

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on July 11, 2012 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, Mike Mozingo and Richard Wydner were present. Councilor Haney Mottley was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore, Office Manager Colan Davis, and Town Attorney Tom Berry were present.

Father Daniel Kelly from St. Francis of Assisi gave an invocation.

Anne Marie Clarke from the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District came forward to give a presentation on the Buffalo River watershed protection program, her agency's current activities and an updated memorandum of understanding to be considered at the August meeting.

Marceline Lotman from 117 Woodland Drive came forward to ask the Town Council to express concern regarding the restoration of electrical service in her neighborhood after the June 29 windstorm.

Tim Ware came forward to request Town Council endorse another Cruise In event that would be held in the fall. Mr. Ware was asked to put his request in writing.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2012 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

On behalf of the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Bumgarner gave a report on the golf cart proposal presented at the May meeting. The Public Safety Committee recommended that the Town Council not move forward on the issue.

The Town Manager and Director of Public Utilities gave a status report on the impact of the June 29 windstorm on Town operations. It was reported that insurance adjustment work in connection with the sewer plant sludge drying bed cover is underway and that staff replacement recommendations should be available in the near future.

On behalf of the Community Relations Committee, Mr. Mozingo gave a report on his additional study into the tall grass problem and presented a proposed ordinance that would regulate such situations. By consensus, the Council agreed to hold public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the August meeting.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore and approved 4-0 to approve the purchase of bookkeeping software system from Southern Software. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager gave status reports on the 60 West and Whitehead/Maple water line projects.

The Councilors discussed the Town's construction program and agreed that the staff should pursue grant monies that would pay for the design work for the Main Street water line replacement project. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and passed 4-0 to adopt a Resolution Endorsing Application for Funding by the Virginia Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent. This resolution is attached is made a part of these minutes.

The Councilors discussed appointments to fill the Board of Zoning Appeals seat currently held by Bill Hopkins.

By consensus, Council agreed to ask the Planning Commission to review zoning ordinances affecting parking, set back and sign requirements for the downtown area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER.

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst intends to apply for funding for various drinking water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water is able to provide funds for the planning of drinking water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst has determined that this type of funding would be appropriate for the work that is being considered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby authorizes the Town Manager to seek planning funds from Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water for:

Main Street Water Line Replacement Project Design

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager is directed to pursue such funding and be authorized to sign any and all documents to accept such funding contingent upon review and concurrence by the Town Attorney.

Adopted in the Town of Amherst, Virginia this 11th day of July, 2012.

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey

Attest:

Clerk of Council