

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Meeting of the Grottoes Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017 and welcomed guests. Town Clerk Tara Morris called the roll. Members present were Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Clerk Tara Morris, 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. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, 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 May 2017. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to pay the bills as of June 12, 2017 and the remaining bills from May totaling \$110,673.97. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget as presented. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, 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 continues to work on the nuisance ordinance and will have a draft for them to review soon.

#### **STREETS AND STREET LIGHTS**

Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that the sidewalk at the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest Avenue will start soon and so will the street paving.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Councilman Tim Leeth thanked the Council and staff for their service at the street dance. He stated that he has received nothing but positive feedback.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councilman Tim Leeth made a motion to speak to Mrs. Houff about the sign. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Ashley Houff stated that she has a couple of proposals one being to install the digital sign 9 to 10 feet high so it would not obstruct the view from any direction. She stated that the sign is a single sided sign that would face toward the Town. Councilman Tim Leeth asked if the sign scrolled and how much could she advertise on the sign. She stated that it will scroll and that you can advertise several messages one after another. She stated that the software has a lot of capability to it and this sign will do more than the Fire Department's sign. Councilman Mark Keeler asked what she wants to get out of the sign at Dogwood Avenue that she wouldn't be able to get at the school. She stated it will serve two purposes; one is that you don't even know there is a school there so she wants to advertise the location of the school and two is to have another message board to communicate with their families and our community. She stated that the mere essence is to have another device for communication to partner with the Town to advertise community and school events. Town Councilman Mark Keeler stated that brings him to a comment about that corner being a really hot corner for the Town and for safety reasons, we have refused to put too much there. He stated that one of the concerns is the distractibility with a sign being there. Councilman Mark Keeler stated that the Town is working on implementing the Comprehensive Plan which includes directional signage at our gateways. He stated that is one of the gateways into Town and that we are looking at signage there also. Councilman Mark Keeler stated that he would really like if she would meet with the Street Committee more about her requested signage. He also stated that we have two Council members that are absent tonight and have not heard this discussion and he stated that he would not want to vote on this without them hearing about it first. Councilman Mark Keeler made a motion to table this until next month to give time for Mrs. Houff to meet with the street committee about the requested sign. Councilman Joshua Bailey

seconded the motion. Councilman Tim Leeth asked Ashley if she was willing to meet with the street committee. He stated that he doesn't want her to feel like we are trying to push her off but rather what we are trying to relay is that we want to support the school but we want to make sure the signage and the Town be uniformed and maybe we can present some ideas to her as well in order to expand or change how we work together on this. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Holloway stated that the Chairman of the streets committee is David Raynes who is not here tonight so they will be in touch about setting up a time to meet.

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

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor