

The regular meeting of the Amherst Town Council was held on November 8, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Mayor Jacob P. Bailey presiding. Council members present were: Bobby J. Bondurant; Jason D. Campbell; Haney Mottley and C. Manly Rucker, III. Harold Swisher was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Town Attorney W. Thomas Berry, Police Chief Kenneth S. Watts, Superintendent of Plants Thomas W. Fore and Office Manager Colan R. Davis.

Reverend Kathy Chase of Ascension Episcopal Church gave an invocation.

Mr. Aaron Arnett of Arnett Muldrow & Associates and Mr. Bill Gillespie of MRG Consulting LLC came forward to give a report on the status of the downtown revitalization study project.

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting as previously submitted. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley and Rucker voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to authorize the award of a construction contract for the 60 East Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project in the amount of \$107,000 to Littleton and Associates, Inc. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley and Rucker voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

Mr. Campbell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant that the Town Council reconvene in a closed session for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A.3 of the Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley and Rucker voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

After reconvening in open session, Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant that the Town Council certify that to the best of each councilor's knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and 15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session were convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley and Rucker voted "Aye" on a roll call vote. Mr. Swisher was absent.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Jack Hobbs, Clerk of Council