



TOWN OF MORVEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MORVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday

March 7, 2022

6:00 P.M.

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order and presided at 6:01 PM.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Councilwoman Cole, Councilwoman Lewis-Lemon, and Councilwoman Melton was present. Councilwoman Liles and Councilman Smith not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT

Chief Little, Thomas Toomer (Maintenance Supervisor)

INVOCATION

Mayor Watkins

APPROVAL OF Minutes

Councilwoman Lewis-Lemon made motion and Melton seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 3 for 0 against.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Cole made motion and Lewis-Lemon seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 3 for 0 against.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tanya Chance- Asked if there was information on whether the Town would be hosting a Spring Event this year? She knew that it was discussed last year about doing something in the Spring of 2022. Mayor Watkins told her that we would add it to the next meetings agenda.

OLD BUSINESS



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- **Remodeling Town Hall-** Mayor Watkins asked that we hold off on revamping the Town Hall until we get some of our roads repaired, with the Covid money. Councilwoman Cole stated that before any of the money is to be used, we should first use the Power Bill money. Councilwoman Lewis-Lemon stated there is close to \$27,000 in the fund for them to use. Mayor Watkins than asked Councilwoman Melton to look into finding someone to pave some of our roads. The problems streets that the board are aware of are: Depot, Martin, Dunn, White Oak, and Mills Street.

Councilwoman Lewis-Lemon made a motion to hold off on remodeling the Town Hall and paving the problem streets Melton seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 3 for and 0 against.

The Centralina Services Agreement was signed and delivered to Mr. James Luster at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Centralina Services Agreement-** The board was presented with a contract agreement from Centralina Regional Council. Mr. James Luster (Sr. Community/Economic Development Coordinator) was in attendance to discuss the contract and answer any question or concerns that the board member or public had. First, Mr. Luster thanked the Town and public for allowing them to help with the CDBG-NR Grant (housing restoration grant). He went to explain that since we have received the award letter the process has started a ticking timeclock. The first will be a 3-month process that entails drawing up policy and produces, historical finding (making sure that the homes don't have to follow a historical or if they do make sure that everything is in order), agricultural issues and flood plain study, and finally project funding. Next, the long-term items will be a review in getting the funding release. Mr. Luster will be scheduling one day per week to be at the Town Hall (Thursday) to answer any questions, concerns, and help the staff with paperwork. If anyone has any problems, concerns or questions feel free to contact him.

Councilwoman Cole made a motion to accept the Centralina Services Agreement and Lewis-Lemon seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 3 for and 0 against

TOWN STAFF REPORT

- **Police Officer-** Officer Spencer will need to have a new exam done due to paperwork taking so long.



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- **Maintenance-** New Maintenance Supervisor Thomas (Derrick)Toomer introduced himself to the board and the public. Mr. Toomer made the board aware of the damage due to the Police Dodge Charger. He stated that he noticed a dent on the front bumper of the vehicle that was probably made by backing the other Police into it. Chief Little then explained that the damage was already done prior to last Friday. He went on to state that they routinely park the cars bumper to bumper due to the space provided in the shop. Little also informed the board that eventually the Town will need to purchase a new police car. He suggested that the board should think about selling both vehicles and using that money to get something newer.
- **Pump Station-** Mr. Toomer also informed the board about someone has been tampering with pump station 3(located on Ratliff Gin Rd). He said that earlier this morning Jerry and him while checking the pump station noticed that the door to the pump was open. He closed and later that afternoon the panel to the electrical box was open and all of his paperwork was missing. Mayor Watkins asked Chief Little to have Spencer come out and place a camera in an unknow location.
- **Speed Radar-**While talking with the maintenance supervisor at the meeting Mayor Watkins asked him to locate the speed device and repair/replace the battery.
- **Glennie Bennett-** Mayor Watkins asked Toomer to replace the fire detector batteries. Deputy Clerk Scales also mentioned that they need to repair the out of order women's bathroom.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watkins thanked the Council and attendees for coming out to this month's meeting. Councilwoman Lewis-Lemon made a motion to adjourn and Cole seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Belinda Scales, Deputy Clerk
Secretary to the Council
Town of Morven