

Fries Town Council  
September 5, 2017  
Minutes

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

Others Present: Richard Farmer, Mayor; Gene Adkins and Karen Snyder, Fries Community Center; Steven Clark 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. Cynthia Grant provided the second to the motion. All present voted Aye and the minutes and bills were approved.

Police Report: Deputy Gravley and Deputy Jefferson were present and Deputy Gravley gave the following report: Arrests; 1 drive suspended, 2 traffic, 1 drunk in public, 1 drug and 1 other arrest; the investigation of 1 misdemeanor, 3 felonies and 9 follow-up's. Routine activities included: 182 closed business checks, 34 service calls, 25 church checks, 67 directive patrols, 34 open business checks, 18 forestry checks, 5 open bank checks, 2 first responders, 3 backup other officers, 2 civil papers, 6 vehicle/K-9 searches, 3 B & E found, 1 ECO/LE ECO, 3 house checks, 1 prisoner, 1 substance seizure, 5 warrant services, 8 ACO calls, 1 animal seized and 6 motorist assists for a total of 193.45 hours. The Mayor thanked the officers for their report and their service to the town.

Organization Updates:

1. Fries Volunteer Fire Department Update: No report available.
2. Fries Community Center Report: Karen Snyder reported that the center had hosted a student group from Washington & Lee that worked on finishing the kitchen remodel and began work on the lobby ladies restroom. They plan to make the restroom handicap accessible and install a changing table. Then work will proceed to the lobby men's restroom. Football and cheerleading was underway and the Festival by the River was scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am –5pm. Music was scheduled to begin at Noon. She also reported that the movie screen had been hung in the Theatre and they would be ready to start showing movies soon. Gene Adkins reported that he had scheduled three square dances for the theatre in September and would continue to schedule them through the winter. The Mayor thanked them for their reports and their hard work.
3. Tourism Report: Marie Isom reported the following:

- The next meeting with Enel was scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Fries Community Center Dining Room. She also reported that Enel had already installed new signage to direct people to the correct place to pull out canoes.
- The August Cruise In had been successful and she thanked Grace Baptist Church for volunteering to sell food. The next Cruise-In was scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Y Renovation Committee would be selling barbecue at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Cruise In to fundraise for their siding project.
- She reported participating in three webinars in August.
- The Farmer's Market was still doing well. She had received and set up the EBT/Snap benefits terminal and planned to start accepting the cards the following Sunday.
- She reported receiving requests to include links on our website for several businesses that were not local. The current policy was to include only local businesses on our website, so she asked for council input on how to proceed. After some discussion, it was decided to continue to only allow links from local businesses on the town website.
- She had recently emailed the quarterly festival & event newsletter to those on her mailing list.
- The Information Center/Gift Shop was finished and open. Hours were to be 1pm—5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- New River Outdoor Adventures had scheduled their Annual Fall Brawl for October 7<sup>th</sup>. She said that more information could be found on their website.
- The Annual 25k/50k Run was scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. She asked for donations of soup, water and fruit.
- Work on the Mill Bell was resuming. The Mayor and Marie had formed a new committee and hoped to have the bell placed soon. The committee planned to meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The Mayor thanked Marie for her report and efforts.

#### Old Business:

1. Y Repair Project Update: The Mayor reported that the new balance for the Y Repair Project was up to \$23,607.49, which was about \$6,000 short to finish the Town Hall side of the building. The next fundraiser was scheduled for October, the committee planned to serve a barbecue meal (barbecue sandwich, chips and dessert) at the October Cruise In, and on November 18<sup>th</sup> they planned to host "A Cricket County Blizzard" Dinner Theatre. Admission would be \$10 and would include a baked spaghetti dinner. The Mayor also reported that Tim Luper, who was the contractor who was installing the siding on the community center building, had been very sick and he asked that everyone remember him in their prayers.
2. Depot Update: Dawn Patton reported they had met with Morgan Griffith in Christiansburg, but they still weren't sure about the future of the project. The Mayor thanked her for her hard work on the project.

3. Park Project Update: Kim Mallory was not able to attend, but sent the following report. She had submitted a new grant application to Kaboom and was told that we had a strong application. She should hear whether we are approved or not in October. She was still selling raffle tickets for a kayak and several other items.
4. New River Tiny Golf and Games: Steven Clark reported that he had an appointment scheduled with AEP to get power installed on the big bottom, he had recently met with the Building Inspector to start the permit process, the tennis courts had been cleared off and were ready to be patched and sealed, and the clubhouse was almost complete. He planned to start constructing the individual holes during the winter and planned to open around Memorial Day. He stressed that he planned the holes to be in keeping with the setting. There were no plans to put up flashing lights or loud music. The Mayor thanked him for the update.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

1. Kelly Haga, Grayson County Treasurer, was scheduled to attend the October meeting to discuss decals.
2. Doug Carner, Grayson County Sheriff's Department, was scheduled to attend the October meeting to discuss setting up a neighborhood watch.
3. A Health Forum was scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Historic 1908 Courthouse in Independence.
4. The Mayor announced that the Town Hall had been painted and had a new floor installed and suggested everyone drop by to check it out.

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

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

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