Keysville Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2024, at the Keysville Town Office. The following Town Council members were present:

Council Members present:	Mayor Steve Morris Vice Mayor Anthony Ferranto Mrs. Wendy Gallion Mr. Danny Cooper Mr. Scotty Jackson Mrs. Rhond Benn Mr. Tom Fisher
Town staff present:	Ms. Sherry Marker, Town Clerk
Guests present:	Mr. Lynn Duffey, Fire Chief (KVFD) Mr. Eric Traywick Mr. Dan Farnsworth Mr. Liz Peaden Mr. Robert Schaefer Mr. Melissa Colbert

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order. Council Member Benn offered the invocation.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Peaden with the Keysville Garden Club asked about the status of the faucet at the War Memorial. Mayor Morris said we are still trying to find a line to tap into. Also, Mrs. Peaden said there is a dire need for pedestrians' cross walks to include one at King and Main Street, another to be at the Exxon for the workers at Genesis crossing over to the Exxon. Mayor Morris said he has already requested one through the state. She said the Keysville Garden Club is not ready to add a bench to the brick pad that was just constructed because the bricks are cracked and broken, and different heights and it is not secure. Mayor Morris said that it must be sanded again and replace the ones that are cracked, and it should level out. Mrs. Peaden asked if the town had any way to dispose of leaves other than citizens burning leaves. Mayor Morris stated that our street sweeper would not be able to do this because it would take weeks to do with the small bin on the street sweeper.

Chief Duffey told the council that he would like to show them how the cutting tool works the town helped pay for work.

Mrs. Colbert told the council that Southern Homes will be putting up a modular home where Roy Hawkins house burned beside the Dollar General. She asked for the council's approval to use the back lot off Osborne Street to bring their equipment in.

Mr. Traywick asked about any update with the lawyer's office regarding the fence line at the back of his property. Mayor Morris said he had not heard anything, but he would be going to the lawyer's office to have them do some deed transfers this week.

Minutes:
Council Member Benn wanted the minutes from October 14, 2024, to reflect it was stated that the violations would be mailed out.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Financials:
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion to approve the October 2024 financials and pay the bills. Motion was carried unanimously.

Committees:

Street and Library: – Mayor Morris said he had talked with Gary Elder about the state ordinance for Farmville. He advised them not to do it. He said for the town to do it; we would have to reinforce our ordinances. Then you would have to approve the state statute which both requires public hearings and process to get those approved. You must file in court first to get the process started on the property. Mayor Morris said it is not in the budget to do it, and it would take at least a year to get your money back. Council Member Benn said that this was one option but what other options do we have, and Mayor Morris said we would have to strengthen our ordinances to where you have specific fines and violations.

Mayor Morris stated that the library requested a new toilet.

Water: – Mayor Morris told the council that he only received one bid for the LEAP Program and that was from Samples Monitoring Service. The bid came in at $120,000.00.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Fisher to approve the amount of $120,000. Motion was carried unanimously.

Waste Water: - Mayor Morris said the agitator for Ditch 1 was down at the wastewater plant. A new one had to be ordered from Krueger and the cost was roughly $26,000.00.

Mayor Morris said he had a bid for a sewer line extension that would also be covered by the American Rescue Planning funding. Mayor Morris said the town would buy the materials for the project which are $12, 328.00 to bury it and Sandy River Creek for the labor for $15,000.00. This would extend from the box at the edge of his property on Pinehaven Lane all the way almost to Hwy. 360. Mayor Morris said that Blue Sky Properties wants to put 12 town homes in starting in 2025. Water would come in off the front and tap in, but he didn't have pricing of that yet. He said he would like to go ahead and get Sandy River Creek approved and get them started before they go deep into hunting season.
Mayor Morris said he has a deadline on spending of the ARP money obligated by the end of the year. Vice Mayor Ferranto asked Mayor Morris with the Habitat for Humanity homes, is there a water and sewer tap fees or just water. Mayor Morris said in the town houses if you have a contractor that will do it, he said that the town would supply the meter boxes and everything and since it is Habitat to waive the tap fees. Vice Mayor Ferranto asked if Habitat had come and asked yet and Mayor Morris said not yet. Maor Morris said if they have a contractor that can do it at a cut rate for them Mayor Morris said to waive the fees and provide meter boxes. Vice Mayor

Ferranto said it was up to them because he doesn't handle that department. Mayor Morris said we weren't putting in the tie ins or hook ups for the town homes. Vice Mayor Ferranto just wanted to make sure that the town was still going to make money from this extension.

Council Member Benn and Vice Mayor Ferranto said they would like to see three bids instead of just one bid for the extension of the sewer line.

Old Business:
Nothing to report.

New Business:
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Fisher to have Jim Benn reappointed to represent the Town of Keysville on the Charlotte County Planning Commission.

Mayor Morris had the mayor elect, Robert Schaefer, introduce himself and tell the council a little bit about himself.

Council Member Benn said she invited Christina Dunn Jackson with CRC to come to our council meeting in February.

The due date for the town taxes were moved from December 5th to January 5, 2024, due to receiving the taxes late from the county.

Mayor's Report:
Report given throughout the meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Cooper to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Steven L. Morris, Mayor