

Regular meeting of the Town Council
December 19, 2017
6:00 pm
Minutes & General Account

Council Member Present: Mayor Volz, Council Members Montgomery, Ragsdale, Nixon, & Straughn

Staff Present: Kenny Cole, Matthew Johnson, Paul Blanchard, Judy Gallman, Katie McBride, & Beth Koonce, Town Attorney.

Visitors Present: Emily Wagoner, Sally Wagoner, Julia Rayborn, Vernon Queen, Connie Queen, Edwena Robbins, Cheryl McDaniel, Joyce Hill, Loren Hill, Joyce Volz, Becky Straughn, Mike Laurie, Darlene Laurie, Gerri Brommer, Erin Jones Adams, Maria Hobbett, D.W. Jones, Eric Ollmedo, Wes Cashwell, Phil Weiner, Mary Fay Bodenheimer, Dan McDaniel, Donna McDaniel, Sarah Glanville, Mary Dalton, Cory Rayborn, Ed Stafford, Denise Stafford, Carol Brooks, Jamestown News.

Call to Order- Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.

- Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Volz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Community Reflections- Mayor Volz highlighted the following:
 - Mayor Volz welcomed Boy Scout Troop 68 to the December Town Council meeting. He called the boy scouts forward and gave them pins with the Town's seal. He stated that he appreciated them coming
 - **December 25th-27th**- Town Hall will be closed for Christmas. There will be no garbage pickup on Tuesday, December 26th
 - **January 1st**- Town Hall will be closed for New Year's Day. There will be no change in garbage or recycling pickup.
 - **January 15th**- Town Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King Day. There will be no change in garbage or recycling pickup.
 - **Simply Thai-** is now open! Be sure to stop by and enjoy some of their delicious food!
 - **Happy Holidays!**
- Moment of Silence- Mayor Volz called for a moment of silence.

Consent Agenda- The consent agenda included the following items:

- Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2017 meeting
- Analysis of financial position of the Town of Jamestown
- Analysis of financial position of Jamestown Park & Golf Course

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Nixon made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- Consideration of Approval of unsealing closed session minutes- Koonce stated that Council had decided earlier in the year that it would be appropriate to review the Town's closed session minutes once a year. She stated that some of the closed session minutes were no longer controversial and could potentially be released to the public. Koonce had selected some of the closed session minutes that Council could vote to unseal. They had also been reviewed by Mayor Volz, Kenny Cole, and Katie McBride. She also stated that she believed all the Council

Members had reviewed the minutes individually. The dates of the selected closed minutes were as follows:

- June 16, 2015
- September 17, 2013
- August 19, 2014
- February 2, 2017

Koonce stated that she could give Council some more basic information on the closed session minutes if necessary.

Council Member Nixon said she had reviewed the minutes and was satisfied that they could be unsealed.

Council Member Nixon made a motion to unseal the closed session minutes from the June 16, 2015; September 17, 2013; August 19, 2014; and February 2, 2017 meetings. Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment- Nobody signed up.

Recess- Mayor Volz stated that there would be a five minute recess.

New Business

- Oath of Office Swearing-In Ceremony for new Mayor & Council- McBride administered the Oath of Office to the new Mayor and Council Members.
- Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem- Mayor Montgomery asked for a nomination for the position of Mayor Pro Tem of the Town Council.

Council Member Capes made a motion to nominate Council Member Nixon for the position of Mayor Pro Tem of the Town Council. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Resolution Honoring Keith L. Volz- Mayor Montgomery presented Keith L. Volz with a resolution and an engraved gavel in honor of his service as Mayor of the Town of Jamestown.

Cole presented Volz with a brick that will be placed in Wrenn Miller Park in honor of his service.

Volz thanked the community for allowing him to serve as Mayor of Jamestown for so many years. He said that it had been truly an honor and a pleasure to serve the citizens.

- Resolution Honoring William G. Ragsdale, III- Mayor Montgomery presented Ragsdale with a resolution in honor of his service as a Council Member for the Town of Jamestown.

Cole presented Ragsdale with a brick that will be placed in Wrenn Miller Park in honor of his service.

- Resolution Honoring Lawrence Straughn- Mayor Montgomery presented Straughn with a resolution in honor of his service as a Council Member for the Town of Jamestown.

Cole presented Straughn with a brick that will be placed in Wrenn Miller Park in honor of his service.

Straughn stated that it had been a pleasure to work with everyone while he was a Council Member. He encouraged the new Council to make the best decisions they could for the people they serve. He said that he was going to continue to be involved in the community and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

- Discussion on solid waste update from North Davidson Garbage Services- Blanchard stated that North Davidson Garbage Services has been providing recycling collection and disposal service to the Town of Jamestown for the past five years. However, the Town's contract with them would expire in March 2018.

Blanchard said that it had been a pleasure to work with North Davidson. The amount of material recycled had increased by 4.4% since the recycling program began in March 2013. He noted that garbage volumes for the Town had also decreased by 9.4%. He felt that the program had been very successful since its implementation. Blanchard introduced Brad Everhart, Vice President of North Davidson Garbage Services.

Everhart stated that he was there to answer any questions that Council may have and address any issues that could arise from an industry perspective. He stated that one of the main problems would be that the Town of Jamestown still uses plastic bags to store their recycling for pickup. Jamestown is one of only four other towns that uses plastic bags instead of totes. Everhart stated that the plastic bags created several processing hazards. The bags get caught up in the machines used to sort the recycling, they lead to cross contamination, and animals have a tendency to rip the bags apart before they can be picked up.

Everhart said that using trash cans or totes generally increases the participation of citizens in recycling programs. He stated that it would greatly decrease waste and would save the Town money. He also said that the State has been encouraging towns to move towards using totes instead of bags and offered grants to towns seeking to make that change. Everhart said that North Davidson would be willing to assist Jamestown in paying for the totes if the recycling contract were renewed.

He said that he enjoys working with Jamestown and hopes to continue to have the opportunity to provide the Town with services. Everhart asked Council if they had any questions.

Council Member Nixon stated that one of the main reasons that Jamestown had entered into the contract with North Davidson was because it would allow citizens to continue using plastic bags to store their recycling. However, she knows that there are still people that are not recycling properly because of the type of container they are using for their items. Council Member Nixon stated that she believed there needed to be more discussion on the topic before any decisions could be made.

Everhart agreed that more discussion needed to take place in the future.

Cole stated that Council did not need to make a decision at that time and that it would be an item on the agenda in the future. He reiterated that the contract with North Davidson would expire in February.

Public Comment- Nobody Signed up

Other Business- Council Member Wolfe stated that she would like to publicly thank the Jamestown Rotary Club, the JBA, the Ragsdale YMCA, and the Jamestown Public Services staff for all their hard work for putting on the Jamestown Christmas Parade. She said that she believes people within the community really enjoy that event.

Adjournment- Council Member Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Capes made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk