

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017, 7:00 PM
REMINGTON TOWN HALL
203 EAST MAIN STREET**

Mayor Gerald A. Billingsley called the Joint Public Hearing and the Monthly Work Session to order.

Town Council Members Present: Devada R. Allison, Jr.
Evan H. "Skeet" Ashby, III
Gabrielle "Bria" Grumbacher
Stanley L. Heaney, Sr.
Van M. Loving

Town Council Member(s) Absent: Patrick T. Nelson

Planning Commission Members Present: Gerald Billingsley, Chairperson
Frederick Kay
Helen Jones
Larry Webster
Marc Bones

Town Staff Present: Town Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly A. Bowrin
Town Attorney/Zoning Administrator Andrea E. Erard
Police Chief Charles T. Proffitt

Guest(s) Present: Andrew Parker, Angela Parker, Chuck Kuhler, Bill Polk, Joseph Korpsak, Steve Wright, John Waldeck, James Steele, Lee Sherbyn

After introducing each person in attendance, Mayor Billingsley invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Billingsley announced the topic for the Public Hearing was consideration of Ordinance 01-17, which amends the Remington Town Code to reduce the current business license exemption for new businesses from two (2) years to one (1) year and eliminates the exemption beginning January 1, 2019.

Mayor Billingsley opened the floor for public comment.

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Mr. Korpsak addressed the Council on the subject and requested that the Council consider leaving the exemption the same.

Mr. Steele also addressed the Council and also requested that the Council consider leaving the exemption the same.

With no other citizen's addressing the Council, Mayor Billingsley declared the Joint Public Hearing closed.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Billingsley stated that there were three (3) Ordinance changes to the Zoning Ordinance for consideration. The first was Ordinance 02-17 amends the Remington Town Code to create a new zoning district known as CU (Charitable Use). The Charitable Use District allows for use by a non-profit or religious organization that provides services to the citizens to the Town of Remington. Electronic signs are permitted in the CU District by Special Use Permit.

The second was Ordinance 03-17 which amends the Remington Town Code to rezone two particular tax map locations, the property owned by the Remington United Methodist Church and the other property was Remington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Building located at 200 East Marshall Street. The third Ordinance was Ordinance 04-17 which amends the Town Code to grant a Special Use Permit to the Remington Volunteer Fire Department for an electronic sign at 200 East Marshall Street.

Mayor Billingsley opened the floor for comment.

Mr. Waldeck from the Remington United Methodist Church thanked the Council for moving so quickly on getting the public hearing in order. Mr. Waldeck asked if the church decided to put a parsonage on the property or sell the property if there would be any restrictions. Town Attorney Erard stated that if the church wanted to put parsonage on the property there it would need to be rezoned or a text amendment would need to be added because it would not be permitted as it is now. If the property was sold, it would need to be rezoned.

Steve Wright from the Remington Fire Department asked what would be permitted by right in the CU district. Ms. Erard responded that the following would be permitted by right: Recreational uses, Emergency services uses, Agricultural uses, Farmer's Market. Ms. Erard also stated that any other church wanting to be rezoned as charitable use would need to submit an affirmative request for rezoning.

With no further comments and questions from the interested party, Mayor Billingsley declared the Joint Public Hearing closed on all 3 items.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson Billingsley opened the Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Billingsley asked the Planning Commission to review the draft minutes presented for approval and asked for any additions or corrections.

Commissioner Jones motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bones, Jones, Kay, Webster

Nays: 0

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RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL

Chairperson Billingsley asked the Commission to consider the 3 items presented at the public hearing. Mr. Billingsley asked if they were prepared to make a recommendation to the Council. Mr. Billingsley opened the floor for the discussion by the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Kay motioned to recommend passage of Ordinance 02-17 and Ordinance 03-17 to the Council. Commission Member Bones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bones, Jones, Kay, Webster

Nays: 0

Commission Member Kay motioned to adopt Ordinance 04-17 and recommend passage to the Council. Commission Member Jones seconded the motion. A short discussion followed on the subject in regards to visibility of the sign to James Madison Street. **The motion carried.**

Ayes: Bones, Jones, Kay, Webster

Nays: 0

Mr. Billingsley asked for any other additional questions. Commission Member Kay asked if there had been a follow up on rewriting the Zoning book. Mr. Billingsley stated that it is a lengthy process and that RRRC helped the Town in previous years. Mr. Billingsley asked to have Town Administrator Lee contact RRRC with questions on cost and time line.

Mr. Waldeck asked Town Attorney Erard if a free standing sign would be permissible in the CU district. Ms. Erard stated that a free standing sign would be permissible as an accessory structure as long as it is not an electronic sign.

With no further business before the Planning Commission, Commission Member Webster motioned to adjourn with a second by Commission Member Jones. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bones, Jones, Kay, Webster

Nays: 0

Mr. Billingsley thanked the Planning Commission for their time and stated that they were dismissed if they chose to leave the meeting.

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MONTHLY WORK SESSION

Mayor Billingsley asked the Council if they would care to redirect the agenda to have Citizens Time after consideration of the Ordinances. Town Clerk Bowrin shared that she put Citizens Time prior since there were citizens in the audience that would like to speak.

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Bill Polk addressed the Council with an update in regards to a complaint on a neighbor and his inoperable vehicles violations. Mr. Polk stated that he would like some of his neighbors attending to introduce themselves. Mr. Chuck Kuhler introduced himself and stated that he was in support of Mr. Polk and the petition. Mr. Andrew Parker introduced himself and stated that he also was in support of Mr. Polk and the petition. Mr. Polk stated that there are still vehicles in the driveway with no valid plates and town decals. Mr. Polk asked what the plan of action was going forward at this point. Council Member Allison updated the Council information that he received from the individual. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Korpsak re-addressed the Council on the subject of proposed Ordinance 01-17 and offer recommendations so that the Council would not take action on the exemption reduction of business license fees.

Mr. Steve Wright thanked the Council on the quick response for implementing the Ordinances before them. Mr. Wright also challenged the Council to look at current zoning ordinance and change what necessary to bring zoning up to the current era.

PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION

Mayor Billingsley asked if the Council would like to take action on Ordinance 01-17.

Council Member Ashby motioned to adopt Ordinance 01-17. Council Member Heaney seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

- Allison – Aye**
- Ashby – Aye**
- Grumbacher – Aye**
- Heaney – Aye**
- Loving – Aye**
- Nelson – Absent**

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION

Mayor Billingsley asked if the Council would like to take action on Ordinance 02-17 and Ordinance 03-17.

Council Member Heaney motioned to adopt Ordinances 02-17 and 03-17 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council Member Grumbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

- Allison – Aye**
 - Ashby – Aye**
 - Grumbacher – Aye**
 - Heaney – Aye**
 - Loving – Aye**
 - Nelson – Absent**
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Council Member Ashby motioned to adopt Ordinance 04-17 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council Member Heaney seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

Allison – Aye

Ashby – Aye

Grumbacher – Aye

Heaney – Aye

Loving – Aye

Nelson – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Chair - Allison

Member – Grumbacher

Council Member Allison shared with the Council about the upcoming movie night. Mr. Allison stated that there will be entertainment prior to the movie and also that the American Legion will be there serving up the popcorn.

Council Member Allison shared an idea for an upcoming movie night with Mr. Waldeck.

Council Member Allison shared with the Council that the recent National Night Out event that the Police Department had was a great success and thanked Ms. Bowrin and Officer Rees for their hard work to make it a success.

Lastly, Council Member Allison shared that all the spaces for the Remington Fall Festival have been filled but that there was still spaces available with the Remington Volunteer Fire Department's Fall Bash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair – Heaney

Member – Ashby

Council Member Heaney did not have anything to report at this meeting.

WATER COMMITTEE

Chair – Loving

Member – Heaney

Council Member Loving did not have anything to report at this meeting.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Chair – Grumbacher

Member – Loving

Council Member Grumbacher shared the amount of the quarterly distribution check in the amount of \$861.63 and that the recommendation from the committee was to keep it in the checking account since the Town is still in the middle of mowing season.

Council Member Grumbacher motioned to put the quarterly distribution check in the checking account. Council Member Ashby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

Absent; Nelson

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Chair – Nelson

Member – Allison

There was no report from this committee.

PERSONNEL/POLICE COMMITTEE

Chair- Ashby

Member – Nelson

Council Member Ashby shared with the Council that the Chief gave him the recommendation for salary increases for the department. Mr. Ashby went over the recommendations stating that the Chief and one other officer has capped the salary recommendation.

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Council Member Ashby motioned to go with the requested pay raise for the police with the caps as mentioned. Council Member Heaney seconded the motion. There was a discussion on the requested over the straight 3 % for all the officers.

Council Member Ashby amended the motion to pay the department the straight 3% for salary increases. Council Member Heaney seconded the amended motion. The increase will take place at the next pay period. The motion carried.

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

Absent: Nelson

NEW TOWN HALL REPORT

Council Member Loving gave an update on the New Town Hall. Mr. Loving stated that there were issues on the foundation but that Mr. Poland fixed the issues without any additional charges to the Town. Mr. Loving also shared that he met with the electrician. Mr. Loving stated that additional outlets were needed above what the plans indicated. Mr. Loving presented an additional bill from the electrician for outlets above from the plans.

Council Member Loving motioned to approve the bill in the amount of \$1350 for additional electrical work to Meadows Electric. Council Member Ashby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

Absent: Nelson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Loving addressed the Council about the possibility of doing a boundary line adjustment at James Madison Street across from MM Pierce Elementary. Mr. Sherbyn, the realtor who has the property listed for sell, was present to take part in the discussion. Town Attorney Erard shared that Fauquier County would need to agree with the boundary line adjustment. Mr. Sherbyn stated that the property owners asked the Town incorporate the property into the water and sewer service district. The Council stated that WSA owns the sewer rights. After a discussion, the Council asked the Mayor to contact Lee District Supervisor Butler to initiate the negotiations with County.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief

Chief Proffitt thanked Officer Rees and Town Clerk Bowrin for their work on the National Night Out event. Mr. Proffitt stated that the new cruiser was delivered in time for the citizens to see it at National Night Out. Mr. Proffitt continued to state that he would like to sell the old 2003 cruiser. He stated that someone has offered \$500 for it. Town Attorney Erard suggested that the Chief list the cruiser on Govdeals.com. She stated that the Council would first need to declare the vehicle as surplus.

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Council Member Allison motioned to declare the 2003 police cruiser as surplus and authorize the Chief to sell it for a minimum of \$500. Council Member Ashby seconded the motion. A discussion followed on the subject.

Council Member Allison amended his motion to advertise the cruiser on Govdeals.com for a period of 15 days then after that sell it for a minimum of \$500 if it doesn't sell on Govdeals.com. Council Member Ashby seconded the amended motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

Absent: Nelson

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Bowrin shared that the intern has been in to finish editing the website and that the request has been sent to the company to activate the new website.

Town Clerk Bowrin also shared that the vendor spaces for the Remington Fall Festival has been filled. She stated that she will have a sign up list to help cover the Town table at the September meeting.

BILL LISTING

Mayor Billingsley asked for any questions to the Bill Listing. The Council asked for a better explanation to the HD Waterworks Supply bill for the purchase of meters and computer. Town Clerk Bowrin suggested that the Council pull the bill until the next meeting so that Town Superintendent Steward can explain the bill.

Council Member Ashby motioned to adopt the Bill Listing minus the HD Waterworks Supply bill in the amount of \$113,000.00 which will go on next week's Bill Listing. Council Member Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

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

Ayes: Allison, Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Loving

Nays: 0

Absent: Nelson

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Gerald A. Billingsley, Mayor

Evan H. "Skeet" Ashby, III, Recorder

