

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, held in the Council Chambers located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

There Were Present:

Mayor: William D. Coleburn

Council Members: Wade Hamner, Lee Scott, Ben Green, Barbara Thompson, Alfred Tucker, Eric Nash, Sam Moncure

Town Staff: Philip Vannoorbeeck, Town Manager; Jennifer Daniel, Clerk; Jennifer Hardy, Finance Director; Gweneth Procise, Treasurer; Nicholas Kuzmiak, Police Chief; Dion Tomer, Fire Chief

Town Attorney: Tessie B. Bacon

Those Absent:

Mayor Coleburn called the February Council Meeting to order.

Councilman Nash delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Coleburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Coleburn advised on the lengthy Agenda and asked for a three-minute time limit for speakers.

Mayor Coleburn presented a plaque from Mr. David Bear, the old historian for the Blackstone College for Girls. He said Blackstone was a Jamestown Community in 2007 and the late Dr. Waverly Cole ordered the plaque to reflect Blackstone's participation.

Mayor Coleburn advised Mr. Bear was asking that the plaque be displayed in a public place.

Mayor Coleburn referred the placement of the plaque to the Buildings, Property and Cemetery Committee.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### *NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BLACKSTONE*

*The Blackstone Town Council shall conduct a Public Hearing on February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical in the Town Council Chambers located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider an ordinance adopting a deferral on a portion of real estate tax increase resulting from improvements contemplated for Nottoway Manor Apartments. This ordinance, if approved, is authorized by the Code of Virginia, Section 58.1-3219.*

Mayor Coleburn advised Nottoway Manor was planning a renovation project to the tune of \$1.5 Million. He said they are requesting the Town participate in a real estate assessment deferral.

Manager Vannoorbeeck explained in order to support their application for low income housing tax credits, they are requesting the Town abate 50% of the tax revenue that would be realized as a result of the renovations for a period of three years.

Councilman Green asked to clarify for the public they are requesting the abatement for the additional value, not the existing. Manager Vannoorbeeck added 50% of the improvement value for a three-year period.

Mayor Coleburn asked if there was anyone here to speak in favor or against this proposal.

***Councilman Green made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the Resolution and Ordinance as presented for the Nottoway Manor renovation project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moncure.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **VISITORS**

### **Brunswick Avenue Sidewalk – Ms. Bullock**

Mayor Coleburn asked to move the Brunswick Avenue sidewalk issue up on the Agenda.

Mayor Coleburn advised Council voted to continue with the sidewalk between Seventh and Eighth Street straight.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said typically the Town would not have proceeded until there was concurrence with all the property owners but Mr. Frances Gilmore was in the process of building his house and wanted to project done.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised he and Councilman Green met with Ms. Bullock and her son Boyd today at 6:00 p.m. on the property. He said as discussed before they talked about a serpentine shape but keeping it at a 90-degree angle. He said this would bring the sidewalk down to the driveway Ms. Bullock is entitled to have.

Councilman Green said we would start the sidewalk at the end of Ms. Bullock's entitled driveway.

Councilman Green asked to go on record saying he would never vote to put a sidewalk on someone's property without their blessing.

Mayor Coleburn asked about the Bullock's slate sidewalk. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied we may have to take a portion of the slate sidewalk up in order to get a handicap grade from the back of the new sidewalk.

Councilman Hamner asked if this would be eliminating the grass strip. Councilman Green replied at the Bullock residence yes.

Mayor Coleburn said it does appear we are building sidewalks on both sides of the widest street in Blackstone residentially. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied we are replacing sidewalks where sidewalks already were. He added Ms. Bullock was the first property owner that did not have sidewalk currently, everyone else had an old one, broken ones and even some that did not connect.

Mayor Coleburn asked if there were plans to go other places on Brunswick Avenue where there is currently no sidewalk. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied it was his intention to finish the other side in front of Mr. Peter Hasso.

***Councilman Green made a motion to honor Ms. Bullock's request to install the driveway that is entitled on the northern edge of the property and use the driveway as a transition to a curb and gutter/sidewalk combination to the end of Eighth and Brunswick Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson.***

Councilman Moncure asked if we would be eliminating the earth median between the sidewalk and curb. Councilman Green replied that will become Brunswick Avenue.

Mayor Coleburn asked the property owners if this suited them. Mr. Boyd Bullock replied they had a good meeting this afternoon and were in support of Blackstone and putting the curb in. He said he thought they had a good plan to bring the sidewalk up against the curb and gutter.

Ms. Bullock said she thought the curbing would help a great deal and was willing to go along with the plan.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Abstain

### **Ms. Christen Johnson**

Ms. Johnson advised just after Christmas break her daughter was struck by a vehicle crossing the street to get on the bus. She said the vehicle was speeding and not paying attention, putting the safety of all involved at jeopardy. She said she was extremely angry about the situation, the woman was not charged, there wasn't even a speeding ticket written. She said that same person now drives by her home on a daily basis and if she sees her or her daughter outside will flick them off.

Ms. Johnson said after speaking with some of her neighbors about the incident it has now moved on to the safety of other families and children that live on their street. She said we consider Maben Avenue to be our home and to think vehicles can speed through with no consequences is very scary to all of us.

Ms. Johnson asked Council to consider doing a speed study on Maben and Gravatt. She wants to try to keep people from using their street as a cut through. She asked after the study is done, perhaps put a lower speed limit on the road or turning Maben and Gravatt into one-way streets, if none of that can be done place speed bumps in the street. Mayor Coleburn replied VDOT will not allow speed bumps on the roads.

Mayor Coleburn said he spoke with Ms. Johnson previously and informed her on the Pickett Court Speed Study to enforce the 15 MPH speed limit. He said Chief Kuzmiak had placed the Speed Trailer on Maben. Chief Kuzmiak replied there is speeding there, the 85 percentile is doing 28 MPH and the Speed Study said it should be within 5 miles of the limit, which this is.

Chief Kuzmiak said there is speeding there and they have issued 4 summons in the past two weeks and one arrest. He said if Council was interested in doing more radar they can do that, it is an issue.

Councilman Green asked unless the percentile is above 5 MPH then we are facing an up-hill battle to change the speed limit. Chief Kuzmiak replied that is what the previous study mentioned as criteria, he would not shy away from doing one.

Councilman Green said a ticket for 28 MPH would not hold up so technically the speed limit is 33-35 MPH, which is way too fast in any residential area.

Ms. Johnson added she has 5 children. Councilman Green replied he was on Ms. Johnson's side, he commended her for coming to the podium and maintaining composure.

Councilman Green said he would rather go straight to the General Assembly and ask for permission to look at certain streets and he agreed with Councilwoman Thompson, downtown 25 MPH is too fast. He added he has children and dogs, he knew there was success with ticketing on Lunenburg Avenue.

Councilman Green said he would rather look town wide, particularly Maben, and petition the General Assembly to lower speed in areas.

Mayor Coleburn said Maben and Gravatt especially, they are short streets, there is no reason to reach 25 MPH unless you are cutting through and in a hurry.

Mayor Coleburn advised we hired a company for \$2,000.00 to do a speed study, which was paid by the locality, and concluded the speed limit should be reduced to 15 MPH.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the State Code already allows to post and enforce 15 MPH if there is an engineering traffic study. Mayor Coleburn replied it is costlier, but quicker than waiting until next fall.

Councilman Green asked this to be referred to the Street and Light Committee and take the time to look at other areas in Town.

Mayor Coleburn referred Maben, Gravatt, north and south Main from Irvin to Division Street to the Street and Light Committee.

Mayor Coleburn asked if there was anyone here to talk about parking tickets.

Mayor Coleburn advised there are people on Main Street complaining about tickets being written in violation of the two-hour parking Ordinance. He said he did some research, this Council in May 2015 voted 7-0 to ask the Chief to actively enforce downtown two-hour parking, which is between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. He said May 2016 the Town Manager, now that he is overseeing the Police Department, wanted to be sure Council had his back in enforcing the two-hour Parking Ordinance. He said this Council again voted 7-0 for the police to actively enforce the Parking Ordinance.

Mayor Coleburn said he received a message from Ms. Mary Mitchell, owner of All About Hair, he explained to her the status and advised there were two options, enforce the signs or remove the signs. He said Ms. Mitchell asked that the signs be removed because she did not want customers or visitors coming downtown spending money to be ticketed.

Councilman Nash asked about the procedure, he understood there were no tires marked last week, how do you know that car hasn't moved. Chief Kuzmiak replied we have been going to the businesses requesting they police themselves. He said unfortunately, we still have people parking on Main Street and do not heed the warnings so what happens is the police officer marks the tire then an employee will move the vehicle one or two spots forward, which is circumventing the Code. He said a different way of enforcing is through personal observation, an officer sat and watched vehicles for over two hours and then issued a summons without marking tires.

Mayor Coleburn asked if he were to at 1 hour and 59 minutes move his car to the next available spot, legally the way the Code is written, he is still in compliance. Chief Kuzmiak replied yes, we have always honored that.

Councilman Nash said he thought we needed to stick with the procedure, the tires need to be marked, what people are doing isn't good for the Policy, but if someone moves their car one spot technically they are in compliance. Chief Kuzmiak replied then it looks to Council or people riding by that the Code is not being enforced. He said he didn't know if a procedure needed to be defined, that limits him to what he can do.

Mayor Coleburn said it is bothersome that we have to pass laws sometimes to enforce decency for fellow merchants, but for those engaged in retail you would think they would want to make those spots available. He said there are more and more businesses that are service oriented and sympathized with Mrs. Barbara Gibbs and Mrs. Whitney Peebles Jenkins, this time of year especially, working late hours but the Ordinance stops at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Karen Waldrope suggested paving the Hole and make that a parking lot. Mayor Coleburn replied that was proposed years ago by some individuals but he needed to stick to the issue at hand.

Councilman Nash asked if we really set someone out for two hours to look at cars. Chief Kuzmiak replied yes, we did, was that a good use of manpower, no it was not.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the whole thing started because one merchant was complaining about an adjacent merchant blocking their entrance. He said it is not visitors, it is merchants not respecting other merchants.

### **Mr. Lewis Johnson**

Mr. Johnson said he was here tonight, it has been three years and there is still not a second basketball court, it is time to set a date on this, it's getting warmer.

Mr. Johnson said his second item was the light bill and pink slips, the pink is turning green, you are making money off of this, we should not be taking advantage of the lower income people. He said the Town can make money without the \$20.00, those that can't pay the light bill, how can they find an extra \$20.00.

Mr. Johnson said about the sidewalks, Brunswick Avenue went right on through, no disrespect to the people in the audience, but when he came about the speed limit on Nottoway Avenue nobody suggested a study he had to fight for a four way stop sign and we had people get killed on Nottoway Avenue. He thought every area should be treated the same and he did not see that happening.

Councilman Nash said he thought the issue with sidewalks on Nottoway Avenue was not everybody wanted to pay so that's why we got the grant. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied the facts are when Mr. Johnson came to him about sidewalks and curb and gutter at the time it was 50% matching between the property owner and the Town. He said in order to get it done without the match he recommended the Revenue Share. He said so the Town is still doing their 50% and the State is picking up the other 50% instead of the property owner.

Mayor Coleburn said the last discussion on the second basketball court was to build it in front of the 1936 building that we were hoping the County would demolish, but they have decided they are not going to demolish.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised he sent a letter to the County asking to partner with the Town to remove the building to give us more room for the basketball court. He said he had not received a response to his letter.

Mayor Coleburn advised the Board of Supervisors are planning to spend \$25,000.00 to patch rooves so he did not think they were tearing the building down.

Mayor Coleburn asked if there was any chance this Council would agree to build the second court adjacent to the current court. Councilman Nash replied we wanted to put the second court there but we were trying to satisfy residents because they did not want the courts closer to their homes because of noise and lights. Manager Vannoorbeeck added we are waiting on a response from the County.

Mr. Johnson asked how can people complain about noise with two basketball courts when there are five softball fields over there.

Councilman Moncure said he didn't think the noise was the yelling and cheering but the profanity that they don't get from the baseball fields.

Mr. Johnson said it has always been an excuse when it comes to the basketball courts, they cuss at the baseball games.

Mayor Coleburn asked Council how they wanted to proceed, did they want to wait for a response from the School Board or move forward.

Councilman Nash said as we have seen we are not going to get any assistance from the County.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to place the second basketball court on the hill overlooking the volleyball court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Nay
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Councilman Green said he voted no because he would rather put it somewhere else. Councilman Nash said he agreed but we are never going to move on that property.



Councilman Green suggested putting the second court next to the existing one and put a fence around it.

Councilman Nash said he wanted a second court and make the residents happy so that's why he proposed this location.

Mr. William Clarke said he supported what Mr. Johnson and Councilman Green said. He said if the complaint is noise why not have them together and have the noise come from one spot.

Councilman Green said he wanted to see the playground moved in front of the entrance at ball fields and build the second court adjacent to the existing. He said he would like to see more than four hoops, have six hoops on the side.

Mr. Waymond Mitchell said everyone knows why they don't want basketball over there, it's not because of cursing it is because they are black. Councilman Green replied he did not know anything about that, but sticking something over there haphazardly is a mistake.

Councilman Scott said he had talked to several people in his Ward about pink slip fees, they agree and he agrees with Mr. Johnson.

***Councilman Scott made a motion keeping the due date at 30 days and drop the late fee and reconnection fee from \$20.00 to \$12.50.***

Mayor Coleburn advised Councilwoman Thompson and Councilman Tucker voted on the losing side and he asked Attorney Bacon if someone on the losing side could second a motion. He said the best we can do is take a vote tonight and find out if it stands up upon review.

***The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson.***

Councilman Moncure called for a Point of Order. Mayor Coleburn replied he had called it for him.

Councilman Nash asked why meter reading dates was tabled. He wanted to know if the meter reading dates could be moved closer to days we send bills out because right now we are carrying 45 days of electricity.

Councilman Nash explained right now we read meters on the 11<sup>th</sup> and send bills out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month, so we sit on those bills for 15 days. Mayor Coleburn replied we are not sitting on them, the meter reading is the first step of a multi step process of getting the bills out.

Mayor Coleburn reminded everyone that Council in November 2013 voted 6-1 to move the payment from the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the last business day of the month, for 3 ½ years that has been the process.

Mr. Johnson said he was not trying to say you shouldn't charge late fees but when you have someone that gets \$500 a month from Social Security and they have a high light bill it is hard.

He said as a Town we should be trying to do what's best for the citizens because we elected you all to work for us.

Councilman Hamner asked if we are having the same number of pink slips, are they basically the same people each month. Mayor Coleburn replied yes, the same average, he did not know if it was the same people.

Mr. Johnson asked what that had to do with anything. Councilman Hamner replied regardless if it is the same people, it's going to be the same thing every month. Councilwoman Thompson added you are hurting the people that are sometimes late.

Mr. Johnson said you are raising the rate because the Town is losing money by people not paying their light bill and leaving town. He said the Town should go through the legal system to get the money.

Councilman Nash agreed with both sides, but if he knows it is going to cost him \$20.00 extra, he is going to pay it on time.

Mayor Coleburn said he had been blessed but the difference between \$12.50 and \$20.00 in a lot of households in this community, is a big difference.

Councilman Scott said a lot of the older people around here, there money goes towards medicine and food.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote, pending legal review:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Nay
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Nay

Council and staff agreed this would take effect May 1, 2017.

## **MINUTES**

***Councilman Green made a motion to dispense with reading and approve as presented the Special Called Minutes from December 6, 2016 and the Regular Council Meetings on December 19, 2016 and January 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tucker.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Mayor Coleburn asked if there was any way to get coordination with Pickett when they do a live burn. Chief Tomer replied they listen to their scanners and know when they are burning.

Chief Tomer said he and Chief Kuzmiak met with Nottoway County Sheriff's Office and they are going to the Fire Department's full-time dispatchers, which has moved the primary dispatch from Blackstone Police Department to Nottoway County. He said the Police Department will serve as a back-up if need be.

Chief Tomer advised they approached the Nottoway County Board of Supervisors to adopt the Knox Box Policy countywide.

Chief Tomer advised they would be doing a chili fundraiser soon since Brunswick Stews seem to be becoming a run of the mill every weekend thing.

Mayor Coleburn said a resident asked him regarding all respective firefighters, what precautions are in place for the Knox Box, how secure is it for a business owner against one rogue fireman. Chief Tomer replied Attorney Bacon did research and the Town is not liable, but truthfully it is a trust system. He said we have looked into purchasing a lock box for the key itself, but those boxes run about \$550.00. He added if businesses and homeowners have alarm systems, this can be wired to when the box is open their alarm system is notified.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills that have already been paid are in the amount of \$629,206.23.

*Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the bills that have already been paid in the amount of \$629,206.23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tucker.*

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills not yet approved but to be paid are in the amount of \$209,046.17.

***Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$209,046.17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Councilman Nash asked about mailbox posts, is that from hitting mailboxes during snow. Finance Director Hardy replied yes.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Account & Finance – met on 1-11-17 & 1-12-17 – minutes included in February’s Council Packet**

Chairman Green said we are about to begin budget deliberations and plan to meet again next month.

Chairman Green advised the Committee did recommend approval of the Tourism Development Application for VUMAC.

***Councilman Green made a motion to table the Police Department salary requests until next month and approve the Tourism Development Application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn advised VUMAC had been approved for up to \$5 Million in Tobacco Funds, what does the Tourism Grant do. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied if there is new taxable revenue then 1% of that revenue would be earmarked back from the Town toward debt retirement for the project. Chairman Green added 1% of sales tax.

Chairman Green said the Town will get lodging and meals tax, he said for example if we lose \$10,000.00 in revenue we would gain \$120,000.00 in revenue from meals and lodging.

Councilman Nash asked what the term of the grant is. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied it could be 20 years.

Mayor Coleburn clarified that the entity making this request is the Oxford Group, which is planning to renovate VUMAC. Manager Vannoorbeeck added this is just the application phase.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Chairman Green asked to refer the quotes for security back to the Finance Committee.

***Buildings, Property & Cemetery – met on 1-19-17 – minutes included in February’s Council Packet***

***Telephone Tower***

Chairman Green said previously there was a company that wanted to put a telephone tower next to the rescue squad and we suggested putting it on the water tower but they were not interested.

Chairman Green said the Committee recommended denying any requests to install a telephone tower in any of the Town’s rights-of-way.

***Councilman Green made a motion to deny any requests to install a telephone tower in any of the Town’s rights-of-way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

### Cemetery Streets

Chairman Green said the Committee recommended budgeting for the streets in the Cemetery section by section and present a plan to the Finance Committee. He said the committee also recommended having S. Walker Construction proceed with the headwall near the monument to fix the drainage issues.

Councilman Nash said on tax maps it shows the headwall on Dr. White's property. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied he had a survey of the property and that was not correct.

Chairman Green said we are not asking for money tonight but appreciate the need to work on the streets in the Cemetery. He said the headwall repairs were already budgeted.

***Councilman Green made a motion to have S. Walker Construction proceed with the headwall near the monument to fix the drainage issues. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

### Lion's Club – Bench in Seay Park

Chairman Green said the Lions Club has offered to install and build a bench for Seay Park and the Committee felt that should be under the purview of the Town Manager. Mayor Coleburn agreed by Common Consent.

### Flagpoles in Seay Park

Chairman Green advised the Committee agreed to install one flagpole in Seay Park that was taller and larger rather than having two.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to install one flagpole in Seay Park that was taller and larger rather than having two flagpoles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Green.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

### Emergency Sirens

Chairman Green said we are waiting for a report from the Town Manager on the sirens and how the County is conducting them in our two sister towns. He asked that Manager Vannoorbeeck report back to the Committee.

Mayor Coleburn advised there were letters of support for the sirens included in the Council Packets.

### **Employment & Police – met on 2-7-17 & 2-15-17 – minutes included in February’s Council Packet**

Mayor Coleburn advised this Committee met for job interviews.

Manager Vannoorbeeck explained Chief Kuzmiak approached the Committee, we had a police officer that was here for a tenure, left and came back. He said by current policy when this officer came back he was required to start over with accumulation of vacation and sick time. He said Chief Kuzmiak’s request was since he was here previously and now has come back can he start accruing the time he had previously instead of starting over. He added Attorney Bacon was agreeable.

Councilman Green said he did not see the fairness to the employee who stays here. Councilman Nash said he was thinking the same thing.

Councilman Hamner said he was bringing back the experience and that is one way to compensate him. Councilman Green added it might have been a different story if it was part of the negotiation of bringing someone here.

Mayor Coleburn pointed out Officer Shay Farley wanted a canine program but because we have been so short on help we have not been able to honor the carrot that helped get Officer Farley back to the Town. Councilman Nash replied Officer Farley has the dog.

Chief Kuzmiak said we are meeting our commitment 50%, Officer Farley has the dog and the shelter but unfortunately, he cannot use it until he is certified through proper schooling and the Police Department is understaffed right now.

***Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to approve the accrual of vacation and sick time.***

Mayor Coleburn advised the motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Coleburn advised the two employment positions would be discussed in Closed Session

*Airport & Transportation – met on 2-8-17 – minutes included in February’s Council Packet*

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Mr. Allman asked if he could put rock down at the Airfield and he told him that was fine. He said Mr. Allman asked if the Town would sign a lease since he was maintaining the site. He said the lease and map were in the packet, this is already being done the lease would just be a codification. He said the lease would include \$25.00 a month to the Town for the 100x100 site.

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the two-year lease with UAV Pro in the amount of \$25.00 a month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Annual Tornado Drill
2. VMEA Representative – Dan Martin (alternate)

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Pickett Court Traffic Study

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised the State Code had been reviewed and there was no need for General Assembly action. He said Council had authorized the traffic study to enforce speed limits below 25 MPH on Pickett Court.

***Councilman Green made a motion to accept the traffic study presented and enforce the 15 MPH speed limit on Pickett Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **2. Award Gutter Bid – Fire Department**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised the gutters that are on the Fire Department are leaking badly, they are not seamless gutters. He said he bid the project out with the estimation of about \$6,800.00 for the administration side, and Council had approved \$7,000.00. He said the bids for the administration side came in at \$4,410.00, but when he bid it out he included an alternate for the bay areas as well. He asked Council for approval of the entire bid of \$10,785.00 from Miles of Seamless Gutters, which will finish the entire building.

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the bid from Miles of Seamless Gutters in the amount of \$10,785.00 to replace the gutters on the Fire Department Building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **3. Board of Zoning Appeals Member**

Mayor Coleburn advised Mr. Lewis Johnson is unable to serve and asked Council for a nominee.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to recommend Mrs. Janet Bunnell to the Circuit Court of Nottoway County for the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

#### 4. **Part-Time Animal Control Officer**

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he included in the packet what other Counties and Towns are doing and how many employees each of them have for animal control.

Mayor Coleburn commended Mrs. Pat York for what she does for animals in this community and for volunteering at the pound.

Mayor Coleburn advised included is a letter from an Animal Control Officer from an adjoining County that had some very good observations on things that need to be done.

Councilman Green said he appreciated the information provided but they are all Counties, not Towns. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied but the Towns are included with the Counties.

Councilman Green said it seems the Town is taking on more and more of what he felt the County should be doing.

***Councilman Green made a motion to task Manager Vannoorbeeck to contact VML and/or the appropriate legal counsel to provide the Blackstone Town Council with a report defining what local services are mandated by the General Assembly to be provided by Nottoway County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Councilman Green advised with that being said he wanted to wait to see what our responsibilities of animal control are. He said he was getting annoyed because of our large budgets for police and fire and the County is not contributing, it is time to find out what our responsibilities and the County's are in order to task them as constituents to District 5.

Mayor Coleburn said there is a group on paper called Nottoway Partnering 2000 Plus, which was formed in the 90s with the issues such as the Water Authority. He said it was agreed by the three Towns and the Board of Supervisors that if there were concerns we could get all four governing bodies together. He said he had been contacted by a member of the Crewe Council voicing questions so he was going to chat with Mr. Ronnie Roark and some Supervisors to see if this might be in order. Councilman Green replied that is fine but he would like a report of the findings.

Mayor Coleburn said time is of the essence, because if we do move forward with hiring an animal control officer we would have to in April because training starts in May and is only once a year and would cost the Town \$1,100.00.

Councilman Nash said the letter provided did mention the facilities are not sufficient for what animal problems we have.

## **5. Burn/Clean Up Policy**

Mayor Coleburn said Manager Vannoorbeeck is requesting adoption of a new policy.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he included what the Town is currently doing, one being condemnation when demolishing a house, a condemnation when the Fire Department burns and the third is when someone elects to demolish a house.

Councilman Nash asked about the cost to clean-up properties. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied there would be a lien on the property to ensure payment and someone making payments at their discretion or there could be an Indemnity Agreement signed before demolishing.

Councilman Scott asked if Attorney Bacon was in agreement of the Policy.

Councilman Moncure said if a person requests to take a house down through a burn, there should be an Indemnity Agreement in order to not have a lien put on the property.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised he did not provide a copy of this Policy to Attorney Bacon.

Mayor Coleburn asked to table for 30 days.

## **6. Public Comment Policy**

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was asked to create a Policy but when he compared different versions it appears the Town's Code is pretty specific. He said this was a pirated copy that Attorney Bacon had access too.

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the Policy as presented.***

Mayor Coleburn advised there are no real changes but this is just putting into writing what we are currently practicing.

Councilman Moncure said he saw one problem, we have had the three-minute rule for a while but not one time has it been enforced, like tonight was almost an open debate between the floor and Council. He said he did not know the answer but it should be done through the moderator. Mayor Coleburn replied correct.

Councilman Moncure asked what do we not do that others do in meetings. Mayor Coleburn replied we have long Agendas because we are Town with lots of moving parts and he was proud of the fact that citizens come to the podium and we interact with them.

***The motion was seconded Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **7. Mann Street Screening**

Manager Vannoorbeeck reminded Council that Mrs. Wilma Rutledge Townsend was here last month with the details. He said the Town did cut the trees down at Mr. O.D. Duncanson's request.

Mayor Coleburn asked if Mr. Duncanson disputed the fact he asked the Town forces to cut the trees. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied that Mr. Duncanson did not dispute that.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised there was a letter included in the packet with a deadline to Mr. Duncanson. He said Mr. Duncanson had planted some shrubs, but were not satisfactory.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised he and Mr. Duncanson rode around today and thought this was as good as he could provide to the Town.

Mayor Coleburn said playing lawyer, but according to the minutes it would have to satisfy Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge, Mr. Rutledge is now deceased, there is no longer Mr. & Mrs. Rutledge, is the law that tight on zoning matters. Attorney Bacon replied if Mrs. Rutledge still owns the property then she felt the judge would probably rule in her favor.

Mayor Coleburn asked Council what enforcement action did they wish to seek. He said we received correspondence from Mrs. Townsend and she is very serious about the buffer.

Councilman Nash asked Manager Vannoorbeeck if he offered the fence deal. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied yes but the Town has some culpability, so he offered if Mr. Duncanson would buy the materials the Town would build the fence, but Mr. Duncanson was not agreeable, he did not want to maintain it long term.

Mayor Coleburn did commend Mr. Duncanson, those apartments have been an asset to Blackstone.

Councilman Hamner asked if Mr. Duncanson felt responsible. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied he thought more enforcement action would open more avenues.

***Councilman Moncure made a motion to turn the screening issue on Mann Street over to Attorney Bacon to take whatever legal action necessary.***

Councilman Moncure said we are in the middle, there is an agreement signed, and there are two citizens in an argument and if it is legal this Council cannot be in the middle.

***The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Councilman Green asked since we are looking at a document from 2003 that is ambiguous, shouldn't we fix that too. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied as we clean the issues up he would like to have the Board of Zoning Appeals revisit this and whatever is resolved is resolved one time.

Councilman Nash said he was going to abstain because Mr. Duncanson bought the shrubs from his family's business.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Abstain
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

**8. Utility Bills – Late Fees**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**9. Two Hour Parking**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

## **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

### **1. Dilapidated Buildings**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised 116 Taylor had been demolished, there is still some landscaping to be done. He added 706 N. Center Street was demolished today.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised Attorney Bacon has petitioned the court to remove a home on Maben Avenue.

### **2. Meals Tax**

Attorney Bacon advised Huddle House is in the name of H2O Hospitality, when they went out of business the Company filed bankruptcy and she has been monitoring it. She said initially they filed Chapter 11, which allows them to put together a plan to repay creditors, but since then it has been asked to be converted to a Chapter 7, which does not have a repayment plan, but there is still a chance the Town may get paid in part because everything will be liquidated.

### **3. Street Improvement Projects**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **4. Church Street Project**

Nothing to report.

### **5. Wrigglesworth Sports Complex**

Mayor Coleburn advised he was meeting on Wednesday with two young men who want to have a summer 3 on 3 or 5 on 5 basketball tournament.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised we have been approached by a travel softball team to use a field at Wrigglesworth. He said there is a Policy in place to include fees, he was not sure if this would include a charge for the basketball court. He asked to have a Policy inclusive of baseball and basketball and if we want to continue to charge.

Councilman Nash said he believed this would be for kids already using the courts, but would include structure. He didn't think there needed to be a fee, but possibly have them clean up trash afterwards.

Mayor Coleburn said one of the issues with Wrigglesworth was a parent who had a key, they would take their travel team child to use the field and turn the lights on and that got out of hand.

Manager Vannoorbeeck suggested slackening of local folks using the ballfields for tournaments because the cost is prohibiting weekend tournaments.

#### **6. East End Planning Grant**

Manager Vannoorbeeck asked that Council adopt each of the five boiler plate documents included, they are the same documents as with the Church Street Project.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to adopt and have Mayor Coleburn execute the Local Business & Employment Plan, Section 504 Requirements, Fair Housing Certification, Non-Discrimination Policy and the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson.***

Mayor Coleburn asked that staff strike the sentence that said the Memorial Center is one of the main sites.

Mayor Coleburn asked about income limits, there are two people living in the same house and because of both incomes that house does not qualify. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied it includes a household, whoever lives in the house, their income counts.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Mr. Tom Taylor asked about the status of this housing project. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied there will be a Public Hearing in March to submit the application. He added there are two zones, the Engineers have recommended the more severe utilities are in Zone 1, which is Broad, Tavern, Viewbank and Epes Streets. He said the Management Team agreed to focus the housing in those same areas where the primary water and sewer problems are. He said this project is too large for one application so there are two zones.

Mr. Tom Taylor asked about the Weatherization. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied there is money set aside but until the East End Project goes through we are not doing much. Mrs. Yvonne Wilson added they were accepting applications until the end of March.



Mr. Michael Bagley asked about the Gravatt property on North West Avenue. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied the zoning was approved by Council but the killer for this project is the three-phase current on site, Southside Electric will not allow the Town to serve the property. He said so that property is not an industrial park unless the power issue can be resolved.

**7. Nottoway Avenue – Revenue Share Project**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised the contract had been signed and their 180 days had started, they will probably begin work in March.

Mr. Lewis Johnson asked about temporary parking. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied he would get that figured out.

**8. Utility Upgrade Project**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Shentel – Franchise Agreement**

Mayor Coleburn referred this issue to Cable TV.

Councilman Nash asked to also refer pole attachment fees. Manager Vannoorbeeck asked to keep in mind, not all poles belong to the Town of Blackstone.

Mayor Coleburn referred pole attachment fees to Cable TV.

**2. Water/Wastewater Truck Purchase**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised the recycling efforts had paid off, we have been saving and now have enough money to purchase a new half ton truck

***Councilman Green made a motion to purchase a new half ton truck for the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant with recycling funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn advised the truck would be \$23,000.00.

### **3. Planning Commission Reappointment**

Mayor Coleburn read the terms and advised the member of Council, Councilwoman Thompson's term corresponds with her time in office.

- 1 Year – Myra Quicke
- 2 Years – Tom Watkins
- 3 Years – Denis McCarthy
- 4 Years – Edwin Nash

***Councilman Green made a motion to approve the members of the Planning Commission as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tucker.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

### **4. 100-Mile Yard Sale - Sponsorship**

Mayor Coleburn advised in years past we have waived the Yard Sale Fee, but this year he would like to engage the new Executive Director of DBi and see if on that day, the Town Square could be utilized. He said he thought more people would get involved if they knew where the venue was.

***Councilman Green made a motion to waive the Yard Sale Fee for the 100 Mile Yard Sale on July 1, 2017 and engage DBi for use of the Town Square. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

**5. Armory Update**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised there was no action being requested, it is just an update.

**6. VUMAC – Utility Bills**

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised a gentleman, David Domicy, who is the Treasurer for the Virginia Conference called saying they did not have the money to pay the utility bill. He said Mr. Domicy asked what kind of extension they could get and Manager Vannoorbeeck told him he would have to take this to Council.

Councilman Moncure said there are pros and cons, they are not using the power currently that they used to use. He said if we shut them down, it will be absolutely dark over there and turn that place into a real problem because it is unattended.

Mr. Lewis Johnson asked if that was fair to the citizens that can't pay their light bill.

Councilman Nash asked if they were accruing the penalties. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied yes.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised we give extensions about six times a month to citizens. He added VUMAC did not provide a deadline but did advise they would be having an auction.

Councilman Green advised he would be abstaining because he had used the facility to practice basketball.

Councilman Nash said he would like to know a date. Mayor Coleburn added they were supposed to be cut off 11 days ago by policy.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said it is going to be mighty dark.

Mayor Coleburn asked about pipes freezing. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied the building had been weatherized.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said it would be easier on staff to have a policy established for cut-off, we can tell people there won't be extensions.

Mayor Coleburn said in reference to the lights being cut off, anybody that knows about VUMAC knows it is sitting idle.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to give VUMAC until Friday at the close of business or the power will be cut-off. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott.***

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Abstain
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

## **COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

### **1. Downtown Truck Bypass**

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Committee asked him to find out from VDOT if it was possible to have a truck detour downtown. He said he provided a response to the Committee from VDOT that they did not think Brown Street as a bypass was adequate.

Mayor Coleburn referred this to the Street and Light Committee.

Mr. Michael Bagley said a few years ago DBi asked about having the timing on the lights changed, this might be something to deter the truck drivers. Councilman Nash replied they are not timed now, they are by motion. Mayor Coleburn added if there is no one on the side streets the lights will stay green on Main Street.

## **MAYORS MINUTE**

### **1. Maben and Gravatt Avenue – 15 MPH**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **2. Emails addressed to the Mayor**

Mayor Coleburn said we made national news last Tuesday night, in his 10 years of being Mayor he had never heard so many positive comments about Blackstone. He said there was going to be a meeting this Thursday with a gentleman, Mr. Peter Kaufman, who had never been to Blackstone before Tuesday night. He said he wants to make Blackstone a big day trip from Richmond, he wants to help Blackstone have another festival.

Councilman Moncure said he received a call from Sunset, Louisiana, his sister asked if he knew Blackstone was on the news.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Councilman Nash said last month he was able to see how many tickets were written for speeding but didn't see any for speeding this month. He asked Chief Kuzmiak to let Council know the status.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ms. Karen Waldrope suggested revisiting the idea of paving the Hole. Mayor Coleburn replied a previous Councilman, Mr. Eaton suggested the area be a mixture of trees and parking spaces, but at that time Council chose to go with the Town Square concept. Councilman Moncure added we were turned down on a parking lot grant.

Councilman Scott asked Manager Vannoorbeeck the status of the previous discussion about the Town selling its water. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied he provided all the documentation but had not heard anything back.

Mr. William Clarke thanked the Mayor and staff for handling the rabid skunk walking around his neighborhood. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied he and Ms. Jamie Hawley from the Health Department next week would be going door to door checking rabies tags.

Ms. Chris Lespiar advised this morning she had two dogs in her backyard on Academy and it was not the first time.

Councilwoman Thompson said in reference to what the Chief Kuzmiak brought to the Employment and Police Committee about accrual of vacation time, the Committee all voted yes and thought it was a good idea. She said tonight you all acted like you didn't vote for it. She said the vote still might have lost and asked why didn't you support it in front of Council. She asked if you change your mind to let the chairperson know ahead of time.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised he received notification from DEQ that the underground storage tank abatement that was done at the Town Shop was accepted, so they considered the matter closed. He said also included at your desk was a letter from Cornerstone Engineering, who did additional chromium testing and felt no additional testing was needed. He said this has been provided to the potential buyers.

Manager Vannoorbeeck advised there are still some residues of TBH, but below levels, which DEQ did not feel we needed to do more abatement.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711

- 1/ Disposition of Real Property
- 7/ Litigation

*Councilman Scott made a motion to go into Closed Session 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 and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moncure.*

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

***Councilman Moncure made a motion to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Certify
Councilman Scott	-	Certify
Councilman Green	-	Certify
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Certify
Councilman Tucker	-	Certify
Councilman Nash	-	Certify
Councilman Moncure	-	Certify

***Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to offer the position of Community Development Director to Mrs. Yvonne Jackson-Wilson at an annual salary of \$38,000.00. Additionally, the position of Transit Director will be offered to Mr. Joshua Worrell at an annual salary of \$36,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Green.***

Mayor Coleburn asked when these positions would start. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied everything was contingent on passing a drug test and if either have to give notice.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Hamner	-	Aye
Councilman Scott	-	Aye
Councilman Green	-	Aye
Councilwoman Thompson	-	Aye
Councilman Tucker	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Moncure	-	Aye

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Coleburn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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MAYOR  
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

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