

Town Council Meeting
February 15, 2024

Open Town Council Meeting: Council Chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all members were present (Clemons arrived late). Also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/30/2024 as presented, seconded by Councilor Lugdon. Councilor Hatch requested that in the discussion regarding Robert Wing, the wording reflect “In the end, nothing has changed it is extremely difficult to work with Robert Wing”; Councilor Hatch suggested that this wording rather than “impossible to work with” would provide notification that the Town is hopeful to work with him. Vote 4/0 with noted change.

Citizens Request: None

Managers’ Report: Melissa stated she had little to report as she had been on vacation, however wished to thank the Council for allowing the meeting date change. She also noted that she only answered a handful of emails over the vacation and was thankful the for time away.

The spring clean-up has been set for May 4, 2024, from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm; the procedure will be the same as the past, and the cost will be \$15.00 per resident with a two-load limit. Councilor Ketch asked if there was an E-Waste option. Melissa stated that there was not, however, she would work on something for the Fall.

Melissa requested an update from the municipal attorney regarding the court proceedings of 114 Cram Street. She received an automatic reply that John Hamer is on vacation until February 20, 2024.

New Business: Councilor Ketch noted the information that was provided to the Town Council regarding the RSU 34 Facility Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, February 12. The information provides that some improvements are being made to Viola Rand School; one of which is moving the Special Education office to the building. Councilor Lugdon noted the mention of the storm damage to RSU facilities and the high deductible of \$100,000. He asked what the Town’s deductibles were, Melissa will investigate and provide information at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch noted the letter was sent to the property of 297 Main Street regarding the potential land use violation and asked if there had been any communication. Melissa stated that there was nothing when she returned today; she had not seen Dean this week, she will follow up with him.

The Town Council discussed the 2024-2025 municipal budget which was presented on January 30, 2024. Melissa stated that she had updated the revenues to reflect the new revenue-sharing numbers and updated the expenses to reflect the received fire department budget. With these changes, the budget is \$37,663.46 above the self-imposed budget cap. The Town Council requested additional information regarding the ambulance subsidy which increased by \$22,444, the information requested included call numbers and possible budget details. Also requested was information from BACTS

regarding the necessity of the Town participating in the Safer Streets regional grant program for \$566.25. The final budget completion date is scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade vote 5/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for February 27, 2024

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lugdon vote 5/0.