

Fries Town Council
March 3, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Bill Davis, Jo Ann Gunter, Nancy Hawks, Marie Isom, Carolyn Jones, Jerry McCormick and Dawn Patton.

Others Present: Richard Farmer, Mayor; Denny Brooms and Karen Snyder, Fries Community Center; Chad Stanley, FVFD and several citizens.

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

Minutes & Bills: Dawn Patton 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 Waller gave a summary of police activity for February. He reported 4 traffic and 1 other arrest. He also reported investigation of 1 misdemeanor and 1 follow up investigation. Routine activities reported included: 352 closed business checks, 18 service calls, 77 church checks, 85 directive patrols, 51 open business checks, 52 forestry checks, 3 motorist assists, 6 first responders, 8 house checks, 6 civil papers, 3 warrant services and 17 open bank checks for a total of 206.60 hours. The Mayor thanked the Officer for his report.

Organization Updates:

1. Fries Volunteer Fire Department: Chad Stanley reported that in February the fire department answered 39 EMS calls. He said that they had missed a few calls because they did not have any EMT's in town at the time of the calls, they were working on rectifying that situation by having 6 more members currently enrolled in EMS training and 2 members that are in paramedic training. He also said that they had answered 8 fire calls in February. He reported that 80% of their membership would be at the Firefighter II level soon. Chad reported that the t-shirt fundraiser in February was a success. Most of the t-shirts sold were bought by people that lived away from here, so they planned on ordering some shirts to sell locally as well. The department had scheduled a chili drive thru on March 22nd beginning at Noon at the new firehouse and a team roping competition in April at Providence. He reported that they had recently applied for grants for radios, air packs and a new rescue truck. He said that they should be hearing back on the status of the grants soon. He also reported that they would begin painting fire hydrants when the weather warmed up. The Mayor thanked Chad for his report and Chad thanked everyone for supporting the fire department.
2. Fries Community Center Report: Karen Snyder reported that the center was currently hosting a student group from Holy Cross. The students would complete cleaning the gym floor and bleachers, the stairwells, lobby and bowling alley before leaving on Friday. She said that the group was a wonderful group of hard working students. Karen

also reported that the center was accepting registrations for tee ball, baseball and softball and that they would have a representative at the Grayson County scheduling meeting on Thursday, March 5th. Chairman Denny Broom's wife had started a newsletter for the organization. The newsletter would be available online, and printed copies were available in the dining room. Karen also reported that the center was able to pay their electric bills in February. The Mayor thanked Karen for her report and all of her hard work.

Old Business:

1. Depot Project: Dawn Patton reported that she had made several phone calls and sent several emails and had received no response from VDOT.
2. Y Repair Project Update: The Mayor reported that the group had recently mailed out approximately 450 letters requesting donations of time and money to assist with the renovation of the building. He also reported that the group planned to have a fish fry at the Fries School on May 23rd to benefit the fund.
3. Playground Grant Request: The Mayor reported that Kim Abernethy had met with a playground specialist and was working to develop a plan for our playground. She had also scheduled a meeting with the Lowe's Manager soon to review our application.
4. Guard rail for Riverview Avenue & Geese Issue: Jerry McCormick reported that he had met with the Principal at Fries School and discussed both the guard rail and the geese issues with her as well as the Grayson County Sheriff. Both were on board with pursuing a resolution to both problems. Sheriff Vaughan had also been in contact with a biologist that may be able to help with the geese.

New Business:

1. Jerry McCormick moved to create a committee to address water issues. Marie Isom provided the second to the motion. After some discussion, Jerry McCormick was nominated for Chairman and Nancy Hawks and Dawn Patton were nominated to be committee members. All present voted Aye to approve forming the committee and the membership.
2. Water Supply Problem: The Mayor reported that the previous week there had been an issue with the water level in the reservoir getting too low. He reported that two leaks had been found, but there had also been an issue with staffing. He reported that a plan was in place to address the staffing problem and the leaks had been addressed as well.

Announcements:

1. The Mayor announced that the tourism/marketing meeting with Kitty Barker had been scheduled for March 9th from 10am—2pm.
2. Town Decal sales would begin March 16th. Personal Property taxes must be paid before purchasing a decal.
3. A representative from US Senator Tim Kaine's office planned to be available in the Fries Town Hall on March 26th from 2:00—4:00pm to answer questions and address concerns of constituents.

With no further business to discuss, Jerry McCormick moved to adjourn, Marie Isom provided the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____