

Fries Town Council
December 6, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Bill Davis, Cynthia Grant, JoAnn Gunter, Nancy Hawks, Dawn Patton and Gary Sumner.

Others Present: Richard Farmer, Mayor; Grayson County Deputy Jeff Merilic; Gene Adkins, Fries Community Center; Shaina Stockton and several citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation.

Minutes & Bills: Gary Sumner moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes and bills as presented. JoAnn Gunter provided the second to the motion. All present voted Aye and the minutes and bills were approved.

Police Report: Officer Jeff Merilic reviewed the November Police Report. He reported: 1 DUI, 1 traffic and 1 warning ticket; the investigation of 2 misdemeanors, 1 felony, 1 follow up, 1 juvenile, 1 traffic accident and 6 information only. Routine activities included: 225 closed business checks, 56 service calls, 24 church checks, 48 directive patrols, 16 open business checks, 19 forestry checks, 5 warrant services, 6 open bank checks, 4 motorist assists, 1 prisoner, 6 first responders, 3 vehicle/K-9 searches, 1 blood alcohol test, 2 PBT/field sobriety test and 3 ACO calls for a total of 168.60 hours. Council asked that the police department patrol the park area more due to recent destruction of the playground equipment and vandalism. Officer Merilic agreed to pass the information on to the Sheriff. The Mayor thanked Officer Merilic for his report and for everything the department did for the Town of Fries.

Organization Updates:

1. Fries Volunteer Fire Department Update: Chad Stanley was unable to attend, but sent his report. He reported that in November they were dispatched 51 times in November for EMS calls and 17 times for Fire. The fire calls included: 4 structure fires, 3 brush fires, 3 wrecks, 2 smoke reports, 2 landing zones for medical helicopters, 2 calls to assist rescue and 1 search. He also invited Council and the Mayor to their Christmas and Officers Installation dinner on December 17 at 6:00.
2. Fries Community Center Report: Gene Adkins reported that their guitar raffle had been a success, raising around \$6,000. The total in the HVAC fund for the Theatre was up to \$8,900. He also reported installing new sinks in the restrooms in the theatre. The Arts Council planned to hold a play on December 9th at 7:30pm called The World of Carl Sandburg. The Mayor thanked Gene for reporting.
3. Tourism Report: Marie Isom was unable to attend but sent the following report:
 - Marie reported that she had been working on the new website.
 - She reported that she had attended several workshops and webinars.
 - She also reported working on the 2017 Mountains of Music application for the Crooked Road.

Old Business:

1. Y Repair Project Update: The Mayor reported that the balance on the renovation account was \$14,092.28. He also reported that the Dinner Theatre had been a success, raising \$2,329.00. He hoped to begin work on the Town Hall side of the building in the spring, but still needed to raise approximately \$7,000 before work could start. He also reported that work would be beginning on the chimney on the Community Center building soon. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission gave the town a loan for the estimated \$7,300 needed for repairs, which the town will be paying back. He also reported that the James Hardy Corporation would be donating 10 more pallets of siding. He thanked them for their generosity.
2. Depot Project Update: Dawn Patton reported that Lane Group had finished the revisions to the drawings covered in the contract amendment and submitted had submitted the changes to VDOT for approval. The Mayor thanked Dawn for her efforts.
3. Park Project: Kim Mallory was not able to attend, but the Mayor reported that the fundraising efforts had been successful thus far having around \$6,000 in the bank after the prizes had been paid out. He praised Kim for her efforts.

New Business:

1. Water/Sewer Ordinance: The Mayor stated that the ordinance had been reviewed by the town attorney and a public hearing had been held to receive public comment for the ordinance. The Water Committee moved to approve the new ordinance as presented. All present voted Aye, and the ordinance was adopted effective January 1, 2017.

Announcements:

1. Council scheduled a planning session for January 17th at 10am in the Town Hall.
2. Jeff Whittington planned to hold a Y Renovation Fund Benefit in February. More details will be announced at a later date.

With no further business to discuss, Dawn Patton moved to adjourn, Nancy Hawks provided the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____