

Mayor J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. called a special meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on September 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. (It was noted that the September 11 meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum.) Council members Kenneth Bumgarner, Rachel Thompson, Kenneth Watts and Richard Wydner were present; Michael Mozingo was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, Town Attorney Tom Berry, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore and Office Manager Colan Davis were present.

Pastor Michael Fitzgerald from Clifford Baptist Church gave an invocation.

Mrs. Eva Lee Shober came forward to lead a reading of the preamble to the constitution. The Councilors were reminded of the Veterans Day event on November 11 in the courthouse.

Mrs. Ruth Martineau came forward to give a presentation on a proposal that would result in a map of the Town. Mrs. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bumgarner and approved 4-0-1 to authorize Mrs. Martineau to proceed with the map after the Mayor issues a letter documenting what Mrs. Martineau and the Town expect from each other and a letter of endorsement. Messrs. Bumgarner, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mozingo was absent.

Mr. Craig Pleasants and Mrs. Suny Monk came forward to report on the Second Stage group's activities at the former Amherst Baptist Church site and to discuss the future of that operation. The Councilors agreed to discuss the issuance of a letter endorsing the continuance of the group's operations at the October meeting.

Mrs. Bonnie Gooding of 369 Waughs Ferry Road came forward to discuss regarding clothes lines and other property maintenance concerns on her street.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and approved 4-0-1 to approve the minutes as corrected from the August 14, 2013 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mozingo was absent.

Mrs. Thompson gave a preliminary report from the Finance and IT Committee on the impact of reducing the "premium" costs to live, own property or do business in the Town of Amherst.

Mayor Kilgore gave a report from the Town Hall Renovations Committee on the contractor procurement procedure for the Town Hall project. Mrs. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bumgarner and approved 4-0-1 to make findings required by the Code of Virginia and approve the design build procedure per a proposed request for statements of qualifications document and to authorize the committee to move forward with the project subject to the Town Council's approval of the final construction contract. Messrs. Bumgarner, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mozingo was absent.

Mr. Watts made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0-1 to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Chairman of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors regarding the county's new economic development incentive program. Messrs. Bumgarner, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mozingo was absent.

Mayor Kilgore led a discussion on the rules for cancelling and rescheduling Town Council meetings.

The Town Manager gave a report on the status of active Town construction projects.

The Councilors discussed its expectations for the utility rate fairness study.

There being no further business, Mr. Watts made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and approved 4-0-1 to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Messrs. Bumgarner, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mozingo was absent.

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J. Paul Kilgore, Jr.  
Mayor

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Clerk of Council