Cury - Wayne has read the description of the property to be sold and we have a potential buyer, Mr. Cordle, is there a motion for Council to proceed with the sale.

Mike - I make the motion to proceed with the sale, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury - We have a new owner, hopefully it will go beautifully.

Wayne - We need additional motion to act as an emergency measure.

Mayor Cury - If Council so desires to act as an emergency measure so we can facilitate the transfer of the land by quitclaim deed prepared by Wayne for Mr. Cordle.

Mike - I make the motion, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Doug - I have one question for the Town Attorney. We will probably have to go into closed session, just wanted you to have the correct numbers we have a business we talked about two or three months ago that is not living up to the proposed purpose, I think Mr. Brown can enlighten us with an update.

Wayne - I think we already have under Executive Closed Session.

Mary Ann – The Fairfax Avenue proposed tax sale.

Richard - The Gomez property?

Wayne - We have started the process to initiate tax sale on the Fairfax property and individually polling everybody and everyone is unanimously consented to initiate a tax sale on the Gomez property on overdue taxes. We isolated these two (2) properties to initiate proceedings on, but we need some level

of uniformity in address this, so I request that Council give John and I directions in terms of just criteria to start looking at back taxes. I have a list of delinquency taxes that I can forward to everybody it is not completely up-to-date. It is up to Council, but we can start looking at those by date of delinquency and other things that may pose nuisances. It is whatever the criteria Council wants to do.

Richard - To me I think you would want to incorporate back taxes with the property, you could have a nice house for that, for the public they have complaints about these properties.

Wayne – The Fairfax Avenue is already rolling, and notices have been sent as soon as the notices period runs out, we have already petitions ready to be file and we will and ask the court to direct us make a tax sale and we will schedule that tax sale and auction off at the courthouse steps for the amount of the delinquency taxes.

Mary Ann - Do you have any kind of time frame?

Wayne - It is a 30 days' notice; I imagine by the time we get back with Council we will be at the point we have something filed and we have a proposed date. If I could get up with all the heirs and they can waive that and we can prepare an answer for that if they are voluntarily willing to sign, it would expedite that process and I hope to do the same thing with the Gomez property. As I understand it the current property owner is not residing in the United States. They may propose some additional hurdles. There is plenty of provisions to have jurisdiction over that property without personal service over them, will see if I can Fed Ex something over in the Philippines and see if we can expedite as much as possible.

Richard - Is there any way we can require on the tax sale itself to the buyer of the property.

Wayne – No, we can't put any stipulations on that nuisance code adopted. We will be fully prepared to have some teeth. I have reached out to the County Building Inspector to see if there is anything we can do. I spoke with Ms. Ferrell again today; the current condition of the Gomez property might pose a current danger situation. I hope to work with Mr. Jackson to identify some state building codes that might to give us the certificate of occupancy and explore the options.

Richard – The other property is the same.

Mayor Cury - What was your question to Wayne, I didn't quite hear it?

Richard - Is there any deed restrictions that we could, I assume once we do the tax sale it would be prior to being deeded to the Town.

Wayne – This would be set for auction with a price to encourage the buyer.

Richard - I don't want someone to purchase the property and having a two-year fight getting them to clean it up. Is there anything we can do?

Mayor Cury – A condition of sale.

Wayne - We can't put these type stipulations on the actual sale, there is an alternative path that we can go down that best title this property in the Town. It is going to take a financial commitment from everybody in terms of purchasing property and it will be our responsibility to do whatever we want to with it, whatever Council wants to do on it.

Mayor Cury - For example, Fairfax Avenue property, you are saying if the Town wanted to get it.

Wayne - Under the VA Code, taxes that are delinquent for more than two (2) years we can initiate a proceeding to get a jurisdiction authorized tax sale, we can sell for whatever we like. I will work with John to get a number that satisfies our back taxes and other taxes with that. There is alternate path we can go thru. The back taxes or anything defines any nuisance's litigation or whatever the amount of

taxes or fines if they exceed 50% of the assessed value for the property, the Fairfax property is not an issue because it has already been reassessed post the damage that happened, we can ask the Board to appoint a special Commissioner to convene directly.

Mayor Cury – Do we have that assessment?

Wayne - It is currently assessed for \$9,000.

Mayor Cury - Do you know how many lots that are there?

Richard – Three (3) lots.

Wayne – We can auction it and hope that someone is willing to spend money to invest in purchasing not just buying property. We are getting all our options together to force them to if they don't.

Richard - I think the Fairfax Avenue property won't be an issue the cost of the Gomez property is going to be substantial.

Mayor Cury - The cost to fix it up or demolish the house.

Wayne - Hopefully, I will have some more clarity after I have a conversation with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Collins, from the County prospective forcing those building codes in Town. We may be able to get some relief on that after the fact with derelict structure ordinance we are looking at. Hopefully, we can incentivize something to clean this up possible tax abatement.

Mayor Cury - I have lots of people ask me about the properties and I really don't know what to tell them. What does the ticket from the County state the value of the Fairfax Avenue?

Wayne - That is the assessed value from the Commissioner of Revenue Office.

Mayor Cury – When the house was there and not burned, what is the value of the land on the tax ticket?

Wayne - The land is the \$9000, not sure what the house was.

Mary Ann - Thank you for the progress.

Wayne - I guess we can go with public auction on both of those.

Mayor Cury - The sale will be on the courthouse steps.

Mayor Cury – Manager's Report – John O'Daniel

John – Authorization to pay bills, you already have a list of those. If you have any questions we can answer at this time. If not, I will need a motion to approve.

Mayor Cury – There are two (2) registers.

Mary Ann - I make a motion that we allow the Town Manager to pay the bills as presented, Richard seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

John - Authorize Line of Credit drawdown Number #09 from National Bank for Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project (\$78,089.80) and Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Improvements (\$21,904.42) cost for March billing for a total of \$99,994.22.

Jeff - I make the motion to allow the Town Manager to do drawdown #09 from National Bank, Mike seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

John - Continuation of considering adopting Resolution R-2021-03-01 for elected official health care eligibility option. We have already taken care of the employees for next year; the remaining question is do we extend to our elected officials. In the budget information we sent out depending on how many elects to take the insurance it reflects that, it will be around \$7,000 per single individual up to around \$19,000 for a family plan. I need to get direction from the Board on how to move forward with this. We need to get the paperwork back to our Health Insurance Provider and move forward to next year.

Doug - What is the estimate cost total?

John - It depends on how many people participate, if everyone participates as a single will be about \$49,000, if the complete Board takes the family plan \$134,000. It really depends on how many people want to participate.

Mayor Cury - Wayne wanted to talk about some issues with this.

Wayne - We just need to get this issue taken care of before there is any discussion going on. After the last meeting I was asked to look into this particular issue with the health insurance. There is a potential conflict of interest to this. I should have recognized it when it was going on. As per the Conflict of Interest Act, you all have a personal interest in this transaction. I conferred with the Ethics Advisory Council on this issue. I sent a copy of reference to all of you, on the last page there is some sample language, I think the cleanest way to go about this, Mr. Mayor if you will go in a roll call fashion everyone has a conflict of interest in the consideration of this. If a Councilmember wants to abstain due to their conflict of interest you would just need to satisfy the public declaration for the requirement of Conflict of Interest Act by stating the nature of your conflict of interest and you are abstaining from all discussion in and out of Council on this matter. If a Councilmember wishes not to abstain you will still be required to satisfy that declaration for the Conflict of Interest Act and state on the record that you do have a conflict of interest and none of the less feel that you can fairly and objectively consider the passing of this Resolution. Code Section 2.2 3113 (B) (1). You are not limited to saying anything other than these two (2) options, but this is the bare minimum to meet the declaration.

Mayor Cury - Sample #1 - Language to be used if the Councilmember wishes to abstain from participation and vote regarding consideration of R-2021-03-01: "I feel that I will realize a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect benefit as a result of the adoption of R-2021-03-01 by this Council. As such, I have a personal interest in this transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. As a result, I hereby abstain from all participation, discussion, and vote regarding R-2021-03-01." If you are going to abstain from all participation you cannot talk about it regarding the resolution you are saying you have a person interest in this transaction.

Wayne – Correct

Mayor Cury –Sample #2 – "I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council's consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va.

Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1).” That may seem overkill but that is the way I understand it.

Richard - Do we need to do the declaration before we have any discussion on this?

Mayor Cury – Yes

Wayne - I think it is safe to go ahead and do the declaration now, if more than two (2) members abstain no need in going forward. Someone who did not make the motion last month can make a motion to pass the Resolution and seconded by a party that did not seconded last month and then open for discussion.

Doug - That would be the person that brought the motion up plus the person that seconded it.

Wayne – They can’t bring it up has to be different.

Richard - Do you recall who that was?

Mike - I made the motion and Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury - Mike and Mary Ann will not be able to make the motion, correct?

Wayne – Correct

Mayor Cury - If you have a personal interest, you are not going to vote, talk and no discussion. The second is I have an interest, but it is going to benefit me.

Wayne - I can fairly consider this matter.

Mayor Cury - I will ask each of you to make a declaration.

Jeff - Option #2 - “I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council’s consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1).”

Richard - Option #2 - “I and/or my immediate family may realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council’s consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1).”

Mary Ann - Option #2 - “I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council’s consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as

pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1)."

Logan - Option #2 - "I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council's consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1)."

Mike - Option #2 - "I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council's consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113 (B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1)."

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Mayor Cury - Option #2 - "I and/or my immediate family will realize a direct financial benefit as a result of this Council's consideration of R-2021-03-01. As such, I have a personal interest in said transaction as pursuant to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act. However, I, as a member of the Richlands Town Council as Mayor, a group of more than three (3) persons affected by the transaction, have been advised by the Town Attorney that I may choose to avail myself of the exemption contained in Va. Code 2.2-3113(B) (1), provided that I believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest. I am hereby publicly stating that I do believe I can participate, discuss, and vote on R-2021-03-01 in a fair and objective manner, and in the public interest, and further state that I am availing myself of the exemption set forth in Va. Code 2.2-3112(B)(1)."

Mayor Cury - Read the Resolution- R-2021-03-01, is there a motion for consideration

Richard - I make the motion for consideration of R-2021-03-10, Jeff seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury - I will ask each of you for discussion, you have two (2) times to discuss.

Jeff – I have talked to a few people today, of course I own my own business and I pay hospitalization for my employees, so I know the cost associated with it. Basically, what I am feeling is I don't see much of a change that is needed as far as what we were doing as far as this Resolution. If the health benefit is there for a particular Councilmember and they wish to take advantage of it, I think they should have that option.

Richard - I don't use their insurance, I am a retired employee I am on my wife's medical insurance. I have taken numerous calls; I think it has been misconstrued to the public that we have to raise taxes in order to provide this health benefit. That is ludicrous, we had the same benefit last year and I didn't even know about it when I got elected, one reason I didn't use it I guess. For people to put out especially Councilmembers out to public on Facebook or whatever that we are somehow raising taxes to benefit ourselves is beyond believing. We are a governing body, and we should be working together, and we don't. We have different factions that go here and there and puts mistruths out to the public that has people from the public coming in here making statements calling us bad or whatever. I fully support this resolution; it will be at no increase in taxes based on how we pay for this for the Council. That is the reason I made the motion.

Mary Ann – I have talked to many citizens, secondly, I have done a lot of research and most importantly I have prayed about the decision and after all those I am supportive of it. In my research one thing we did not know was what the Town of Abingdon does which comes up a lot in our meeting about what Abingdon does, they currently do offer health insurance and they also pay their Council Members \$535.56 per month and the Mayor \$718.75 per month, future Council meeting had to pass Resolution this time. I also talked to Tom Lester, Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, that having enlightened me greatly and helped me tremendous with my decision because the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors offers health insurance just as we have been doing as a full-time employee and they pay the same premium as a full-time employee. Tom also went on to say that could potentially attract Council Members in the future, perhaps they are self-employed and don't have benefit of health insurance. I value his intelligence greatly and he felt like it was a well-deserved benefit of a Council member. I am also extremely disturbed that all this has been on Facebook. I just don't think that is appropriate for Councilmembers to share this type of information. It is true as our Town Manager mentioned it would take all seven (7) of us to take full family coverage to cost us, the Town of Richlands \$135,000. That is ludicrous, not that it couldn't happen but unlikely. I think unfair for part-time employees, not the Town's decision but Health Providers decisions, part-time employees are not eligible for coverage. Again, lots of soul searching and most of all prayer, my decision to support Health Insurance offered to our Town employees.

Logan - I obviously have to say that it is public knowledge; if you want to address my Facebook, I would really appreciate you saying my name. I put it out for public knowledge, it is public knowledge any citizen can get this information and I encourage them to get the information. I understand what you are saying, last time I stated that I abstained it was an issue evidently but this time I will vote "No" I do think as long as we do have part-time employees that do not have health insurance I do not think an elected official constitutes us having that benefit, which should not be running for our position for the benefits that this position offers, we should be running to help the citizens of Richlands and that is why I will vote "No" on this Resolution.

Mike – For me it is simple it makes this role attractive for different people I have taken multiple calls on how it may look or anything like that, I have taken calls about stuff that has been said as far as our involvement with the Town and how some folks don't think we deserve that based on how much we do or how much we attend certain meetings. For myself I take great pride in being a Councilmember in Richlands and until the day I am not a Councilmember I will give 150%, 100% and I expected all the Councilmembers to do the same. That includes lending my hand in every single situation that I possibly can. Currently this is a second full-time job for me, truthfully, now am I complaining, absolutely not I absolutely love it, I love being engaged, I love being motivated to do things. To say this is a position where may not deserve it, I would like for a person to step into my shoes and see what I do behind the scenes and the things I get accomplished and the things I am working on and the things I am trying to do for this Town. We should not even be having this conversation, truthfully, that is my opinion. I will be

supportive of this; personally, I will state on the record that I don't plan to take if it were to pass for me. I have a family, me personally I will not be taking the insurance because \$19,000 is too much for me and my heart based on what I want to do. I don't think I accomplished what I have set out to do this year, I have goals for myself personally as far as what I want to accomplish for the Town. I will see those thru, I promise you I will see those thru. I am a new Councilmember and I want to prove myself worthy of such things. If it is going to cost the Town that much based on the situation, I don't think providing health insurance is a bad thing.

Doug - In 2011 we had a reserve of 1.2 million dollars, since 2011 we have squandered that on spending we should have not done and now we have zero reserves. In other words, we spent \$1.2 million dollars and we have zero reserves now. The proposed taxes that Richlands is proposing, Real Estate Tax Increase, Meals Tax Increased, Motor Vehicle License Fee Increase, Mobile Home License Fee Increase, Garbage Collection Fee Increase, Personal Property Increase, White Goods/Leaf-Limb Collection Fee, Cigarette Tax Increase. We are facing water rate increases; sewer rates and future electric rates increase. If you took all these together it is over hundred thousand dollars for Council. You are proposing this year over \$800,000 worth of new taxes. I don't think we should be doing this with raising over \$800,000 worth of taxes in one (1) year. Maybe when we cut the budget in a year or two Council would deserve it but since 2011, we have never cut the budget, it is always raised every year. I don't think Council deserves it if we don't cut the budget and take care of our citizens. I will vote "No".

Mayor Cury - I said I would give two (2) remarks to each, I will go back around to see if anyone has anything else to add. Does anyone like to speak additionally?

Mary Ann - I will state Logan I did not run for this position for health insurance it was not offered when I ran, I am in my eighth year. I would hope the type of Councilmember I would like to see our Town have that would not be a single reason they would seek election but as Tom Lester said and Mikey said it could make it attractive for people. In my years I think I might have missed three (3) Council meetings, we could check the records. I just don't attend meetings once a month, like Mike said and I know Logan you spend a lot of time and I respect and appreciate that with community development and working with cats. I am not saying that I spend a lot of time in a lot of ways. I give a lot back to this community and I have a lot of plans to give something big in the near future to Recreation. I personally do not have any bad feelings by electing coverage.

Mike - I just want the record to state that the tax increases that Mr. Ratliff mention we have not talked about by any of our Council, these were sent out in a memo, obviously they got out, these are just proposed we have not even discussed these as a whole or what that might be. We are not there yet, we have workshops that we have not attended yet, where we will be able to talk about these things and talk thru these things. I encourage all citizens to come if you have ideas I am an open door. Those have not been discussed or voted on by any member of this Council.

Doug - The taxes are public knowledge, and I did not put anything on Facebook about the taxes and it is my understanding that the way this got out a citizen FIOA them, the Town Attorney can attest to that, it is the way it got out on Facebook, is that not, correct?

Wayne - I don't know about anything on Facebook but know I do have a FIOA request.

Doug - Several citizens ordered it, I have nothing to do with it, sure I would put out, our citizens need to know, they need to know what is coming and there is a lot coming their way.

Richard - We had this coverage last year as far as I know we have not increased one thing last year and provided this to the Councilmembers.

Jeff - I was going to echo Richard, why change it. Why we are having this discussion anyway, it is an option you can take it or not. I think each Councilmember brings a lot to this table and we have a lot of tough decisions going forward with our workshop sessions and this year's budget. We trust everyone in here and we trust their decisions, the citizens elected most of you, I have been appointed. I have not

been elected so I feel a little different on this matter as it being an option to me. I will have no ill will on anyone who takes it or chose not to.

Logan - I have no comment I said what I said, and I mean it.

Mayor Cury - I wanted to keep orderly and I want to thank the members of Council for your honest opinions.

Wayne - If Council wants to consider this Resolution, they need to entertain a motion to waive the second reading.

Richard - I make the motion to waive the second reading, Jeff seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury - If we do a second reading it would have to be next Council meeting?

Wayne – Presuming

Doug – Don't you think as Council if we did a second reading it will give a chance for the citizens to voice their opinion if they think it is appropriate for Council to vote this in? I would think about that. Why not give the citizens next month to think about this and we can do it then. They can have participation and attend the meeting and tell us how they feel.

Mary Ann - Mike and what Jeff said I don't even know why we are having this discussion. I think all another month does is causes so much division. The citizens most definitely have a right to their opinion. Well deserved citizens, all these false assumptions of the only way to provide health insurance is to raise all these taxes and it is a false assumption we are a desolate community and financially we are in horrendous condition, we are not.

Doug - There is no way we are not going to have to raise taxes pertaining to the Council. I am sure they are going to raise, and I will vote "no" on every one of them because the budget will never be cut and the budget keeps going up. This health insurance is going to add no matter what we say to the burden of the citizens who is going to pay the taxes that we are going to raise on them.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- No, Mike, Yes, Doug-No, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 4/2.

Mayor Cury - Read Resolution R-2021-03-01

Mayor Cury - The second and motion is on the floor, roll call vote.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- No, Mike, Yes, Doug-No, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 4/2.

John - You should have a memo that has seven different dates for the budget workshops, I would like to choose three (3) dates at 6:00pm.

Mayor Cury – What is your pleasure, John?

John - Two (2) or Three (3)

Mayor Cury - In the past we have had several different times to have budget workshops, seems the earlier is more popular. I suggest that we start at 6:00pm, is that OK with everyone?

Council - Yes

Richard – Will we have to have the first reading in May?

Wayne - Yes

Mayor Cury – April 22, April 29, and May 5 at 6:00pm – Budget Work Sessions

John - You should have in your packet an update on the Water Treatment Plant, a few items highlighted we are working out the details exactly when they will take place.

John - We received some COVID money, and we will start looking at contracts or bids for the drive thru for our utilities customers that come thru.

John - Alleghany Street will be closed thru June 29, hopefully they will be done sooner.

John - Public Access Channel - I talked with Frank about the cost to get it up and running it has been six (6) months since it has been active. There is a quote here and I will try to answer any questions that you may have. I would like to get direction on this and move forward, this is the cost of getting the Board Meetings back on that channel or look at other options, like running on the following day or whatever it may be.

Richard - Is there COVID money available for this?

John – It is my understanding it is something we talked about before this is upgrade in our current hardware and they did not have that option, will not allow us to use.

Richard - Is that thru the County?

John - I believe so.

Doug - I make a motion to direct the Town Manager John O’Daniel to get the appropriate equipment and get back on the Access Channel, Richard seconded the motion.

Logan - It has been mentioned by several citizens You-tube goes in and out. They said the Access Channel worked better than the You-tube. I think we need to do it.

Mike - John, I want you to really look into the stream of service there is likely a number of options I want to exhaust that before we buy equipment. I will see if I can be of assistance. I have had a few people mention as well. We want to be as transparent as possible.

Doug - That won’t prohibit Mr. O’Daniel acquiring the other equipment.

Mary Ann - I am fine with it.

Richard – Ok

Jeff - We actually had this discussion at Rec, Ms. Stuart asked how we get all this information, how do people know? I texted Adrienne and she said it needed repaired.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Wayne - Entertain a motion to enter into Executive Closed Session as pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A)(1)- Personnel – Town Attorney, 2.2-3711 (A)(7) – Actual/Threatened/Probable Litigation, 2.2-3711(A)(8) Legal Counsel Utilities/VDOT Easement Utilization.

Jeff- I make the motion to go into Executive Closed Session, Mike seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

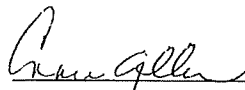
Mayor Cury - Motion that the Members of Council reconvene in open session and accept the Certificate of Executive Session certifying that the matters discussed while in executive session were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

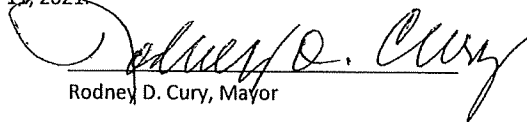
Jeff- I make the motion to adjourn, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor 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. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard – Yes, Jeff – Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury - Adjourn, next meeting May 11, 2021.



Connie Allen/ Town Clerk



Rodney D. Cury, Mayor