

Fries Town Council  
January 3, 2017  
Minutes

Members Present: Cynthia Grant, JoAnn Gunter, Marie Isom, Dawn Patton and Gary Sumner.

Others Present: Nancy Hawks, Vice—Mayor; Grayson County Deputy Cody McGrady; Karen Snyder & Gene Adkins, Fries Community Center; Shaina Stockton and several citizens.

The Vice—Mayor called the meeting to order and JoAnn Gunter 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. Cynthia Grant provided the second to the motion. All present voted Aye and the minutes and bills were approved.

Police Report: Officer Cody McGrady reviewed the December Police Report. He reported: 1 drug, 1 weapons charge and 1 other arrest; the investigation of 3 misdemeanors, 2 felonies, 2 follow ups and 3 traffic accidents. Routine activities included: 151 closed business checks, 26 service calls, 28 church checks, 61 directive patrols, 27 open business checks, 20 forestry checks, 3 warrant services, 5 open bank checks, 1 motorist assists, 3 prisoner, 1 first responder, 2 vehicle/K-9 searches, 1 PBT/field sobriety test, 2 temporary detention orders, 1 breaking and enter found, 2 emergency protective order, 2 substance seizure, 1 special event and 2 ACO calls for a total of 153.60 hours. Officer McGrady also reported that there was an ongoing investigation into the missing playground equipment. The Vice—Mayor thanked Officer McGrady for his report and for his service.

Organization Updates:

1. Fries Volunteer Fire Department Update: Chad Stanley reported that for 2016 the department answered 537 EMS calls and 109 fire calls. He and three others successfully completed their EMT training and four more members planned to take the training in the spring. The department planned to host a firefighter 1 class from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. He hadn't heard anything back from the FEMA grant yet, but had obtained letters of support from Senator Kaine and Representative Griffith. He also announced their major events for 2017 and they were as follows: Rodeo, May 6<sup>th</sup>; Spring Horse Show, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the ballpark; Annual Fiddlers Convention, August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Horseshow on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Vice Mayor thanked him for his reports. JoAnn Gunter thanked Chad for inviting Council to their Christmas and Officer Installation dinner.
2. Fries Community Center Report: Karen Snyder reported that the lobby had been repainted and the dining room and kitchen were next on the schedule for painting. Basketball season was underway and the games were scheduled to begin January 14<sup>th</sup>. They had several sponsors that helped with registrations and purchasing

basketball jerseys. New sinks had been installed in the theatre, and the new hvac unit would be installed as soon as they raised another \$1,750.00. They were planning fundraisers to complete the project. Gene Adkins also reported cleaning out the attic of the theatre. The Vice Mayor thanked them for their reports.

3. Tourism Report: Marie Isom reported the following:

- The 2016 Farmers Market had been successful. She had been working on gathering letters of intent that would help with funding for the 2017 market and possibly a market building in the future. The Farmers Market Facebook page was still getting lots of views in the off season.
- The gray buildings in the park had been torn down and disposed of, except for the chimney. The chimney would be coming down soon.
- She had been concentrating on a marketing plan for the town. She planned to adjust the marketing budget to get more bang for the buck.
- She had attended several workshops and webinars concerning grants, where to find them and how to apply.
- She had submitted the 2017 Mountains of Music application for the Crooked Road.
- The new website was still under construction.
- She had been contacted by the organizers of the annual 50k. They were starting to advertise and accept registrations for the 2017 50k and hoped it would be bigger than the last year.

The Vice-Mayor thanked Marie for her report and her hard work.

Old Business:

1. Y Repair Project Update: The Vice—Mayor reported that the new balance for the Y Repair Project was up to \$15, 841.63.

New Business:

1. Dawn Patton reported that the Community Center roof had been leaking and asked about any existing warranty. The clerk offered to pull the documentation and get back to her.

Announcements:

1. A Planning Workshop was scheduled for January 18th at 10am in the Town Hall.
2. The Jesuit Students would be visiting from July 9<sup>th</sup>—July 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who might need work done or was interested in helping with meals was asked to call Town Hall.

3. Karen Snyder announced that Holy Cross Students would be coming in March, the students from Fairfield would be returning, and a new group from The Citadel would be coming this year.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_