

TOWN OF DAVIS COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Date: June 22nd, 2022

Place: Davis Volunteer Fire Department Hall

Recorder Jennie Helmick called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Al Tomson (will be late), Charlotte Wales, Jeannette Ware, Kevin Flanagan (running late), Ron Hollis (via phone) and Recorder Jennie Helmick.

Absent: Councilman John Felton (Excused)

Guests on Agenda: Nancy Luscombe.

Guests Not on Agenda: Judy Rodd, Jessica Luscombe, Betsy Whitehair, James and Terry Hull, Doug Martin, Lenore Howell, Wendy Steensland, Karen and Bill Peterson, Cheryl Ball, Louise and Ray Ball, Kris Jordan, Lori Haldeman, Linda Reeves, Bridget Billings, Susan Rosenblum, Susan Moore, Shayla Klein, Ryan Sincavage, Nanette Seligman, Walt Ranalli, Michael Goss, Jacqueline Harris, Scott Miley, Donna Britton, Ronald Tate and Jenny Hull.

***Motion to dispense with the Regular Order of Business to hear from guests made by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, Second by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Guest Cheryl Ball stated the Town needs to get notices out about tree/brush trimmings near alleys. Not much time of notice for July 11th to 15th. Call System? Not everybody does Facebook.

***Motion to return to regular order of business made by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 8th, 2022 made by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman Ron Hollis, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Streets, Alleys and Waterworks:

A list of jobs performed by Town Employees and Update Report on Water/Sewer by Operator Mark Burns in Council's folders for review. No questions at this time.

Ordinance/Resolutions:

1st Reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance, by Title only, was read by **Recorder Jennie Helmick.**

Cemetery:

Councilwoman Jeannette Ware stated there weren't any updates at this time. Still waiting on survey, response from **Western Pocahontas** on additional land and need to get drainage problem in new Cemetery solved ASAP.

Parks and Recreation: None

Planning Commission:

Councilwoman Charlotte Wales stated their next meeting will be on July 11th, 2022, 6:30 pm at **Davis Town Hall**. Incorporating additional information, bringing mapping up to date. Very close to presenting draft to **Council**. Long process.

Old Business:

*Update on End loader- **Councilman Kevin Flanagan** will check on status.

*Update on Speed Signs- **Councilwoman Jeannette Ware** stated that the coordinator she is working with informed her that the signs won't be here now until the end of July, 2022. Data from the signs to be used to show how many people travel through **Town**, amount of people speeding, etc. for future needs. Was asked if we could check with the state about 15 MPH signs through **Town** for trucks.

*Update on Crosswalks- **Councilwoman Jeannette Ware** stated that we currently have one before **Town Hall**/at apartments and one at corner of **William Avenue and 4th Street**. Are looking at two more. One in

front of **Sirianni's** where sidewalk slants towards road and one from **Big Belly Deli** to **Ice Cream Shop** across the road. Looking at crosswalk signs with button and flashing lights.

*Update on UTV- **Councilman Kevin Flanagan** will keep looking. Will have more options at next meeting.

New Business: None

Building Permits: None

Business Licenses: None

Correspondence: None

Personnel:

Employee Vacation Request- Jay D. Kennard-08/15/22 to 08/19/22.

***Motion to approve made by *Councilwoman Charlotte Wales*, Second by *Councilman Kevin Flanagan*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Employee Vacation Request-Joni Felton-08/22/22 to 08/26/22.

***Motion to approve made by *Councilman Ron Hollis*, Second by *Councilwoman Jeannette Ware*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Finance:

***Recorder Helmick* presented the Accounts Payable.**

***Motion to pay bills with exception of invoice of services by *Town Attorney Chenoweth* (clarification of bill). Motion made by *Councilman Kevin Flanagan*, Second by *Councilwoman Charlotte Wales*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to amend payment of bill to *Chenoweth*, after Mayor checks into and verifies, made by *Councilman Kevin Flanagan* Second by *Councilwoman Charlotte Wales*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Guest on Agenda: Nancy Luscombe -Presentation of Corridor H (alternate Route). **Guest Bill Peterson** discussed options to those present. Not all info being provided by **WVDOH**. Have questions, want answers. It's not a done deal. The **Alternate Northern Route** would have less impact in **Thomas** and **Davis** in regards to noise, congestion from traffic, would protect our landscapes, preserving our Towns, beauty and history. A list of 27 **Davis** Businesses supporting a **Better Route for Corridor H** was presented to **Mayor & Council**. There is also a petition on **Change.org** with over 1,000 signatures of residents and other concerned individuals-all for the Northern Route, 111 of those are **Davis** residents. Asking the **Town of Davis** for letter of support for the Northern Route. **Councilman Kevin Flanagan** stated that there is misinformation/ lack of information from both sides regarding the two routes. Suggest that we form a committee to study all information from both parties to determine what is true. Where exits will be, is road going through canyon or over, etc. Mixed opinions. Need to come up with specific questions, submit to **WVDOH** in written form and invite them to one of our meetings so they can answer the questions submitted.

***Motion was made by *Councilman Kevin Flanagan* to form a commission/committee of 6 to research information before any decision is made, Second by *Recorder Jennie Helmick*, all in favor. Motion carried. *Mayor Al Tomson* asked *Councilman Kevin Flanagan* if he would chair the committee of 5 plus himself. Guests asked if anyone could be on it? It was stated that we would want to have an equal amount of those who support each Route. Names were mentioned for possible candidates; **Bill Peterson**, **Nancy Luscombe**, **Dave Esch** and **Barbara Douglas**. To have committee formed in 2 weeks, by next meeting. Shoot for a meeting with **WV DOH** by end of August.**

Old Business:

Short-term Rental Moratorium-is scheduled to expire the end of June. There is some consideration to extending it six more months. There's also consideration to letting it lapse. Discussion was held and comments from the **Mayor** and **Council** to support both options.

***Motion was made by *Councilwoman Jeannette Ware* to extend the Short-term Moratorium for six months, Second by *Recorder Jennie Helmick*, vote was as follows: 3 for; *Jeannette Ware*, *Ron Hollis* and *Jennie Helmick*. 3 against; *Al Tomson*, *Charlotte Wales* and *Kevin Flanagan*. *Councilman John Felton* couldn't be reached by phone. Vote was a tie. Decision could not be made at this time.**

Update on Sewer: *Mayor Tomson* just left a meeting with the **TC Commission**. We need a **PSD** on this mountain for **Davis**, **Thomas**, the **Landfill**, so we will do that. **Industrial Park**, etc. and the **County Commission** agreed and passed a Motion that they will move forward to form a **PSD**. He has a meeting next Wednesday with **Secretary of Commerce Gouncil**, to discuss more funding for the sewer project that we have on top of the mountain.

Also went to speak about the law enforcement initiative we have worked out with the Sheriff's Dept. and the **County Commission** tabled it until their next meeting because Fred Davis's mother-in-law passed away, so he was not at the meeting and feels it appropriate since it's his area, he be present when they vote on it.

Pump truck update: the awaited pump truck has finally been repaired and will be delivered next week on Wednesday. **Town** will pay for it at that time. Has already been approved.

The **Riverfront Park** is on the agenda but the Mayor is going to table that since it was discussed it at the Special Meeting yesterday. There are more pieces of information that need to be sought and no sense rehashing it today without that information.

Town Employees Duties/Responsibilities-Personnel discussion, will need to go into **Executive Session**, **Mayor Tomson** excused all guests from meeting.

***Motion to go into Executive Session made by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried. Time was 8:45 pm.**

***Motion to come out of executive session made by Mayor Al Tomson, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried. Time was 9:03 pm.**

Across the board cost of living raises for all full-time employees was discussed.

***Motion to approve a cost of living raise for all full-time employees was made by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, Second by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Other raises and additional duties/responsibilities for Town Clerk were discussed.

***Motion to approve additional duties/responsibilities to Town Clerk and other raises discussed made by Councilwoman Charlotte Wales, Second by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Kevin Flanagan, Second by Councilwoman Jeannette Ware, all in favor. Motion carried. Time of adjournment was 9:08 pm.**

Date of approval: July 13th, 2022
As read: _____
As corrected: _____



Alan Tomson, Mayor



Jennie Helmick, Recorder