

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Meeting of the Grottoes Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018 and welcomed guests. Town Clerk Tara Morris called the roll. Members present were Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Clerk Tara Morris, Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Town Manager Nathan Garrison, Tourism and Parks Director Ashley Collier, Director of Public Works AJ Hummel, and Police Chief John Painter.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council workshop and regular council meeting from August 13, 2018. Councilman Tim Leeth seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, 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 August 2018. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, 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 September 10, 2018 and the remaining bills from August totaling \$47,713.83. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Councilman Tim Leeth announced that the September 15th End of Summer Celebration has been cancelled due to the pending severe weather for the weekend.

Councilman Tim Leeth announced that the Grand Caverns 5K will be held on September 28th at Grand Caverns starting at 6:00 pm and the senior citizens' lunch will be on October 13th at the Grottoes Fire Department at 12:00 pm.

PERSONNEL, FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to convene into closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to

discuss personnel matters for the purpose of considering such persons assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)1 of the Code of Virginia. Councilman Joshua Bailey seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Holloway moved that the closed meeting be adjourned and that the Town Council reconvene into open session. Councilwoman Marjorie Funk seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk stated that a certification of the closed meeting to the best of their knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under section 2.2-3711(A)1 of the Code of Virginia 1950 as amended and iii as only such public business matters that were identified in the motion by which a closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting. T. Leeth; so certify, M. Funk; so certify, E. Holloway; so certify, M. Sterling; so certify, J. Bailey; so certify, and M. Keeler; so certify.

Councilman Tim Leeth made a motion that we increase our police force salaries overall salary scale \$3,000.00 per calendar year and increase the current police officers' salaries \$3,000.00. Councilwoman Marjorie Funk seconded the motion. Councilman Tim Leeth stated that this would include the police chief and sergeant. Council members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, Councilman Joshua Bailey voted against the motion, motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Fred Esmaili addressed the Council and stated that he owns the car dealership at 700 Dogwood Avenue. He handed out a survey of the property and stated that it is located on three lots. He stated that the building is over 2400 square feet and his business is in the front and there is an apartment in the back. He stated that he found out that he couldn't rent the apartment out because it's on the first floor and not the second floor. He stated that apartments are allowed as a secondary business in an existing structure but they are excluded from the ground floor. Mr. Esmaili is asking that Council consider removing the second

floor restriction to allow an apartment on the ground floor. Town Attorney Nathan Miller stated that he didn't understand the reason for the restriction either but a lot of times it has to do with past situations and he stated that he is sure the Planning Commission will check into it. Mayor Holloway thanked him for coming and stated that the Council will discuss this and pass it on.

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