Keysville Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 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
Council Members absent:	Mrs. Rhonda Benn
Town staff present:	Ms. Sherry Marker, Town Clerk
Guests present:	Eric Traywick Tom Fisher Robert Schaefer Carolyn Watkins

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

Public Comments:

Mr. Schaefer introduced himself as running for Mayor with the upcoming election.

Mr. Traywick spoke to the council regarding the alleyway behind his house on 9203 Church Street. He states that he, his wife and son continue to have problems with the alleyway behind their fence. Mr. Traywick says the Burnette's have gradually embedded on the town property to grow rose bushes and plants in the alleyway and some things against their fence to the point where his son is fighting through a "jungle" to try to make a repair to their fence. His plat indicates a 20-foot alleyway belonging to the town. The town clerk presented a copy of the deed showing this as an "alleyway" to council. Mr. Traywick also stated that it is the only unpaved alleyway in town. Mr. Traywick stated he would like the town to clean the alleyway so they can get back there to maintain the back of their fence.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson in moving forward with ascertaining what our legal rights are or what the requirements are for this stretch of either "right of way: or "alleyway "for this piece of property that separates along the fence line. Motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Watkins spoke to council of her problems with her water at 144 Bluestone Road. She stated her water is very dirty and black looking. Mayor Morris told Ms. Watkins that he would come over to her property the next day and flush out her lines with a bypass.

Minutes:
Motion to approve the August 19, 2024, minutes was made by Council Member Cooper and seconded by Council Member Gallion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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

Committees:

Street and Library: – Mayor Morris said the solar powered cameras were up and running at the library.

Water: – Mayor Morris stated that we had one bid coming in on the LEAP program.

Wastewater: - Mayor Morris stated that the wastewater plant ran smoothly while he substituted for Angie Overstreet while she was on vacation.

Vice Mayor Ferranto asked Mayor Morris if he submitted a bill for the time worked at the wastewater plant. Mayor Morris stated he was put on payroll for the week Mrs. Overstreet was on vacation. Vice Mayor Ferranto stated that the town council did not approve for him being put on payroll and that the council are the ones that set the pay rate. Vice Mayor Ferranto said going forward that the town council will set the pay rate if Mayor Morris is needed again.

Old Business: Mayor Morris stated that a camper has moved in on a property on Southern Drive and a RV is parked behind Farnsworth's office.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson to set up traffic cameras to monitor traffic flow in different places in town. Motion was carried unanimously.

New Business: Mayor Morris told the council that he would like to close off the alley on Old Main Street to have a vendors Arts & Crafts Festival on October 19th.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the Arts & Crafts Festival on Old Main Street. Motion was carried unanimously.

The town clerk presented the council members with information regarding the Christmas Parade trophies versus money for the prizes for the upcoming parade. This was tabled until the closer we get to the parade.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia for the 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 Jackson to exit Closed Session. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Cooper and seconded by Council Member Jackson to give the full-time employees a raise as discussed in Closed Session. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:
Mayor Morris gave the report throughout the meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Cooper to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Steven L. Morris, Mayor