

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey called the regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on July 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. Council members Kenneth Bumgarner, J. Paul Kilgore, Michael Mozingo and Richard Wydner were present. Councilor Haney Mottley was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, Office Manager Colan Davis, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore and Town Attorney Tom Berry were present.

Tom Fore gave an invocation.

Mike Lawless, from Draper Aden Associates, and Gary Christie, from Region 2000 Local Government Council, came forward to give a presentation on a proposed Regional Water Supply Plan. At 7:34 P.M. a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed regional water supply plan and a revised drought ordinance was opened. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:35 P.M.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2011 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

By consensus, the Town Council agreed to hold a public hearing on an application by Amherst Baptist Church for a special use permit during its meeting on August 10.

The Police Chief gave a report on his work to replace the police car that wrecked in May. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore authorizing the Police Chief to purchase a new police car. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Attorney gave a report on his research into the noise ordinance.

After some discussion, the Council agreed that the intent of the decision that "All individuals employed on a full-time basis by the Town as of June 30, 2011 shall receive a 1% bonus in the first July paycheck" is to be based on the FY11 base gross pay.

The Council discussed the potential use of "excess" sidewalk grant monies.

The Council discussed potential planning grant applications to the Virginia Department of Health. It was understood that a proposal would be prepared in time for consideration at the August meeting.

By consensus, the Council agreed that the Town is not willing to provide financial compensation for an easement across the Tolley property on Kenmore Road.

Reports on the status of the front office personnel situation and computer repairs due lightning damage on July 4 were received.

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

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council