

The regular meeting of the Amherst Town Council was called to order on September 9, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street with Mayor Jacob P. Bailey presiding. Council members Bobby J. Bondurant, J. Paul Kilgore, Harold Swisher and Richard Wydner were present. Councilor Haney Mottley was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kenneth Watts, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore, Office Manager Colan Davis and Town Attorney Tom Berry were also present.

The Rev. Francisco Mayo from Morningstar Baptist Church gave an invocation.

Mrs. Eva Lee Shober came forward to read the preamble to the constitution. Mayor Bailey presented her with a proclamation that declared September 17 through 23 to be Constitution Week in the Town. Ms. Shober reminded the Council that a Veterans Day event is being planned for 11 A.M. on November 11 at the Minipark.

Kelly Hitchcock from the Region 2000 Local Government Council came forward to give a presentation on her recent sidewalk planning work which has been incorporated into the comprehensive plan proposed by the Planning Commission.

The Town Engineer came forward to present bid results, a recommendation letter, and other material associated with the Phase II portion of the S. Main Street sidewalk project. Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Craig Construction Company pending VDOT's concurrence on the appropriateness of the bid procedure. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager gave a report on the USDA/Rural Development agency's utility grant/loan program. Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to authorize \$8,250 in local "match" for a sewer planning report project with the understanding that construction grant monies could be formally requested upon the completion of the study project. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley was absent.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore to approve the minutes for the August 12 and 19, 2009 meetings as previously submitted. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Police Chief gave a report on a DMV grant application. Mr. Kilgore made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to approve a resolution authorizing the application. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley was absent. The resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to endorse a VDOT permit application for the annual Ray Puckett Lions Club Christmas parade which is to be held from Grandview Drive to Kenmore Road on December 5, 2009 starting at about 6:30 P.M. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager reported that the Amherst LIVE! group has changed the time for the next Amherst LIVE! from the evening on September 25 to 2-7 P.M. on September 26 to avoid an Amherst County High School football game. E. Court Street and Goodwin Street will be closed from 1 P.M. to 8 P.M. on that day.

The Town Manager gave a report on the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Town Council adopt a revised Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor asked the Councilors to read the document and tentatively scheduled the required public hearing for the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND ADMINISTERED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst intends to apply for funding for Traffic Safety Overtime Compensation

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation Safety is able to provide funds for overtime compensation for dedicated traffic safety enforcement initiatives and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst has determined that this type of funding would be appropriate for the traffic safety initiatives that are being considered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to seek planning funds from U.S. Department of Transportation Safety, administered through the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is directed to pursue such funding and be authorized to sign any and all document, along with the Town Manager to accept such funding contingent upon review and concurrence by the Town Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on September 9, 2009.

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey

Attest:

Clerk of Council