

# Town of Davis Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting: Regular Council Meeting**

**Date: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Place: Davis Town Hall**

*Mayor Al Tomson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.*

**Roll Call by Recorder Jennie Helmick; Mayor Al Tomson, Council John Felton, Charlotte Wales, Jeannette Ware, Kevin Flanagan, Ron Hollis and Recorder Jennie Helmick.**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests:** Robin McClintock, Pamela Moe, Mike Kralec, John Cole (R K&K), Rhiannon Dodge, Betsy Whitehair, Cheryl Ball, Mark Burns, Alison Issacs, Shayla Lein, Judy Cronauer, Bill Peterson, Judy Pitzer, Angie Inglese and Cameron Dunlop.

*Mayor Al Tomson presented the Work Session Minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for approval.*

*\*Motion to approve all minutes as read by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman John Felton, all in favor. Motion carried.*

*\*Motion to dispense with Regular Order of Business to hear from guests. Motion made by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, Second by Councilman Ron Hollis, all in favor. Motion carried.*

*Mayor Tomson reiterated to guests that the Town would be following the Open Government Meeting Act and any comments from them were to be made now, not during regular order of business.*

*Guest Sheila Kline, a reporter for WBOY, introduced herself.*

*Guest Cheryl Ball wanted to know if Mayor and Council have made an effort to get feedback from the community regarding short-term rentals. Mayor Tomson stated that some Council Members received views from some.*

*\*Motion to return to the Regular Order of Business was made by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried.*

**Sewer Project:** R K&K gave presentation on Stormwater/ Sewer issue. Capacity exceeded, need to separate the two. **Rihanna Dodge** went over I & I study and how excess water was coming into our system. Next step will be to determine what we need, different sources of funding. 80% that is going into our sewer isn't sewer. DEP-consent order, would continue to fine us if situation not fixed. Overflows into **Blackwater River**. Existing system includes the **Town of Davis, Industrial Park, Tuscan Ridge** (not included). Breaks in lines, laterals, drain pipes, etc. Minor rehab on good lines (from last project). Recommending using old system for stormwater and build new system for sewer. **Industrial Park** pump-install flow meter, Main Pump System-install flow meter (WWTP). **DEP** permit-modified to allow more gpd to alleviate overflows, have started conversations with them. Monitor flow coming in. Phase 1-Removing I & I out, make improvements to pump station and monitoring. Phase 2-Regional plant. Estimated cost 5.9 million. How to pay for it? Medium household census 2015-\$36,000. Formula utilized 1.5%, 1.4% or 2% of income, based on usage of 3,400 gallons. Current rate \$18.00. To qualify for funding, would need to be around \$60.00 per month, usage 3,400 gallons. EDA funding, \$500,000 maximum available. EDA grant and loan comment-proposed rate \$21.35 to break even. Submit for funding by March 2022, modify permit and May 2022 design loan funding and start design June/July 2022.

April 2024-2 years from now to maximum rate required. This will give people a chance to budget. Has to be done. By taking action, fine was reduced. ARF monies used towards costs of separating out stormwater for residents. Create a Comprehensive Map of system after fixed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** *Mayor Tomson presented the accounts payable.*

*\*Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman John Felton, all in favor. Motion carried.*

*\*Motion to approve payment for Sewer Requisition #3 made by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, Second by Councilwoman Charolette Wales, all in favor. Motion carried.*

**Guest Judy Pitzer** was here to represent E Sports, which is a competitive team of gamers. Currently competing are 32 kids. Scholarships are being given out for this. Kingsford is #1 currently in the world, have volunteered to be a coach. Every gaming system costs \$2,000. Need five systems, currently have three. Experiential skills, programmers-such platforms Rocket, Fortnite, etc. Everything is monitored. Not formalized right now. T C Foundation gave \$1,000, Paul Magness gave \$2,000, chanced off Powerstation, sold teddy bear suckers to raise money for these systems.

**\*Mayor Tomson made a Motion to give \$2,000, Second by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Streets, Alleys and Water Works:** A list of jobs performed by **Town** shop employees and Water/ Sewer Report from Water Operator Mark Burns, who is present if anyone has questions. Should have pump back in operation by end of next week. Have contacted **USA Bluebook** and **C. I. Thornburg** for part, installation, will guide us. Buying an item as issue comes up. The **Town** has two vehicles still in repairs.

**Personnel:** On-Call Renumeration, no further discussion needed. Employee time clock-look into. Cost around \$300.00. Biometric time clock needed for accountability/time lost. On call system, how would it work? Will check employee handbook.

**Ordinance/Resolutions:** None

**Cemetery:** None

**Parks & Recreation:** None

**Planning Commission:** None

**Old Business: Mayor Updates:** Meetings on workforce housing leads, funding to do that, low costs loans, continue pursuing with Woodlands Group, possibility of building in the Industrial Park.

Provided more information to lawyers, should know something in a day or two.

**Law Enforcement-** Salary component would be overtime plus \$5.00 per shift. All liability lies with Commission. Needs a green light to go forward.

**\*Motion made by Councilman John Felton, Second by Councilman Ron Hollis, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Corridor H-** presentation by **Guest Pam Moe-Ad Hoc Group** trying to focus route for **Davis/Thomas**, to go through the northern route instead of **Blackwater Canyon**. **Council** has copies of maps, with current route, also includes truck route that would by-pass **Thomas**. Truckers would continue on shortest routes. East opposition, 1 D, 1G, 1D North to Honey Rubinstein, circles around **Thomas** and keeps intersections as is. Situations of less invasive routes have been used. Would follow hunting club route. Bridges are noise enhancers, would be heard within all municipalities. 291 compared to 143 businesses, home sales double what the standard is. **Friends of Blackwater** received grants for trails. Ridge to ridge, bridges roads would be visible. Reclaimed mine soil, having a problem at **Keren's** to Corridor H to shift of surfaces. Underground water/streams polluting. In a place, local communities can have a say of a better way to meet their needs. Environmental section that would impact this. Get ahead of the ball. Community demanded a design plan change, low built road. **Tucker County Commissioners** support the original route (don't feel they have all the facts). Lot of studies going on, no information available. Desired outcome- resolution from **Town** preferring northern route, it could be built sooner, fine tune it. **Thomas** is like **Davis**, learning about this like **Davis**. **The Town of Davis** feels **Thomas'** interest is more important. **Mayor of Thomas** is concerned with their City Park, **Cortland Acres**, going around City, fog around **Centennial Park**. **Town of Davis** is not convinced that the roads/bridges would be visible from **Blackwater Falls State Park, Lindy Point**, contour lines and where it crosses. 83% were interested in the northern route. Facilitate a meeting between Towns.

**New Business: Sewer Resolution** discussion followed. Was presented at **Work Session**.

**\*Motion was made to accept the Sewer Resolution by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Spring Cleaning:** Discussion was held at **Work Session**. All were on board with suggestions from **Councilman Kevin Flanagan**. All furniture in **Town garage** to be removed except picnic table. The public is not allowed in Employee areas-only Town Employee's and Town Elected Officials, all others -general public, etc. must be accompanied by an elected official. Employee areas include the following- concrete shop (garage), lower lot/building, water plant, lagoon, any active work zone and the **Mayor's** office (unless by invitation),

**\*Motion made by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, Second by Councilman John Felton, all in favor. Motion carried.**

