

Vice Mayor J. Paul Kilgore called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on February 8, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. Council members Kenneth Bumgarner, Mike Mozingo and Richard Wydner were present. Mayor Jacob P. Bailey and Councilor Haney Mottley were absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, Office Manager Colan Davis and Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore were present.

The Rev. Decatur H. Rodgers, III gave an invocation.

Susan Williams, a resident of 126 Maple Lane, came forward to discuss the dog issue and to reiterate her request for a Town "leash law".

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bumgarner and approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2012 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager gave a presentation on a land option/marketing proposal by The Hollingsworth Companies for property at Brockman Park. It was noted that the IDA had recommended approval of the package that includes include a proposed "master development" agreement between the Town and The Hollingsworth Companies, land option agreements for lots 15 & 14 at Brockman Park, a proposed zoning ordinance amendment, and requested amendments to the Brockman Park deed restrictions. By consensus, the Council agreed to hold public hearings on the proposal at the March meeting.

The Town Manager gave a report on the Virginia Department of Health's offer to fund the 60 West water line project with a \$607,000 loan (3% for 30 years) and \$607,000 in grant monies. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to accept the offer and proceed with the project. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to solicit proposals for the construction administration work needed to support the 60 West water line project. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager gave a report on a landscape maintenance contract renewal negotiated with Tony Tyree. Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bumgarner and approved 4-0 to approve the contract as presented. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

The Town Manager presented a proposal from Davidson, Doyle & Hilton to do the Town's FY12 audit. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to accept the proposal as presented. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0 to request VDOT to install "No Parking" signs on the western (inbound) portion of Walnut Street. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

There was a discussion on the Office Manager's efforts to upgrade the Town's tax billing software.

The Town Manager proposed a renewed effort to determine what could be done to improve or promote downtown Amherst. It was understood that this would probably involve public participation and a presentation at a Town Council meeting in a few months. By consensus, the Council agreed to participate in such a project on a no-budget/no promises basis.

The Town Manager reported that bids for the plant materials needed for the S. Main Street project have been requested with the hope that they could be installed in April.

Mr. Fore reported that the crew has ordered and received the bulk of the materials required for the Whitehead Drive/Maple Lane water line project and that actual construction will begin after the February 13 community meeting and issuance of the official VDOT permit.

The Town Manager gave an oral presentation on the Town's construction program for the next couple of years.

Chief Brown informed Town Council that the new radio system to be installed in 2013 will cost the Town approximately \$45,000 to update and replace the equipment.

Mr. Mozingo reported that his work hours will be changing soon and that Town Council should consider changing some of his committee appointments.

There being no further business, Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

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J. Paul Kilgore  
Vice Mayor

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Clerk of Council