

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Meeting of the Grottoes Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017 and welcomed guests. Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner called the roll. Members present were Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, David Raynes, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner, 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 June 12th Council Meeting. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, David Raynes, 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 June 2017. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, David Raynes, 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 July 10, 2017 and the remaining bills from June totaling \$194,393.41. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, David Raynes, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

ORDINANCE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY

Town Manager Jeff Nicely informed the Council that the Planning Commission is working on finalizing the property maintenance ordinance and should finish that at their next meeting. Town Attorney Nathan Miller suggested that the Planning Commission review the sign ordinance because of changes made to the state code. He stated that he has a template that can be used.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Councilman Tim Leeth announced Friday Night Bluegrass will continue through the summer at Mountain View Park at 7:00 pm on Friday evenings. He also announced that the Grottoes Fire

Department will be having their annual lawn party July 19-22 at the Mountain View Park.

PERSONNEL, FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION

Mayor Holloway stated that on the agenda is discussion regarding the Planning Commissions meeting attendance. She stated that we have attendance sheets that documents three consecutive absences from a Planning Commission Member which can result in removal from the Planning Commission. She stated that she wanted to bring it up tonight for discussion to see how Council wants to proceed. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that in the past the Council has removed Planning Commission members for lack of attendance. Councilman Tim Leeth asked if he gave a reason for missing these meetings. Town Manager Jeff Nicely said because of work. Councilwoman Marjorie Funk stated that she feels we need members on there that can be there. She stated that she understands missing occasionally because of work but if your work schedule doesn't fit the meeting schedule then maybe this isn't a good fit. Councilman Mark Sterling made a motion to give Jim Justis the opportunity to resign before any decisions are made. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, David Raynes, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to put the request for a sign from South River Elementary School back on the table for discussion. Councilman Tim Leeth seconded the motion. Council members Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, David Raynes, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that the Street Committee met and discussed the Town's gateway and Town signs. He stated the Street Committee didn't think the proposal from the school would fit with the overall concept of the design of our gateways. He stated that the street committee wanted to continue to work with the school and maybe incorporate their designs in with our gateway and tourism signs, but not to approve what the school requested. Councilman Tim Leeth asked if Ms. Houff was at the committee meeting. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that she was not at the meeting but he has talked to her to let her know the street committees recommendation. Mayor Holloway stated that based on the street committees information we need a motion to move forward in regards to her request. Councilman David Raynes made the motion to continue working with

South River Elementary on their sign. Councilman Mark Sterling seconded the motion. Councilman Joshua Bailey stated that he feels like the motion is supporting the sign the school presented when that was not what the street committee recommended. Council members Mark Sterling, David Raynes and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, Council members Joshua Bailey and Marjorie Funk voted against the motion, motion carried.

Town Manager Jeff Nicely informed the Council that he has received approval from VDOT to lower the speed limit on Dogwood Avenue from 3rd Street to 7th Street to allow for golf carts to cross. He stated that golf carts are not allowed to drive on Dogwood Avenue even though the speed limit in that section will be 25 mph and that they can only cross. He stated that golf carts can cross at the intersections of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Streets and signs will be posted along Dogwood Avenue.

Melissa May addressed the Council and stated that she lives at 200 9th Street which is at the corner of 9th Street and Birch Avenue. She stated that she has talked with Town Manager Jeff Nicely and Chief Painter in the past. She stated that she has a neighbor who has a dirt bike and likes to ride it all over a vacant field but the field is owned by different people. She stated that when she is in her house she can hear that dirt bike like it was in her living room and its 75 feet away. She stated that according to Chapter 113 (Noise Ordinance) he can run it from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm. She stated that her question is as a resident of the Town why she should she have to listen to this dirt bike. Mayor Holloway thanked her for bringing this to their attention. Councilman Tim Leeth stated that if she contacted the land owner and if he doesn't have permission to ride there then the land owner can complain and Chief Painter can address it that way but just the noise from the bike as long as he's within the hours we can't stop that.

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