

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2008

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on March 3, 2008, with the following members present:

Mayor: Scott Edwards
Recorder: Linda Gibson - absent
Council: Reggie Billups
Lana Call
Don Chaney
Brian Ellis
Patty Hager

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #236.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Patty Hager to approve minutes of the February 4, 2008, regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve paying the bills from the General Fund. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call to approve paying the bills from the Coal Severance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Reggie Billups to have the second reading and adoption of AMENDMENT SECTION 1135.03 CERTAIN NUISANCES ENUMERATED. Councilwoman Call questioned the Copart business on Rt. 60, storing wrecked vehicles. The mayor explained that was a business and this ordinance is for residents. Councilwoman Call would like to discuss the Copart issue again in April. Roy Vanater stated that the second reading and adoption of the ordinance was not published in the Breeze. Documentation was given showing that the ordinance was published. Council decided to table second reading until the April meeting.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 161.20 CONTEMPTS; PROCEEDINGS. The Mayor read state code stating the same as the ordinance. Councilman Billups ask Chief Mullins if Hurricane officers could enforce the state code. The Chief said yes, any police officer could enforce state code. 0 yeas, 5 nays. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of ARTICLE 939 WATER RATES 939.03 RATES. Motion carried. Call, Hager, Chaney opposed. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Hurricane Little League for the use of the ball fields at City Park. Motion carried.

De-annexation of Steorts property. The mayor announced that needed documentation had not been received from the Steorts. Will hear at the April meeting.

The Mayor read a thank you letter from Carolyn Osborne. Ms. Osborne thanked Jay Gibson and Danny Brickles for their assistance.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A MATCHING FUND GRANT FOR LITTER CONTROL. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Don Chaney to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND CITY OF HURRICANE. Motion carried.

The Mayor read a grant letter from WV State Highway Safety Office released funding for the Police Department to purchase three laptop computers.

Department Head Reports

- Ben Newhouse (City Manager)
- Mike Mullins (Chief)
- Allen McCallister (Water Plant Operator)
- Dennis Carte (Treasurer)

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Captain Deron Wilkes reported that most of the equipment that council approved funding for has been received. The Fire Department will give a demonstration before the May council meeting. Approximately 40 local firefighters toured Walmart on Sunday evening to familiarize themselves with the store.

Persons to Appear

Tom Henson – Thomasino's Car Wash – Mr. Henson reported nothing new.

Mark Halburn – Complained about 18 months of excessive noise from the Walmart Construction site. Waking his baby at 5:22 a.m. Thanksgiving morning at 5:24 a.m. Would like the Mayor and council to enforce noise ordinance.

Persons from Sign in Sheet

Roy Vanater – Ask if the Municipal Judge should be a practicing attorney and live in city limits. The mayor informed Mr. Vanater that in larger city those are requirements but not for the City of Hurricane. Mr. Vanater also requested council meeting minutes be posted on the website.

Jackie Alexander – Alexander Place expressed her appreciation of the paving and widening of Mill Road. However, the gas company repaired a line and had not repaired the blacktop. The Mayor advised that the gas company would be notified to make the repair.

Robert Blackburn – Voiced concerns with semi trucks running at the motel. The mayor told Mr. Blackburn that he was sorry but that the City of Hurricane has done everything within code to help the situation.

Roy Vanater suggested checking for grant availability for sound barriers.

John Clay – Grace Drive – Informed mayor and council that Grace Drive had a 22' right-of-way and that a petition was submitted to the previous administration requesting the street be paved. The guard rail installed by Walmart is too close to the street. Mr. Clay and neighbors are having problems backing out of their driveways. Mr. Clay also suggested a four way stop instead of three way. Chief Mullins informed Mr. Clay that is not possible to the amount of traffic that would back up on Rt. 19 and the interstate. Mr. Clay reported that a sinkhole has formed at the location of the water line. Ben will let Putnam PSD know.

Announcements

The mayor informed those present that Ben Newhouse, City Manager and Beth Lilly, Personnel negotiated health insurance for city employees saving the city \$120,000.

Special Budget Council Meeting – March 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Civil War Reenactment – Valley Park – March 28, 29 and 30th with the battles at 3:00 on the 29th and 30th.

March 3, 2008 City Park reopens for the season.

The mayor announced that Hurricane Water Plant received Gold & Silver awards from Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS).

A Hurricane Lions Club is being formed and members will meet at the Municipal Building.

New Business

The Street Department will begin replacing the culvert on Moss Creek March 10, 2008.

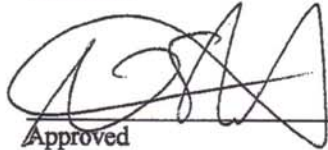
Dredging of the reservoir will begin again on Monday, March 10.

Motion was made by Lana Call and seconded by Don Chaney to have an executive session.

After returning from executive session motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.


Submitted

4/7/08
Date


Approved

4/7/08
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