

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Remington Town Council
Monday, May 16, 2022 7:00pm
Remington Town Hall
105 E Main St
REMINGTON, VA 22734

Mayor William E. Polk, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Town Council Members Present: Amanda B. Hart
Stanley L. Heaney
Richard Heflin
Van M. Loving
Susan L. Tiffany

Town Staff Present: Town Administrator – David F. Burrelli
Town Attorney - Andrea G. Erard - Virtually
Town Clerk / Deputy Treasurer – Rachael R. Brinson
Chief of Police - Charles T. Proffitt - Virtual
Town Superintendent - James Steward
Town Treasurer – Carol Stalter
Town Accountant – Denise Sandlin

Mayor Polk introduced each person in attendance and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests Present: Eric Maybach, Commissioner of Revenue-Fauquier County, Jim Peterson-Craft and Crust, Devada Allison

CITIZEN TIME

Eric Maybach spoke regarding the food tax. Jim Peterson spoke regarding a concert series he would like to have with Craft and Crust, barriers and pedestrian crosswalks for safety. Devada Allison spoke regarding movie night at the Remington Community Gardens.

Mayor Polk spoke regarding Tool Design and the traffic cameras for vehicle counts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Polk asked for any questions for the Utility Billing Report and Bill Listing. Mayor Polk asked for any additions or corrections to the draft minutes presented for approval.

Council member Tiffany motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda with the correction of the time council member Loving left to be 2109 and for the minutes to indicate that council members Loving and Heaney declined .gov emails as well as Mayor Polk. Council Member Heflin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Loving, Tiffany

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Ashby

STAFF REPORTS

Town Superintendent

Mr. Steward informed council that he had met with Thrasher engineering. They will present a scope of work to Mr. Steward when complete. He then referenced the letter from Fauquier County Landfill and the price increase for tonnage. Mr. Heflin asked for clarification of the process with Thrasher Engineering. Mr. Steward reiterated that the scope of practice was first, then they will provide an estimate within 30-80 days. Mr. Steward then discussed a car charging station that Fauquier County contacted the Town about.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Proffitt shared that the Drug Take Back received 10 pounds of medication and other items from the event. He then explained that the new officer would be sworn the same week.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Burrelli referenced his report in detail. He also explained that the budget was being worked on, and he appreciated the assistance of Ms. Stalter, Ms. Lee and Ms. Sandlin for their input and assistance. Mr. Maybach elaborated on the elections and precinct boundary change. There was a discussion regarding ADA requirements and the town hall as a polling location.

TOWN CLERK

Clerk Brinson informed council that Chris Butler contacted her and asked her to inform council that he had received 3 complaints of mirrors being damaged on parked cars along Main Street, and asked for council discussion. Clerk Brinson then submitted a letter of interest for the Planning Commission vacancy by Rosemary Damewood for council consideration. Council member Tiffany asked that the letter be edited by Ms. Damewood to state that she requests to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Council member Tiffany motioned recommend Rosemary Damewood for the Planning Commission vacancy. Council member Heflin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Loving, Tiffany

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Ashby

Clerk Brinson informed council that the next council meeting was scheduled for a holiday and the June meeting needed to be rescheduled. She also reminded council that she and Council member Tiffany and would be in Ireland in June. Attorney Erard stated that the advertisement for the public hearing for the tax assessment needed to be placed within the next 4 days. Ms. Erard suggested that council schedule the meeting for the public hearing for the budget for June 6, 2022 and then have the public hearing for the reassessment and approve the budget on June 23, 2022.

Council member Heaney motioned to advertise for the public hearing for the budget to be held June 6, 2022 at 7:PM and that the council hold a meeting the same evening for the purpose of conducting the public hearing. Council member Tiffany seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Loving, Tiffany

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Ashby

Council member Tiffany motioned to schedule a meeting for June 23, 2022 at 7:00PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the meals tax, a public hearing on the effective tax rate increase, and to adopt the budget. Council member Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Loving, Tiffany

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Ashby

TOWN TREASURER

Mrs. Stalter informed council that the Cemetery trust fund distribution of \$400.52.

Council member Heaney motioned to deposit the cemetery trust fund distribution of \$400.52 into the cemetery operating checking account. Council member Tiffany seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Loving, Tiffany

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Ashby

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER: Chair: Loving

Member: Heaney

No report was given.

PERSONNEL/POLICE COMMITTEE: Chair: Tiffany

Member: Heflin

Council Member Tiffany informed council that the candidate for the vacant public works position was not returning any calls, so a letter would be sent to rescind the offer of employment, and there were 3 additional candidates that would be interviewed for the position.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair: Heaney Member: Ashby

Mr. Heaney stated that there was a finance committee meeting with the town accountant. They determined that COVID funds would be placed in a separate account for detailed tracking. He then stated there would be 4 CD's needing renewal soon.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Chair: Ashby Member: Hart

There was no report given.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: Chair: Heflin Member: Loving

There was a discussion regarding the railway museum and the information and meetings that have been occurring and the chain of communication. Mr. Heflin questioned why he had not been made aware that there was a Depot meeting in March as the public facilities chair. Council member Hart reiterated her concern that council members and the mayor do not have .gov emails and the lack of information being shared with council regarding meetings. There was a lengthy discussion.

Mayor Polk addressed the .gov email concern. He stated that he researches information, but does not make promises or guarantees on behalf of the town. Council member Tiffany reminded council about cyber security and firewalls, etc.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Chair: Hart Member: Tiffany

Council member Hart discussed the concrete planters and a possible donation. She also discussed the little food pantry at the Remington Gardens and the hygiene project. She stated that Remington Pharmacy, Rappahannock Gas station and other locations may allow drop boxes for donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member expressed his concern with the town needing to be cleaned up. He stated that several citizens have complained to him about the state of the town and roads.

Superintendent Steward informed council that he was researching the cost of a street cleaner to come for the day. He also reminded the community development committee that when looking at concrete planters, that the sidewalks can not be blocked and to be mindful of the dimensions.

With no further business before the Council, Council member Tiffany motioned to adjourn with a second by Council Member Hart. The motion carried.

Ayes: Ashby, Hart, Heaney, Heflin, Tiffany

Nays:0

Absent: Loving

Abstain:0

The meeting recessed at 9:10 pm.

William E. Polk, Mayor

Susan L. Tiffany, Recorder