Keysville Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 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 Mrs. Rhonda Benn
Council Members absent:	Mr. Scotty Jackson
Town staff present:	Ms. Sherry Marker, Town Clerk
Guests present:	Mr. Lynn Duffey, Fire Chief (KVFD) Mr. Eric Traywick Mr. Tom Fisher Ms. Connie Travis Mrs. Debbie Shank Mr. Carl Shank

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

Public Comments:

Fire Chief Duffey told the council that the economy cut tool had come in and he will set a date for the council members to see how it works.

Ms. Travis and Mrs. Shank came to the meeting to let the council members know that the camper at 200 H Street is being used as temporary housing and they would be using it during the construction of the new house on the next lot.

Mr. Traywick asked if there had been any update regarding the alleyway behind his house. Mayor Morris said Elder, Watkins, Friedman & Allen were viewing the documentation and will send out a letter once they have concluded their findings.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Cooper. Motion was carried unanimously.

Financials:
Motion was made by Council Member Cooper and seconded by Council Member Gallion to approve the September 2024 financials and pay the bills. Motion was carried unanimously.

Committees:

Street and Library: – Council Member Benn handed out pictures she had taken in town of different homes that are in violation of our town ordinances.

Water: – Nothing new to report.

Waste Water: - Nothing new to report.

Old Business:
The discussion of giving monetary amounts instead of trophies this year for the Christmas Parade winners was discussed.

Motion was made by Council Member Benn and seconded by Council Member Gallion that in exchange for trophies for the Christmas Parade winners; the town will give monetary prizes to the winners. First prize will be $200.00, second prize - $150.00 and third prize - $100.00. Motion was carried unanimously.

New Business:
Council Members discussed the vacant seat of Vice Mayor Payne which needed to be filled immediately for November and December 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Benn and seconded by Council Member Gallion to nominate Tom Fisher, who is now serving on the Planning Commission, to fill the vacant seat of Vice Mayor Payne for the remainder of this year.

Mayor Morris presented a quote from Lowe's for weed eaters, barricades for the Christmas Parade, a new town sign and video surveillance signs for the library. Council Member Benn suggested that the weed eaters should be purchased locally.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion to approve the purchase of the barricades, a new town office sign and video surveillance signs and to purchase the weed eaters locally. Motion was carried unanimously.

The discussion of the hours for trick or treating was discussed by the council members.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Benn to approve the hours of 5:30-7:30 p.m. for October 31st.

Mayor's Report:
Report was given throughout the meeting.

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Benn to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia for discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. Motion was carried unanimously.

Return from Closed Session:
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Cooper to exit Closed Session. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Cooper and seconded by Council Member Gallion that on a case-by-case basis, Steve Morris, is approved to cover the wastewater plant.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Steven L. Morris, Mayor