

The regular meeting of the Amherst Town Council was held on November 14, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall with Mayor Jacob Bailey presiding. Council members present were: Bobby J. Bondurant; Jason D. Campbell, Haney Mottley; Harold Swisher and C. Manly Rucker, III. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kenneth Watts, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore and Office Manager Colan Davis were also present.

The Rev. Kathy Chase from Ascension Episcopal Church gave an invocation.

Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to approve a resolution expressing the Town's appreciation for the Village Garden Club's work. It was noted that the resolution had been developed so that an original can be included a time capsule which is to be sealed during a ceremony at 4:00 PM on December 11 at the library. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

The Council received a petition of complaint regarding the number of dwelling units being occupied in the building at 194 Glenway Drive. It was reported that there is no documentation available proving that the property has been legally used for more than a single family dwelling and that a rezoning or other action would probably be required for that to be allowed. By consensus, the Council asked property owner Robbie Rutherford to deliver a written statement documenting any conflicting facts to the Town.

Mr. Campbell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to approve the October 10, 2007 minutes as distributed earlier. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

Mr. Campbell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to approve the Industrial Development Authority's donation of \$12,500 from the Authority's FY08 monies and also (pending budget approval) \$12,500 from the Authority's FY09 monies to support the CVCC-Amherst project. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

The Office Manager reported that the outstanding business licenses matter has been turned over to the Town Attorney.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to accept the FY07 audit report. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

The Physical Development Committee presented its work on the "developer ordinance" and utility billing policy. It was agreed that the Council would hold a public hearing on these during its December meeting.

Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to approve a 2008 Legislative Agenda as proposed by Councilman Campbell. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to authorize the purchase of a used sewer "jet" from the Amherst County Service Authority. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

Mayor Bailey led a discussion on the Town's role in supporting the location of a Central Virginia Community College branch in the Town. Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to donate \$12,500 from the Town's FY08 monies and also \$12,500 from the Towns FY09 monies to support the CVCC-Amherst project. It was understood that these monies would be in addition to the IDA monies that were approved earlier in the meeting. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

A group from the Virginia Tech Community Design Assistance Center led a discussion on possible improvements to E. Court Street.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Campbell to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with George E. Jones & Sons, Inc. for the Gannaway Phase II B Sewer Improvements project. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Campbell, Mottley, Swisher and Rucker voted "Aye".

The Town Manager gave a status report on the USDA funding of the Union Hill water tank loan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB'S SUCCESS IN BEAUTIFYING THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

Whereas for more than half a century the Village Garden Club has enhanced the beauty of the Town of Amherst through the installation and maintenance of landscaping and flowers in the various downtown garden spots and planters; and

Whereas the Village Garden Club marshaled the resources of our community to develop the design, raise the necessary funds and install the fountain, splash pool and new garden at the traffic circle in 2006; and

Whereas, on September 28, 2006, the Village Garden Club presented the fountain to the Town of Amherst; and

Whereas, on October 5, 2007, the Amherst Traffic Circle and fountain was recognized as the best Jamestown 400th America's Anniversary Garden in the state in its category; and

Whereas, the traffic circle and fountain are the monuments which have come to represent the pride that our residents, business operators and community groups have in our community; and

Whereas, the traffic circle and fountain are enduring symbols of the Town of Amherst which will be enjoyed by a great number of individuals for many years,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby expresses its appreciation and the appreciation of the community to the Village Garden Club for its ongoing good work to make Amherst - the best of places to live, work and do business – even better by its efforts to maintain and improve the appearance of the downtown area; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Village Garden Club and to the local press.

This resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on November 14, 2007.

Jacob P. Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council