

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Meeting of the Grottoes Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017 and welcomed guests. Town Clerk Tara Morris called the roll. Members present were Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Clerk Tara Morris, Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Town Manager Jeff Nicely, Tourism and Parks Director Nathan Garrison, and Police Chief John Painter.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings on February 13, 2017. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

#### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2017. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to pay the bills as of March 13, 2017 and the remaining bills from February totaling \$84,130.73. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY**

Councilman Mark Keeler informed the Council that the Planning Commission will be looking to revise the Nuisance Ordinance which is Chapter 117 of the Town Code. He stated that Town Staff is getting copies from other localities to use as a guide.

Councilman Mark Keeler stated that he wanted to add the comprehensive plan and discuss how we are going to incorporate it onto the next workshop agenda.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Councilman Tim Leeth announced that on April 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. will be the Chief Charlie's Kids Fish

Day and beginning at 3:00 p.m. will be the opening day ceremony for the Little League. He also announced that the Easter Egg hunt will be on April 15, 2017 beginning at 10:00 at Grand Caverns.

Councilman Tim Leeth stated that on April 28, 2017 will be the Grand Caverns 5K race beginning at 6:30 p.m. and before the race starts there will be a dedication ceremony of the completion of the fitness trail.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Attorney Nathan Miller informed the Council that the bill for changing the Charter to add a Vice-Mayor has passed and is waiting for the governor to sign.

Town Manager Jeff Nicely informed the Council that the police department completed the traffic study to lower the speed limit on Dogwood and they have determined that the study didn't meet VDOT's standards. He is asking the Council for guidance on whether or not to proceed with lowering the speed limit. Mayor Holloway stated that lowering the speed limit and having people drive golf carts across the intersection would be safer than pushing them across. Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to have Town Staff proceed with lowering the speed limit on Dogwood Avenue to allow a place for golf carts to cross. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion.

Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting.