

Minutes of the Work Session of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on July 19, 2021 5:30PM

Present

Mayor: The Honorable Filmore York

Council: Chris Compton, Larry Coble, Don Herndon, JR Beard and
Tyson Nixon

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Staff: Fire Chief; Matt Talbott, Safety Director; Bret
Pedigo, Library Director; Brenda Heindl Hornsby and
Public Service Director; Terry Crouse

Town Attorney; Bill Flowe

To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor York said Finance Director Kathy Bond was unable to be here tonight so the 4.2 under Administrative Reports Finance Report will be removed and added to next week's Council Meeting. Item number 6.4 Fire Department requests use of CIP funds for rescue tools under New Business will be removed and revisited in August. Council Member JR Beard made a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes. Council Member Chris Compton seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Council Members Larry Coble, Don Herndon, JR Beard, Tyson Nixon and Chris Compton voted yes and adopted the agenda.

Information

Monthly Reports

The Town Manager has included the monthly reports from Department Heads and can discuss any comments or questions.

Library Director Brenda Heindl Hornsby said the picnic tables for the front of the library are on their way. Our Berea College Partners for Education library fellowship starts tomorrow. It looks promising that they will be working closely with the school. Mayor York said he is glad to see this happening.

Public Service Director Terry Crouse said repairs to the lighting at Freedom Park have been completed. There were multiple light bulbs that needed replacing. The Town Manager Scott Kidd remarked that this has been a big undertaking.

Mr. Crouse said they have looked at a one man leaf truck. It would be a cost of \$217,000.00 They are down a person since Street Supervisor Nathan Martin has resigned. They can lease a unit about the same price as adding another person. He would like for the Council to think about this. He hopes to have a presentation about the leaf truck ready soon. Council Member Chris Compton asked if this would be a one person truck. Mr. Crouse said yes it would. It also keeps dust down and can vacuum up at curbs. It dumps without backing up and can pull forward. Town Manager Scott Kidd said it has a longer arm than the one we currently have. Mr. Crouse said it keeps manual raking to a minimum. Council member Tyson Nixon asked how much would it be to lease. Mr. Crouse said it would be \$34,000.00 per year for seven years. Library Director Brenda Heindl Hornsby came back up to the front and said the County has investigated a possible grant to put Wifi at Paul Henry Smith Parks. They are not able to right now. Safety Director Bret Pedigo said to let him finish working on the Wifi at Freedom Park and he will look at more specifics for Paul Henry. Safety Director Bret Pedigo said no one has gotten hurt. Fire Chief Matt Talbott said he had nothing to add to his report. Mayor York thanked the Fire Department for their help with the fireworks.

Administrative Reports

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd gave a report. He has fixed the audio online that some viewer had mentioned was not working. There has been a lot of work done on the CDBG project. There have been point repairs, manhole rehabs and cure will be in place soon. He thinks they will finish ahead of schedule. He signed the contract for AIA Water today. This will help to get prices and estimates on everything. We are still waiting on the engineer report for the ASADRA grant to come back from the state. We are also still awaiting word on the LWCF grant. The Pierce fire truck sold on GovDeals has been picked up.

Old Business

Liberty Chamber Appropriation Discussion

Town Manager Scott Kidd said the initial request was approved but some items we can do and some we can't. We can help with paying off the new sign and classes but the Town cannot give them money which they use to do their own fundraising. An appropriation of over \$5,000.00 must have a contract. He has reached out to Kelly Raymond and Amanda Pabst. He will come back to the Council once he gets an agreement. It can be done in installments.

New Business

ABC Board Update Council Meeting 7/26/21 - Douglas Hardin

ABC Board Chair Douglas Hardin will give a quarterly report at the Council Meeting July 26, 2021.

New zoning ordinances 160D discussion 7/26/21 Reynolds Neely

Planning and Zoning Consultant will discuss 160D, required ordinance changes at the Council Meeting July 26, 2021.

Animal ordinance discussion

Public Services Director Terry Crouse came forward to discuss some proposed new animal ordinances. Randolph County passed new ones in 2015. Our ordinance

supersedes the County's so we need to update ours. To do this we will have to have an advertised Public Hearing. Key points are: this would be for in town residents only, our current tethering ordinance is in contradiction with the County's, address acceptable houses, and exotic mammals. We need to think about problems in Town and see that it addresses them. Council Member JR Beard said it is not right for dogs to be tethered or chained twenty four hours a day and it needs to be addressed. Council Member Larry Coble suggested that the first violation be a warning. Council Member JR Beard said we need to set a date the new ordinance would go into effect and let the community know. Some suggestions were to: change the date, give a warning, define enclosures and cleaning, and address animals on a leash as well. Council Member JR Beard said this is a very good start but will need to be fine tuned.

Budget Amendment #1

This amendment is to move funds from General Fund Balance Appropriated to Police Department Contracted Services (This was not budgeted in the adopted budget) and Longevity Pay (Amount was moved from this line to contracted services to fulfill payment on Smith Rodgers, PLLC invoice). Also budget for line items that were created for Non-Powell Bill signs.

Council Comments

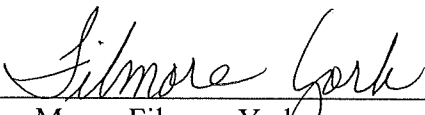
Council Member Don Herndon thanked Public Services Director Terry Crouse for having littering signs put up. Council Member Tyson Nixon asked about how long Town staff spends mowing/working in the cemetery. Terry Crouse responded that he did not have those numbers. Town Manager Scott Kidd said we are looking at other options. The grass was left higher than normal. It is now back to where it should be. It took a lot of extra work. We will try to get some numbers.

Mayor Comments

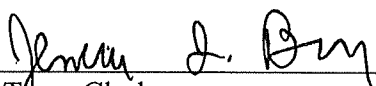
Mayor York said he had received good comments about fireworks.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Tyson Nixon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard, Council Member Tyson Nixon and Council Member Chris Compton voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST: 

Town Clerk

