

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on July 14, 2020 at 7:30pm with the following present:

Mayor: Paul Crawford
Town Manager: Tim Taylor
Town Clerk: Connie Allen
Council Members: Richard Brown, Mary Ann Strong, Doug Ratliff
Rod Cury, Jeff Hurst
Council Members Absent: Rick Wood
Town Attorney : K.W. McClanahan

Mayor Crawford opened the meeting.

Connie Allen gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Crawford – Do we have any additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda?

Mayor Crawford - Mr. Glen Roberts will not be speaking tonight. Laura Mollo will be the last one to speak on “Scheduled Public Comments”.

Wayne - Please add to executive closed session VA Code 2-2-3711(A)(8) to discuss specific legal matters, specific to resolution concerning public comments on the agenda/non agenda items for Town Council Meetings, 2-2-3711 (A)(8) discuss compliance with VA Code Section 56-484.16 and to take up a personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(1) regarding Ms. Allen’s resignation.

Mary Ann - I would like to add under “Unscheduled Public Comments”, Rev. Phillip Horton from the Richlands Tabernacle.

Mayor Crawford – Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? Rod made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mayor Crawford – We have six (6) sets of minutes for Regular Council Meeting and other scheduled meetings. Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Connie – I would like to clarify something on the minutes from June 29 concerning Doug’s motion on the Electric Committee. Page 6, Doug’s comments – “We talked about committees, we talked about putting people on the Electric Committee. I would like to nominate Shea Cook to go on that committee. We talked about it two (2) months ago. Page 7, Doug’s comments – “I make the motion that we continue the Electric Committee and also make the motion.” Page 7, Doug’s comment – “I make a motion that we keep the Electric Committee as we had for several years just like any other committee it is a department”. Page 8 – Connie’s comments – “The motion was to form an Electric Committee”. Page 9 - Doug’s comments – “The motion is to keep the committee that we had for many years as the Electric Committee. My motion at first was to keep the committee that we always had for many years it has never been disbanded or anything.” I just wanted to clarify to make sure everyone understood Doug’s motion.

Mayor Crawford - I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Richard- I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mayor Crawford - Just so everyone knows the reason I am doing roll call, the way we are sitting it is difficult for Connie to see everyone when they respond. We want to make sure we keep our minutes straight.

Mayor Crawford - I would like to take the opportunity to introduce Jeff Hurst, our newest Council member, Jeff it is good to have you on board and we look forward to working with you.

Mayor Crawford - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Ricky Childress on behalf of Lillian Short

Ricky Childress – I am here on behalf of Lillian Short, she is wanting to put a mobile home on her property. We went to the Town; they came out and we passed. The reason we are doing this is because of the condition of her daughter. She has very bad seizures and always has to have someone with her and Bryson has a metabolic disease. He has to be as close to a hospital as he can. When his body goes down you have a very slim chance of getting him to a hospital. Just a little over a month ago we almost lost him twice. If we had not been in Richlands, her daughter's son would not be here. I understand they have some type of ordinance that they don't like mobile homes in Town, I can see that. I do see some mobile homes that need to be gone. This is not our situation; the home will be well kept. We are asking for a permit to put the trailer on that lot. The Town has approved and set us up an appointment here. When Bryson and Amy both have episodes, they need to be at the hospital immediately. As far as my place in Wardell, it is not a good location it takes time to get to Richlands. We would like to ask for a permit to put a mobile home on 512 Barrett Street.

Tim - You should have an application in your hand-out. It has gone thru zoning review , has enough room and all setbacks in place. It is in legal condition to have a conditional-use permit.

Mayor Crawford – Is this different than Mr. Roberts?

Tim - It is the same situation.

Mayor Crawford - On Mr. Roberts we felt we should turn over to Planning Commission.

Tim - It was referred to the Planning Commission for their comments. I am not quite sure what that means. We can add Mr. Childress to the agenda this week at the Planning Commission meeting if that is what Council wants.

Mayor Crawford - I will let Council comment but my opinion is we have another situation with a trailer. The gentlemen wants to put a trailer on his lot, due to the virus we have put him off for the last six (6) months.

Tim - At least three (3) anyway.

Mayor Crawford - He has to meet with the Planning Commission. They are meeting Thursday night. I would encourage you to come and talk with them. Does Council have any comments?

Rod – Mr. Roberts's request was referred to the Planning Commission, we have not taken up since we have not met since February. The Planning Commission will be meeting here at 7:30pm this coming Thursday night, July 16. You are welcome to come, if that is what Council wants us to do. I would ask for a consensus.

Mary Ann - I definitely sympathize and see the need medically. We already have someone else waiting patiently. I think to be fair and since it is only two (2) nights from now, do you think you could attend the Planning Commission meeting?

Ricky - We have been waiting a couple of months at least, we could not get into a meeting because of the virus going around. I will be more than happy to wait two (2) more days. I am a country person; I am not a Town person. With their condition there is no possible way they can live in the country. You can't leave them alone, someone has to be with them, and they have to be close to a hospital. What changed my mind on the whole situation was when Bryson went into epileptic shock, we almost lost him twice. I knew then living in the country was not going to work. She has a letter stating he needs to be as close to the hospital as possible. He has a metabolic and respiratory disease and it is hard to deal with, that is why I am here.

Mayor Crawford – Even if the Planning Commission approves Thursday night, we still have to get Council permission. Any way we can poll Council?

Wayne - I think that they would still have to come back in front of Council.

Mayor Crawford - Do we have to have a meeting or could Tim poll Council?

Wayne - Since we didn't renew COVID-19 about not meeting physically, I think we would have to have a physical quorum present. If you want to address before the August meeting you will have to call a special meeting.

Richard - We have in the past granted conditional-use permits for mobile homes for medical issues. I do recall one in Moselle Cordle's trailer park. They come and ask permission and we did grant them permission due to medical problems.

Richard - I make the motion to grant the conditional-use permit, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Doug - If it were me, I would let him due to the medical problem and Richard pointed out we have before.

Tim - She does have a large piece of property.

Mayor Crawford - I would like to entertain a motion to approve the Zoning Permit application.

Richard - I make a motion to approve the conditional-use permit, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion?

Rod - Is Lillian your daughter?

Ricky - No, my girlfriend's mother.

Rod - Who is Bryson?

Ricky - Her grandson.

Rod - Who does the land belong to?

Ricky - Lillian Short

Rod - Who does the trailer belong to?

Ricky - Her daughter.

Rod - Are you speaking on behalf of them?

Ricky – Yes

Mayor Crawford - They are in the hall; they asked to let him speak on their behalf.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mayor Crawford - We will owe Mr. Roberts an apology.

Tim - I will explain the situation, he will understand.

Mayor Crawford - It is approved you don't need to come on Thursday night.

Mayor Crawford - "Scheduled Public Comments" - Rusty Hess – No Show

Mayor Crawford - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Larry Johnson

Larry – 205 Kents Ridge Road – I just wanted to check on something that started when I was on Council two (2) years ago. We had gotten ahead of the curve on the ATV trails . We went ahead and approved for the Chief of Police to get with VDOT and approve a route thru Town. I wanted to check to see if anyone else had done anything on that. I guess Rick would be the one to ask but he is not here.

Tim - My staff met with VDOT on part of that, it is difficult doing anything on the 460 by-pass. That is pretty much all VDOT. Even some of the areas in Doran are tough to do anything with.

Larry - Do you anticipate problems?

Tim - That is the limit of discussion that we had.

Mayor Crawford - The idea of coming off Big Creek, is that possible?

Larry - They are still working on it.

Mayor Crawford - That is the place that would be the easiest to do.

Larry - We still ran into problems. I think there is something in the code about crossing a multi-lane highway.

Mayor Crawford - You would not be crossing getting into Town.

Larry - Riding on it too is a problem.

Larry - I do have a quick question. I have been asked a million times and I just want to get it out in the air with everybody, for some reason everybody thinks Doug does not live in Town. I am going to let him clear the air right now. Doug where do you live?

Doug – I live in Richlands.

Larry - Where do you live in Richlands?

Doug – 541 Plantation Drive

Larry - Ms. Mollo and I think Doug had brought up a question in the difference in utility rates between the people who live in Town and the ones out of Town. I did a FIOA request for different properties thru out the Town, inside and outside for a comparison. When I received the report, I found something

very interesting with one(1) of the properties. I just wanted to verify that it was 541. I actually have a copy of the report for everyone. We are never home, there are two (2) of us with no kids. We are gone at least 10 hours a day and we don't use an extreme amount of water. When you compare the two (2) there is a significant difference on the 541. If you look at February 2018 it goes way down. One month takes up the entire usage for a two (2) year period. One (1) thing you can't change is water usage. You can put timer on your lights to turn on and off, but you can't fake water usage. You can't have water usage when there is no water usage. Doug, how many gallons is your pool?

Doug – It is pretty big.

Larry - Around 85,000?

Doug – Yes

Larry - February was the only big month and it was 88,000 gallons. I figured you changed the water out in the pool. But the rest of the months have zero (0), three(3), four(4), eighteen (18) gallons, etc.

Mayor Crawford - OK, if you are going to make a point state it.

Larry - My point is by the Code of Virginia, if you look at the definition of a resident and the election law 24.2-501, states qualifications for running for an office or maintaining an office, it requires that you live in the jurisdiction in which you are running. It looks like no one lives there. There is only two (2) things either (a) no one lives there or (b) or there is some sort of favoritism.

Mayor Crawford - Point made, Doug I think I should allow you a rebuttal if you want.

Doug - I have a well which I use. I cannot drink fluoride in the water, I only use the city as a backup in case the well goes off or something happens to it. I have a letter from the Town where we put a back-flow meter. I wanted to make sure the well didn't feed back into the Town. Everyone is welcome to see; it is from Hobert Lester (read the letter). At one point, two(2) or three(3) months my water had a leak. I have an invoice from Collins where I spent \$1900 on the line. I have another bill from Collins showing I have a filter on my well, that is the reason for the difference in the amount of water. I cannot drink fluoride. Do you have any more questions?

Tim - I would like to comment for the record. If you have a well cross connection, Mr. Hobert Lester is not certified in that but regardless I would like to have other people check it that are certified. There is a problem with sewer, not sure how much you use, will have to make arrangements with front office to pay additional money. If we give you a bill at zero usage, the sewer is based on water consumption. There is a code section on that too.

Doug - What is the average water/sewer for one (1) person. I think I more than pay for the sewer hook up with a minimum water fee.

Tim - There is a code for that it is not me. I don't want you attacking me, I am not trying to make an issue.

Doug - I don't want you attacking me either.

Tim – Just come to the front office, I did not know about that.

Doug - It is one of your employees.

Mayor Crawford - "Scheduled Public Comments" - Laura Mollo

Laura – 262 Linwood Drive, We have a pool and last year we we tried to get a permit to build the deck and Mr. Taylor told us he was not familiar with Hidden Valley.

Tim - What?

Mayor Crawford - Laura you need to talk to me.

Laura - We have a resolution that timing cannot be passed to one person to another, if you chose not to use your allotted time that time is forfeited. It was brought up to Council attention that Roberts Rules of Order stated the person who has the floor is the only one allowed to speak. There are a few things wrong with that statement, Robert's Rule of Order are addressing Council members they are not Rule of Order for the citizens of the Town. Robert's Rules specifically states any Town ruled by ordinance or resolution shall supersede Robert's rules thus make the Resolution rules as follows the resolution passed by Council stating to non-agenda items, no speaker can give their three (3) minute allotment to another speaker. If we are going to move forward in accountability, transparency and structure I believe we must adhere to structure and integrity to parliamentary procedures. I spoke to a parliamentarian who teaches classes to groups such as Town Council on proper procedures on specific Roberts' Rules of Order. I would happy to pass that information along to you if Council would be interested in taking that class online.

Mayor Crawford - I might save you some time if you want, our attorney has researched this, and you are exactly right we were out of order. I don't know what to say other than sorry. We won't do it again.

Laura - I appreciate that, I didn't realize that you were bringing it into closed session. Taking an office swearing oath to support Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia that means all the laws in Virginia not with just the ones you agree with. Code Section 56.484.16.6 no public safety agency shall advertise or otherwise promote the use of any number for emergency response service other than 911. As of today, the Town website is still promoting the number other than 911 for emergencies. This is not in compliance with the mentioned code section. I believe to continually disregard compliance with this law is a potential for liability not only for the Town but each of you individually as Council members. This is the third time this has been brought to your attention and if you continue to ignore to support all the laws of the Commonwealth you will be knowing and willfully allowing the violation to continue. In the dictionary the definition of negligence is a conscious volunteer act or omission and the consequences to another party. Your duty in this situation is to support the laws of the Commonwealth and stay in compliance of those laws to the best of your ability, you are putting citizens of this Town at a risk and lawsuit. Every year domestic applicants and services providers which are no longer in service, pre-paid phones that no longer have minutes on them. The reason being these phones of out of services providers can still call 911 however a non-working phone or minutes cannot call Richlands Police Department. Richlands could become a 911 Center those calls would be idea. Unfortunately, we don't meet those requirements One being we are at least 5,000 people short in population. The only way to avoid the continuation of these transfers of 911 to dispatcher emergency calls, you can add more dispatchers and upgrade the equipment. That is not the solution we need to have immediate access to emergency services without a transfer. I ask that we immediately bring Richlands in compliance with this law; I also ask at the very least that we allow Sheriff Hieatt the 911 Administrator to have an open quorum here and allow the citizens to ask questions and you guys ask questions. You owe it to the citizens to be well informed and well educated there is no better source than the source. I appreciate your time.

Mayor Crawford - "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Rev. Phillip Horton

Rev. Horton – I appreciate you taking your time to perform the great public service that you do, it is not an easy job. I am here on behalf of the Richlands Tabernacle to request an easement on the corner of Rockbridge Avenue and 4th Street. The original building there was built during War War II. On the corner it is built 40" off the right of way. Town of Richlands and Clinch Valley Coal and Iron, on the street have a 60' right away, it is 40" off the right of way. We had major flood damage back in the Spring. We had a 5'X5' air lock which we got approval years ago that came out on the city property and right of way. We put that off we had to go and tear out all our duct work and put back new plus new installation and have

it all cleaned. We want to put a flood retaining wall around the school area and from the back of the school over to the Family Center. We would like to put a 4' wide covered enclosed walkway to protect our children. When they go out the front doors they go for recreation and lunch, they run out the doors into the alley and into the Family Center. We need an easement only 8" wide down on the corner on Rockbridge and 4th Avenue. We need around total of 100' easement, 8" wide on one end increase to 2' on the other end. I have copies of the survey so you can review.

Richard - Are you saying it is an alley way between your school and the Family Center?

Rev. Horton - Yes, zoning code required that we had to separate by 5' and could not be any perforation in that. The new building is 65' x100', it is a gymnasium and lunchroom. We want to come around at the windows of the school and to pour concrete level so if there was a shooter or any emergency the children can unlock the windows and step out. We want to build a flood retaining wall above the 100-year flood plan. We are building 66.5' wide, 5' between the buildings and 16' over to the door, 5' foot to put steps down on the end if we could. Would be around 95' to 100', 8" wide on the lower end. My calculations on the corner of the building, 35" and we will need 15" there it will be a little pie shape deal.

Doug - I make a motion that we do that, I have already looked at it; I think it will be OK. I make a motion that we approve. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mary Ann - I do have a question for Wayne, you will have to prepare the variance, correct?

Wayne - Where he is asking for an easement, I would imagine the Town would execute a deed easement regarding the specifics of that. It won't take long provided we have a description; I can turn over pretty quick.

Richard - I think we are dealing with two(2) different issues with that, if we grant the walkway with the alley, we need to ask Mr. Horton to request us to abandon the alley or sell the alley way to the Church.

Wayne - Let me rephrase in the event that Council can give me specs to the scope of the easement I can draft for you.

Richard - I think we have two (2) different issues here.

Doug - I don't think we would sell it but grant it.

Wayne - Still requires a deed of easement.

Doug - It wouldn't be sold.

Wayne - No, easements can grant a lot of things, don't necessarily have to be a property right.

Tim - The separation between the two(2) buildings is his property, it is not Town property. It is an alleyway for him, it is not street.

Rev. Horton - It is nowhere near the sidewalk either.

Rod - I am not for or against it right now. I personally have not looked at it, before I vote yes or no, I would rather look at it. Is it OK if we come and look at it?

Rev. Horton - I would be glad to meet you.

Rod - Is that a narrow piece of land where it separates the two (2) buildings?

Rev. Horton - Yes

Rod - Did it go before zoning?

Rev. Horton - It didn't have to go before zoning when we built it.

Rod - I wasn't sure just asking.

Rev. Horton - It was a code requirement, you had to build the buildings 5' apart and had to have no perforations. It is 12" cinder block with rebar and bond beam, it cannot be perforated. It is to make sure if one building catches fire it won't burn the other one.

Richard - I assume it will be free standing and not attached to either building.

Rev. Horton - It will be all metal and concrete .

Richard - If you don't attach it to the building or you do attach you will be going back on your word to keep separate.

Rev. Horton - Cannot be any perforations, the door is on the street side.

Rod - There is a motion on the floor from Doug and seconded by Mary Ann. Would be better if all of Council seen it.

Doug -- There is already a motion on the floor.

Mayor Crawford -- We do have a motion and a second, and we have discussed, Connie do roll call.

Connie -- Roll Call - Jeff -- Yes, Doug- Yes, Mary Ann -- Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod -- abstained, Motion carries 4/1-abstained.

Mayor Crawford - "Council Member Reports" -- Rod Cury

Rod -- Planning Commission will meet this coming Thursday at 7:30pm here in the Council Chambers. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come. We will be considering at that time Glen Roberts's request and sorry it has taken so long. We will return to Council with the recommendation. It will ultimately be Council's decision. After July 3 the Town basically done so much, the Seniors had a really good time at the formal event which Richard helped a lot with that at the PD. I have gotten more positive comments from the people about the Town, from adults, parents, grandparents, students, Richlands High School and their guests. We draw people here and that is a good thing. They complement our Town. There was a lot of photography taken at the Section House. I saw photos on Facebook of young people at the Town Hall, in front of the LoveSign, Library and other places in Town that is very significant. All of this has happened over the years with a lot of efforts of a lot of people. Sometimes we don't realize it until we have an event like this and how powerful these images are and how important they are for the general public. They really appreciated it. People were enjoying the Town; I met people that I had not seen since I closed Cury's. It made me feel so good. I wanted to pass on the Council the positive time it's dividends and intrinsic value you can put your finger on it.

Mayor Crawford -- "Council Member Reports" - Richard Brown

Richard -- I spoke to Mr. Taylor a few months ago about the back-flow valve across from the water plant in that sidewalk from the last flood.

Tim- It is a check valve .

Richard - Did you have a chance to look at that?

Tim - I talked to Mr. Lester about that, it is working fine. It really needs to be separated, not sure if we can get that easily engineered or not the way it is constructed. As far as I know there is a check valve in there already, that is what he told me. I don't know how it performs with a big flood. We could add one on the street.

Richard - I think he said there was one in the sidewalk. He said they didn't have issue with the flooding itself it was the back flow from East 2nd .

Tim - That is another situation, that is the one we have to engineer around. Those apartments actually use the same lines . Every time that the lines stops up in the apartments it is going to flood out the apartments below. It is on private property; it should be their responsibility. We will do it if we can figure out a way to do it.

Richard - I think there was a separation when that was sold, the guy that owned the business beside of it purchased that building. The water from the flood didn't get into his building, that part worked it is the back flow.

Tim - What happens in the flood it stops the check valve, the only way to do it is to separate it.

Mayor Crawford – "Council Member Reports" Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann - First of all, I would like to thank Connie and C & T which includes Tammy, Doug and Craig for the great job. Like Rod, I have heard so many positive comments I can't image the amount of time they spent, and it was all for the kids. The parade, the photographs thru Town and this kind of topped it off. A very bad school ending turned very positive. Thank you, Connie and your team. Also pertaining to Connie, I am very sad she has made the decision to resign as our Clerk. I understand completely when you look at 80 some pages we have today. I just want to compliment you for a great job and thank you for willing to help until we find someone. I hope there is someone listening or watching that would have interest in this position. The Rec Department business, due to Mr. Hurst being a member of our Council he can no longer serve on the Recreation Commission. We are sad to lose him ; I don't know of anyone more involved in recreation than Jeff Hurst. I would like to make a motion that we fill the vacant position with Ronnie Cordle, he has lots of experience on the Rec Commission, he was past President and he has most graciously agreed to come back on the Commission.

Rod - I second the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion?

Jeff - I would like to add we spoke about at the end of my term I will be coming back on so ; it will just be until January's meeting for the Rec Commission.

Mary Ann – Correct, terms start over again in January, we will have some reappointments to make, it could work out if Mr. Cordle wants to continue.

Jeff - That is what I am saying if someone wants to come off and he wants to stay.

Mary Ann - We will cross that bridge when we get to it.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mary Ann - The normal Rec Commission meeting would be 3rd Monday of every month. Due to several Rec Commission members having conflicts we will meet on July 27 at 7:30 upstairs at the Recreation Center. Adrienne or Connie could you make that change on the ACCESS Channel. We welcome everyone or anyone's ideas , opinions or suggestions. I do want to pass this information around it is an update. We are very appreciative that Council allowed the pool to open. I was so impressed with the fact that the comparison is an update for two (2) weeks from July 1 to July 14 , this year versus 2019, we actually had 701 swimmers compared to 566 last year, that shows we have made the right decision in opening the pool and people were anxious to swim. When you look at the revenue this year \$5425 .83 and last year \$5762, the difference with that is pool parties. Pool parties bring in \$150 per day, they were not scheduled because we didn't know if the pool would be open . This may be something that may surprise you it is an interesting statistic, so far in two (2) weeks 434 slush puppies were sold. They are wearing out the slush puppy machine. These reports show you how close we monitored and what a great job they are doing as far as money collected at the park. I went over there on the 4th of July; a huge success. They had roughly 300 people come that day, never got over capacity of the pool because people came and went, 250 hot dogs were given out free of charge thanks to Richlands Basketball League, they paid for the hot dogs. It was Frank's hotdogs; it was a huge hit and he was happy to do it. I think that was a huge success story for Richlands and our Rec Center that day. Doug, I have contacted the Coomes Center, the Director was out due to a funeral, she will contact Councilmember Ms. Pillion,

they are going to try and arrange a date . Jessica Reynolds, Assistant Director would like to come with me, I will let you know the date I just wanted to let you know that I had not forgotten. I wanted to wait for personal reasons, I have a special event coming up and I want to stay healthy as I can before I travel. I will let you know the date and it should be set at any time.

Doug - I will be glad to meet you.

Mayor Crawford – “Council Member Reports” – Doug Ratliff

Doug – We have five (5) or six (6) families that are flooding including Joe McCracken, I would like from Mr. Taylor what progress has been made, I think there was supposed to be a drainpipe, or something put in. Can you give us an update?

Tim - We have cleaned out the drainpipe, I think the railroad has cleaned out too. I talked to Mr. McCracken yesterday and he is concerned about a couple of other things and we talked about it. Some of the things will have to be engineered out. The Army Corp is going to try and come up and look at that particular situation. They will schedule a trip here. The solution is not going to be just one (1) drainpipe it is a very complicated matter. I think Mr. McCracken is satisfied that he is elevated.

Doug - I thought they were going to put in a larger drain, was that discussed?

Tim - I don't think so, I am not aware of it.

Doug - I talked to two(2) or three (3) of the Town workers and that was their suggestion, that there be a larger drain put in, the small drain was not going to take care of it. They assured me it would happen again unless we put in a larger drain and they were checking with the railroad to see if they were going to buy it and if they weren't it would cost the Town around \$1000 for the pipe.

Tim - That is news to me, I am not sure who you talked to they have not discussed with me.

Doug – Will you check with Mr. McCracken again, he called me today and he is still upset because nothing is being done.

Tim - I can talk to him again, I talked with him yesterday.

Doug - I am sure about the drain.

Tim -We discussed the drain, but it was a drain in a different area. We can investigate in some of the other areas . As far as putting in a bigger drain, as far as back up, not sure how that will help with bigger pipe.

Doug - It was not draining quick enough. I talked with one(1) of the Town workers and they went over and said the smaller drain would not take care of it that they were checking with the railroad to get it OK with a larger drain pipe and hoping the railroad would pay for it. If they didn't it would only cost around \$1000 . Can you do an update on that?

Tim - Who were you talking to?

Doug - I am not sure, but Mr. McCracken talked to them also. If you will check with him, he would know the names.

Tim - I have been over there quite often not sure who it is.

Doug - I just don't want him to flood again.

Tim - I don't want him to flood either.

Doug - They flooded twice in one month. If you can do an update for the next Council meeting.

Tim - I can.

Doug – Ms. Horton, not sure of the street, the street near her has a lot of junk that has not been cleaned up and ask if we could take a look at it .

Mayor Crawford - What area of Town is it?

Doug - I am not sure of the street.

Mary Ann - Is that Don and Betty Horton?

Doug - Yes

Mary Ann - I have that in my office I can get that to Tim.

Mayor Crawford - Is it the Harrison property that burned down, is that the one we are talking about.

Mary Ann – Yes

Mayor Crawford - We have brought that up before.

Tim - We have some legal action on that one. I will check with the PD.

Mary Ann - Doug I am glad you brought that up, I thought there was some ongoing action on that.

Doug – What about the gas situation, we were going to have some meetings on the natural gas, I have not heard anything in months.

Tim - I have not, John Ebert died , I have not talked to anyone, you want me to reach out to the new President?

Doug – Yes

Mayor Crawford – “Council Member Reports” - Jeff Hurst

Jeff – I would like to thank Council for giving me the opportunity to serve and serve the Town of Richlands. I look forward to the opportunity and hope I can do a good job. We have been in business here since 1930's, we definitely have a vested interest in this Town . I would like to comment, Rod and Mary Ann have already touched on it but what is going on in Town the last few weeks especially the senior pictures I thought were a great idea. When I am running in the mornings it was interesting to see the kids pictures and try to put name to the face, I sent the ones that are in front of the funeral home a text message, they said cool I am a friend of them at the funeral home. It was a good feeling in the mist of the school year especially seniors it had to be tough. I talked with Mr. West a couple days ago, I don't know if he has talked to you yet about the trash problem behind Food Lion.

Tim - We talk about that quite often.

Jeff - There is plenty to talk about.

Tim - We have talked about that, what happens the seclusion of that property people just use it as a regular dump site . The problem is there is no way to catch them and that is going to be an issue. We tried to put in two (2) dumpsters and we still have trash on the ground. Every Monday morning, we have the same issue and we have to go clean it up and it is on private property. In all fairness to our

folks I know you want a solution from us, but we are going to have to have some help from Food Lion. We are going to have to have limit access from back of the building or we are going have it contained to keep them from dumping and putting on the ground. We can put cameras up maybe try to prosecute people or something. We are going to have to talk to Food Lion or Fletcher Bright to see if they will help us with a solution. We can't seem to catch them.

Doug - Is there some way we could put a lock on it?

Tim - They don't care about putting in the dumpster they just shove off the truck. There is going to have to have some security around it. It is hard for the Town to do anything about it. We need to talk to management.

Jeff - If you need any help, I would be glad to help. I am at Food Lion a lot too.

Richard - I do have one thing that I missed, the Blankenship's home on Fairfax Avenue that burnt several years ago I think there was a recent order from the court with a suspect that was charged with burning it down. There was a restitution order around \$60,000 I wonder if Wayne could get in contact with the victim to see if some of the restitution could be used for the tear down of the property.

Tim - We may have some legal action on that one too. I can give Wayne the address.

Doug - I would like to thank the Richlands Police Department, we had a problem with a bear at the house, of course ,they came up and helped us and we appreciate that. Thank you. We have a bear problem I think the citizens should be very careful and keep their trash in and nothing on their porches because this bear was quite huge and she had a cub, very dangerous. I would ask the Valley and people in Town to be alert because we do have a bear problem.

Richard - One in front of Food Lion.

Wayne -The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has specific hotline for bear related issues. They have plenty of good information on ways to secure trash and measures to be taken. You can even request certain types of trash cans that are bear proof. I can get you that number after the meeting.

Mayor Crawford - "Mayor's Comments"

Mayor Crawford - Randy Lester contacted me, and he wants to start a campaign to raise money and donations to put a large American Flag on Christmas Tree Hill. He talked about the flag that use to be a Mullins Ford.

Mary Ann - I can't find the flag it is gone.

Mayor Crawford - I will talk to him again, he really had a desire to do that, so keep that in mind and I will find out what he wants to do.

Doug - I think that is a great idea.

Mayor Crawford - I do too, I like it.

Mayor Crawford - I was at the Rec Park for the July 4th Celebration. I was very impressed with the hot dogs; it was so good to see people out and enjoying themselves. I ask Jessica and Fred what if a kid comes to the Rec Park any given day, rides their bicycle down there and they want to go swimming and they don't have a membership , the rules for the Rec Park would not allow that child to swim. When I ask Jessica about it, she kind of lit up because her and a friend had been talking about this last year. The brochure explains it a little bit, they are calling it Youth Sponsorship Program, I liked Adopt a Kid or Adopt a Child title better, sounds like Youth Sponsorship is governmental to me. They have an idea and

they have the computer to handle this. They will put a data base of children in the computer who need help with membership. The goal of the program is to get 100 children and get donors \$15 a month/\$180 year, the revenue could be \$18,000 . Some points that I want to make on it , in my heart I could not stand to see a child not be able to go swimming. These guys see kids every day of the week and they know which children can't afford membership; I would not make this a big application process. They are very aware of children that would like to have membership that can't afford it. She can set up a data base of all the children that are being supported and the people who are agreeing to support with \$180 a year or by monthly payments. If I support a child and I want to be one of the first supporters , the way I understand it that child and I will be connected in the computer. If I want to put more money in their account to buy slush puppy, hot dog or whatever they would be able to do it. I can't tolerate the thought of the great facility we have over there and a child not being able to participate in it. Who was the other lady you were working with?

Jessica - Her name is Autumn Meade, she actually worked at the Rec Park for three (3) years and just graduated from college this year. She is now a teacher at Richlands High School, and she is the coach for JV Girls Volleyball this year. She introduced this to me last year, she seen the same problems that we had seen. We have talked about this and she sent me huge text. I want to make sure she gets some credit too this was her idea. She has not been able to help me this year. This was her wonderful idea; we have just put it into motion and there is a huge need at the Rec Park . We see kids every day that would love to come but can't. You see them walking down by the water treatment plant, walking to Critterville and we know those kids can't pay \$2.00 to play basketball or \$4.00 to get into the pool. I put together what our regular membership is with a slightly discounted price of \$5.00, \$15.00 a month would give them access year around to the pool, basketball, soccer fields anything they want to do at the Rec Park that we offer. You can just be their sponsor. We initially call it Adopt a Child Program, I liked it too but right now we are calling it "Youth Sponsorship Program". I feel a lot of households can't afford the \$15 or \$180 a year. My goal is 100 kids , I know at least 50 kids that are regulars at the park, my goal is the kids I don't see. They don't have the money to come . People can call in, Facebook, or any type of social media. I have also put on my personal email. If you know a child or a family that needs help, I encourage them to let us know and we are going to put you on the list if we can get this approved. My goal is 100 kids and I would love to see more than that . I would love to see this happen.

Doug - I see five (5) Council members here , I for one will and I challenge the other four (4), that would be five (5).

Mayor Crawford - Six counting myself.

Jeff - Are there some kids that come down there now needs some help?

Jessica - Absolutely, our concession is not full concession this year due to COVID-19 but we do have drinks, slush puppies and things like that. We had no food this year but we hope that will all change in the upcoming year so they would be able to purchase food. If you were in our gym today, I would say it is over 100 degree's. They are sweaty and red faced. If they had \$2.00 to come today, they didn't have \$2.00 for a drink. Example if Mr. Cury had sponsored a child and he had \$10 extra in child's account they could purchase drinks/food, etc. The computer system we have is great. I have played around with it and put myself in as a child just to see how it works. We can check them in. If you have a child that is not utilizing it, you can call them to say you are not utilizing this program if you are not using it, we may want to discuss giving to someone else. The report would be available to Council or anyone who is sponsoring a child and they can see how much they are using the membership. There is a lot of different ways we can look at these reports.

Mary Ann - Do you need a motion?

Mayor Crawford - I would like to entertain a motion but I would like to entertain motion to allow the Rec Department to go forward with Adopt a Child Program.

Rod - I make the motion to allow Rec Park to go forward with the Program, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mayor Crawford - I will be there this week to get my donation going.

Jessica - I am very excited about the Program, any questions you can give me a call.

Mary Ann - I would ask for you to go and visit, you would be encouraged you see a lot of happy kids.

Mayor Crawford - "Attorney's Comments" – Wayne McClanahan

Wayne – I don't have anything.

Mayor Crawford - "Manager's Report" – Tim Taylor

Tim - Authorization for payment for bills, you have two (2) check registers, one (1) is the first of the month bills and one that was prepared today. If you will notice on the first page there was a lot of checks written to a lot of people, it is the month for utility refunds for people that overpaid. Check No. 8170 – Clinch Valley Medical Center - \$44,193.60 we had to refund. The other people are on the budget and they had money coming back to them. The Drug Task Force did agree to reimburse the participants \$10,000 out of their funds they had in reserves due to COVID-19. We did have quite a few of the regular checks for annual payments such as software support, insurance payment endorsements, membership dues. Any questions on any of the checks?

Richard - Check 8350 – Stephen W. Gooch, PC - \$6,857.44

Tim - They worked more than the normal monthly fees because of the workload. We can provide a breakdown if you need it. It is outside of the normal monthly fees.

Wayne - I am not question him working just the amount.

Tim - It is outside the monthly retainer fee.

Wayne - It is over the \$25,000.

Tim - Line of Duty benefits, Check No. 8356 – Treasurer of VA-VRS – \$38,017.43, this is the payment they use to make for all localities. They passed the law for that to be paid by localities up until few years ago they elected to pay on our behalf. Now every locality must pay.

Richard - I make a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Tim – We need authorization to draw off the line of credit, Drawdown #3 from National Bank for Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project, cost for the final design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, current month billing for a total of \$73,457.00.

Rod - I make a motion to authorize Drawdown #3 from National Bank, Richard seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Tim - We were granted awards for (2) School Resource Officers (SRO) , Grant#21-A4983FR21 - \$47,254 for Richlands High School and Grant #21-B4771FR21- \$47,254 for Richlands Elementary School. I need authorization to accept these awards.

Doug - Are those part-time or full-time positions?

Tim - They are full-time positions.

Wayne - Richard you are part of the program; you would have to recuse yourself.

Tim - It is the same for The Resource Officers, have asked for retired police officer, one (1) would apply to Mr. Brown and the other would be advertised as a full-time position and not exceed their VRS because the school is shut down for two (2) months. The hours would be less than 32 hours. It is a perfect fit for the program, encouraged to use retired police officers just because of their demographics and experience and knowing children better and seems to work out better. The program is defined around that. Adrienne, do you know if it is full-time?

Adrienne - It is full-time for school hours.

Tim - It is full- time for school hours, 32 hours.

Rod - I make a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign and execute Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) grant awards for School Resource Officers , G#21-A4983F421-\$47,254 Richlands High School Resource Officer and Grant #21-B4771FR21-\$47,254 for Richlands Elementary School Resource Officer,

Doug - I have a question, we do have to have an SRO person, I want the attorney to check and make sure we are not in jeopardy of the grant being a full-time position and drawing VRS. I just want to make that clear, it states in the VRS you cannot have a full-time position and draw retirement. Can you get an opinion from the Attorney General?

Wayne - It is a little more complicated than that, to get an opinion from the Attorney General, but I can look into whatever issue Council directs.

Doug - I think if you read the VRS and I am not going after you, you are great . I just want to make sure when you read the VRS it clearly states no full-time position if are drawing your retirement.

Adrienne - We do have a memo that was established by VRS about retirees and SRO officers. I can provide that to Council if you would like. Virginia Department of Justice has a grant program to fund SRO. Assuming they had a hard time like we did in getting someone to apply, they are not working a year around job and it is grant funded. You could have a job this year and if the State doesn't fund next year you don't have a job anymore. Someone who don't have a family are not very receptive to take a risk. We contacted VRS first about the situation, a few weeks later VRS actually put out a newsletter to all localities specifically referring to retirees in these grant position, it is allowable. For example, Richard is a full-time SRO, but he is not a full-time employee it is two different things. By our personnel policy he is not a full-time employee. In other words if we hire a SRO and we keep as a full-time employee by the Town, and they work any of the other months other than school days we would have to pay them from Town's operational budget, VRS does allow and I can give to Wayne and the Council.

Doug - I would like to have it clarified with VRS. My only problem is we are always hollering jobs, jobs. You had 200 applications for police officers the last two (2) years, I am sure one of those that we didn't have a position for would like that position.

Adrienne - That would be great but like I said, we did advertise the job. Someone requested FIOA and I submitted the newspaper article and how long we had put it in the paper. We had no applicants.

Doug - I know that you had 200 applications for jobs.

Adrienne - That does not mean they applied for the Resource Officer position.

Doug - I know it does not mean that, but I am sure they would have taken the job. We are also saying there are not enough jobs to go around, that is two (2) jobs to me. We need to spread around to help people.

Adrienne - I agree with you people need jobs and someone retired don't need the job, but if you can't find anyone to fill the position.

Doug - I think out of those 200 people that you had applications for you could find one to take the job.

Mayor Crawford - That is enough, we have a motion and a second on the floor.

Richard - I abstain according to Section 2.2-3115.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard- Abstained , Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 4/1 abstained.

Tim – I talked to Wayne a little earlier about this, the emergency order that expired last month, we never address the delinquency cut-off policy, and we never discuss the delinquency of business professional licenses. At this point and time there is a lot of communities that have started doing delinquency cut-offs of business and residents that have not paid or have gone back to the original ordinance. Since that has expired by default looks like it would go back to normal procedures which is the cut-off policy. Council needs to think about that tonight and give me some direction. Do you want to continue with policy or go back to our normal cut-off policy? Right now, we have \$44,000 worth of utility delinquencies for water, sewer, and electric. We have about 4000 commercial delinquencies for businesses in that particular category for water, sewer and electric which is close to \$49,000 worth of delinquencies. We also have 35 that have not acquired their business licenses. I just wanted direction from Council, if we continue with another time frame or we go back to original policy.

Mayor Crawford – Does anyone have any comments?

Richard - I don't think we waived our BPOL.

Tim - Most of the people didn't reapply just to see if they are going back in the business. I can't tell you if some of those business is open or decided to keep their doors closed. We did not enforce that part of it, that was the intent. That is what the State was encouraging. I don't know what the State Corporation Commission is doing, I have no idea. I know some are not subject to State regulations, some or doing and some are not. It is just whatever the Council pleasure is.

Mayor Crawford - I don't think personally we are far enough out of this hole to start cutting people's water and electric off because of non-payment or whatever. It is up to the Council but that is my thoughts on it.

Rod - I agree with that too. Can we have staff check to see who is open and who is not open?

Tim – Sure, I can get you a list by the next Council meeting if you want to extend for 30 days.

Rod - I think it is a courtesy due to the circumstances.

Tim - We will try to encourage people to pay, to at least pay something or obligate to some type of payment plan . We will try to do a little more of that if we can.

Mary Ann - On personal utilities are we waiving late fees?

Tim – Part of it was to waive the late fees and the penalties. You are subject to whatever your bill is without penalties. Right now, if you don't change to ordinance you are subject to disconnect or making arrangements plus penalties and interest going forward.

Mayor Crawford - I would like for us to extend for another 30 days, we went over 30 virus cases in Tazewell County today. It is building up quickly to what it was. I don't think we are anywhere near finished with this.

Mary Ann - I make a motion that we continue with the COVID-19 Relief for at least another 30 days. Rod seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Tim - Rick Chitwood was here last month to discuss the status of the Water Treatment Plant engineering work. That preliminary engineering report was covered under a retainer agreement that we have with Thompson & Litton. The actual final design cannot be procured under that particular method of engineering, the amount of services exceeds the amount allowed for that. We are required to solicit for statements of qualifications for the final design of the Water Treatment Plant improvements. Based on the schedule you received last month we need to get the procurement started mid-July. I would like authorization in the form of a motion for me to solicit input statement of qualifications for final design for the Water Treatment Plant.

Rod - I make the motion to authorize Town Manager to go forward with the procurement procedure Jeff seconded that motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Tim - We will try to use supplementary support documents and brief Council on some of the journey's ahead for the projects that we have in the queue for the physical year.

Tim - Department of Housing/Community Grant – We started on the grant last November which was initially \$3000 with an actual of up to \$35,000 award for a Planning Grant to look at the Downtown Revitalization in the Business District Assistance Program. That has been delayed because COVID-19 and not being able to have any public meetings. The deadlines have been extended until we can get back on track if that is something Council wants to continue to do.

Tim - IDA had mentioned project for the Professional Building Rehabilitation and Housing Program Grant, which would cover the Richlands Professional Building and two (2) other buildings. A \$30,000 Planning Grant from the Housing Authority. The Housing Study for \$10,000 has been completed, I will get it on our website & I will also provide for Council review. It is a very comprehensive study and I am very pleased.

Doug - Is that the housing at the Mullins building?

Tim – Yes, the Richlands Professional Building the former Mullins Building, Ervin Davis.

Doug - Was that for apartments or for what?

Tim – Housing on the upper floor, after the housing study it would allow developers to get some plans and drawings and cost estimates for rehabilitation. It would be Mr. Davis and two (2) others. The housing study will identify what type of housing.

Tim – The architectural concept part of it, IDA has issued RFP and we have received RFP. We had three (3) submittals and they are ranked in order. We are currently negotiating with the #1 candidate. As soon as that is done, we can provide actual drawings based on whatever the housing study identified. It has been difficult to get this moving because we can't have public meetings to talk about it.

Tim - Clinch River Walking Trail is in the que and the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed in October of last year.

Tim - Fluoride project has not been completed; part of the problem has been getting the equipment. We got the last piece of the skid mount yesterday. Met with the water plant staff today. We have one more item to get, a fireproof door, once that comes in, we can start to install the equipment. I can't really give you a best guess date because of delivery times for components, it is very difficult to get parts. Hopefully, we will have in the next few months.

Tim - Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, we will have a final design in September. We are at 60% level and we do have funding in place for that. The contractor prequalification's progress is scheduled to begin in January 2021. You heard the updates from Mr. Chitwood last month. Water, Wastewater rate analysis right now is another thing that has to be identified and reviewed by Council. Completed at the end of May and I have available for us to start looking at. I have not reviewed very much myself. Staff will look at it and try to schedule a time before Council so we can review the report. That has to be done for us to finish our commitment to get the proposed rate from DEQ that you heard about last month.

Tim - The Cares Act funding, Adrienne can you come to the podium and explain. You and Connie have been part of the process. We received money from Tazewell County that had been provided from the State of Virginia. They received \$3.5 million from the Federal government.

Adrienne - Tazewell County received \$3.5 million dollars for the Cares Act funding, the Federal Government has passed down funding from the State and from the State to the County. The County disbursed \$3.5 million to the Towns located in the County. The way it was disbursed to the Town was based on the population of the Town. They took the total population of the County/Towns, a percentage went to the County and a percentage went to the Towns. The Town of Richlands received 13% of the total funding. The way they allocated the funds was based on the decision of the Board of Supervisors and the guidelines of the Cares Act. The Cares Act is funding for COVID-19. We have already received four (4) checks which was very fast. Last week we received (2) checks, one (1) was for \$13,000 that was to reimburse for any PPE that they purchased previously. Once COVID-19 started any other purchases we had to make for hand sanitizers, gloves, masks or any type of preventive equipment that is to reimburse the Town's departments for the cost. There was also \$19,500 check for preparedness on PPE going forward, if you didn't use \$13,000 in previous purchases we can pass to preparedness. This week we received three (3) additional checks \$23,000 Restaurants, \$16,000, Retail, \$13,000 Non-specific business. We don't have specific guidelines right now on how the money will be disbursed from the Town. There is a committee that is formed to come up with guidelines. The money must be expended by December 31, 2020.

Tim - The auditors have provided a directive to localities on procedures on how this has to be done. The committee that is established is already established by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. Connie will represent the Town along with Adrienne and myself. It will mostly be under the Community Development Department.

Jeff - Does the business have to apply or how does that work?

Adrienne - There is an application, but we just received the checks this week.

Connie - We have to make up our own application, send out to businesses and then there is another committee formed to review for the Town. Once the committee is formed that committee will decide who gets the money.

Adrienne - We have to report back to the County as well and the County is responsible to the State.

Tim - VDOT Smart Scale - Funding tool with VDOT for all types of projects that they would help finance. It is very competitive, and you have to have everything in order. There are two (2) projects, one (1) is self-supportive, by-pass on 460 the traffic signals in front of the hospital area and the part that business separation for 460. They are going to integrate those and make a little smarter so they can move traffic in order to alleviate some crashes. STAR program that we participated in with VDOT a couple years ago that study is on the VDOT website. There is a ramp way going into Clinch Valley Medical Center, that is going to be changed a little bit to enhance and keep from the left-hand turn. We don't maintain those highways anyway they are maintained by VDOT. VDOT respects the Town's opinion going forward. Another piece would be to correct the intersection at the Huddle House, it is not built to State standards, it needs to be designed a little different. Those are the three (3) items identified in our comprehensive plan that has to be a requirement to be able to qualify for SMART scale funding. We have to have complete by the middle of August. There are eight (8) or nine (9) projects in that study, Planning Commission will be reviewing those too and bring recommendations back to Council. They have to be integrated into the comprehensive plan to be considered for funding.

Tim - We also applied for funding to repair the bridge on front street it is in the que, located beside of Appalachian One-Stop. At one time they thought they were going to try and make a one lane bridge with a pedestrian sidewalk or no sidewalk. The last discussion with them, which we have not talked to Council we were hoping they could find some money to fully fund it. They are still working on that. Hope that will be fully funded based on a sidewalk and a double lane road like you see it today. That is supposed to be starting pretty soon. The Alleghany bridge rehabilitation will start around March 2021, they will advise probably in late November/December. We discussed in previous Council meeting an emergency exit. Bridge on Second Street is in the que but has not been funded yet, it is another rehabilitation project next to Hardee's. We do have a repair application in to pave the street on the intersection of the railroad tracks on Second Street going west down to where the Huddle House is. Hopefully that one might get funded. It has been in que for a while.

Tim - A completed letter of grant in June for next year's application we did get the CART award for \$4500, the CPRON Grant that is in the que to start for bids as soon as we can finalize the documents for that project.

Tim - We have two (2) IT Projects, due to COVID-19 we are working on getting cameras to host meetings on line and getting that updated and on-line bill pay, I talked to Frank about it today, we have a conference call this week, we may have ready to go live in two (2) to three (3) weeks. You will be able to pay your utility bill online.

Tim - This has given you an overview on various projects we have going on this fiscal year, not the day to day projects. We also try to tie into the financial state of the Town next month.

Wayne - Mayor if you would entertain a motion to go into closed session 2.23711.(A7), Pending Ligation regarding any potential debt collection, 2.23711(A8) - discuss specific legal matter regarding compliance regarding comments on agenda/non agenda items for the Town Council Meetings 2.23711(A8) statutory compliance with code 56-484.16, 2.23711(A1) to discuss personnel matter regarding Ms. Allen's resignation.

Rod - I make the motion to go into closed session, Jeff seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Jeff- Yes, Doug-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, Rod-Yes - Motion carries – 5/0.

Mayor Crawford - I now entertain a motion that the Members of Council reconvene in open session and accept the CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION certifying that the matters discussed while in executive session were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened.

Rod- I make the motion for Council to return from “Closed Session”, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries - 5/0.

Mayor Crawford – Roll Call Vote – Doug - Yes Rick-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, and Rod-Yes - Motion carries - 5/0.

Rod - I make the motion to appoint Chris Brown as Council Clerk, Mary Ann seconded the motion

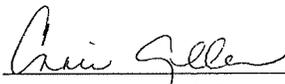
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Mayor Crawford – Roll Call Vote – Doug - Yes Rick-Yes, Mary Ann-Yes, Richard-Yes, and Rod-Yes - Motion carries - 5/0.

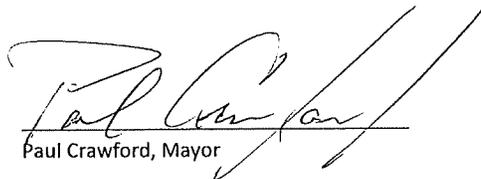
Richard - I make a motion to Adjourn, Rod seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries - 5/0

Adjourned



Connie Allen, Town Clerk



Paul Crawford, Mayor