

**Round Hill
Town Council Meeting
May 19, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Round Hill Town Council was held Thursday, May 19, 2011 immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office, 23 Main Street, Round Hill, Virginia.

Town Council Members Present:

Scott Ramsey, Mayor
Dan Botsch
Janet Heston
Clarkson Klipple
Christopher Prack

Town Council Members Absent:

Mary Anne Graham, Vice Mayor
Jennifer Grafton Theodore

Staff Members Present:

John Barkley, Town Administrator
Rob Kinsley, Town Planner and Zoning Administrator
Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Susanne Kahler, Recording Secretary

Members of the Public Present:

Deputy Matt Bressler, Loudoun County Sheriff's Department
George Smith, resident
Sven Johnson, business owner
Jordan Dimoff, representing Lake Ridge Estates
John Andrews, Andrews Community Investment Corporation

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Scott Ramsey.

IN RE: COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Deputy Matt Bressler from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department noted that there were no serious crimes during the last reporting period. There were 16 calls for service, 18 traffic stops and 15 self-initiated field activities. There was an additional 40 calls for service, 19 traffic stops and 85 self-initiated activities within the surrounding area. Deputy Bressler also noted that 2 bank alarms have gone off. After the second one, the Bank of Clarke County will start to incur fines for each false alarm. The smart trailer has been present on several local roads and Deputy Bressler will be on hand to help with the Town Park clean up in time for the Hometown Festival. He noted that to date, the area burglaries were still unresolved.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

George Smith, a resident of the Greenwood development spoke and said that he had received a high consumption water notice but that there was a delay in receiving the notice and by the time he had discovered where the leak (in the upstairs bathroom) had occurred, he had incurred a substantial water/sewer bill. He inquired as to whether the Town would refund any part of the sewer portion of the bill.

Mayor Ramsey addressed his concern but said that per Town policy, an inside leak does not qualify for a refund of sewer charges. He expressed his sympathy and said he would look into Town staff calling residents who were noticed as using high consumption instead of waiting to mail out notices.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilperson Janet Heston suggested that under action item #3 the Council add a request for an appointment to be made to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Ramsey suggested they move action item #2 to the start of the agenda.

Councilperson Heston moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Councilperson Botsch seconded her motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.**

IN RE: LAKE RIDGE SUBDIVISION

Rob Kinsley, Town Planner and Zoning Administrator informed the Council that the applicants were here to request Town Council approval for use of grinder pumps in their revised subdivision plans. The Lake Ridge Estates proposed development is at the southernmost part of Town and was rezoned in 2007.

There have been three submissions of their preliminary plat, the first plan considered the use of a grinder pump system but at the time, the Town discouraged such a system and had nothing in its ordinance to address its usage. The second preliminary plat submission was based on a gravity sewer system and was conditionally approved. Originally there was to be a lift station that would service both the Lake Ridge Estates and the Oak Hill development and carry sewage up to 719. Oak Hill, however, is not ready to begin and the Lake Ridge Estates project did not want to wait for the Lerner development's lift station to come online since no progress has been made toward that end. Additionally, upon further review, the Town's Utility staff and engineering consultants (Peed & Bortz) have concluded that the use of a grinder pump system under the circumstances faced by the Lake Ridge development (including burying pipe at depths up to 25 feet) might be the best recourse. It would be cheaper for the Town while also allowing the development to move forward. Therefore, the latest plat submission by Lake Ridge included the proposed use of grinder pumps instead of a gravity flow sewer system.

The matter was referred back to the Utility Committee which drafted new language in the ordinance addressing the use of grinder pump systems, which need to be approved by the Town Council in accordance with the new sewer policy. Lake Ridge Estate representatives also assured the Town Council members that there would be statements in each recorded deed for the development which stated clearly that it would be up to the individual property owners to maintain their grinder pump system, thus alleviating the Town from any responsibility for their maintenance.

Mayor Ramey said that the Town Council basically had two options:

1. Would be to approve the grinder pumps tonight or
2. Would be to refer the matter back to the Land Use Committee

Councilperson Botsch moved that the Town Council approve the use of grinder pumps in the preliminary subdivision plat submitted to the Planning Commission for review. Councilperson Klipple seconded his motion. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Councilperson Janet Heston abstaining.

Mr. John Andrews thanked the Town, the Planning Commission and the Utility Committee for their work on this matter.

IN RE: FY2012 BUDGET

Town Administrator John Barkley said that there would be advertisements placed May 13, 2011 and May 20, 2011 in the Purcellville Gazette for the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to be held June 2, 2011. Following the Public Hearing, the budget could then be before the Town Council for discussion and a vote at the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting June 16, 2011. There is also a Joint Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Town Council on the proposed text amendments to Article 16 "Special Exceptions" of the Round Hill Zoning Ordinance scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2011 in the Town office.

IN RE: MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Bullet points from the Land Use Committee concerning the project were that it has not progressed very far in the last 6 months. There was need to refine discussions into a general timeline. No progress has been made on storm water agreements at the County level. Committee members felt a need to develop a coherent plan and also to re-engage the public in the process. Town Administrator John Barkley said that the Town could have a rendering of the project done and also posted on the Town's website so that the project's end results could more easily be visualized. Councilperson Botsch added that the unresolved issues between the Town and the County seemed to be holding up a lot of the potential progress of the project and that the Town inevitably had to decide whether they would keep waiting on the County in order to hopefully share the costs of utilizing larger pipes or whether they (the Town) would strike out on their own. He also suggested inviting Dave Bowers, the representative from Stantec, to come to the next Land Use meeting.

Mayor Ramsey said that he would try to push the issue and continue to work with the County on its resolution. Councilperson Botsch asked him to also express to them the high degree of frustration Land Use Committee members felt.

IN RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Hometown Festival schedule for May 28, 2011 is posted on the Town website. Traffic control arrangements have been made for the 5K race and space at the elementary school has been reserved as an alternative site for the Feast in case of inclement weather. Road closure arrangements for the derby and the dinner have been made and Town Council members were also encouraged/expected to march in the parade. The deadline for pre-ordering tickets to the Community Feast has been extended to Sunday.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilperson Botsch moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Councilperson Heston seconded his motion. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Councilperson Prack abstaining from the vote.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilperson Heston introduced a letter to the Town Council members on behalf of Douglas Bird who has been a resident of the Town since 2001 and expressed his interest in serving on the Town Planning

Commission. Councilperson Heston moved that Mr. Bird be appointed to the Town Planning Commission vacancy for the term which expires December 31, 2014. Councilperson Clarkson Klipple seconded her motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

IN RE: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The report was included in the packet for tonight's meeting in written format. There were no additional questions.

IN RE: MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Councilperson Prack moved that the Town of Round Hill recess its regular meeting and convene a closed session to consult with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters requiring consultation with legal counsel, as authorized by the Code of Virginia of 1950, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7). Councilperson Botsch seconded his motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Invitees to the closed session included Town Attorney Maureen Gilmore and Town Administrator John Barkley.

IN RE: MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made to reconvene the regular meeting of the Town Council at and certify that while in closed session, the only matters discussed were those that were lawfully exempt, as stated in the motion to convene the closed session. The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or comment, Mayor Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Scott Ramsey, Mayor

Susanne Kahler, Recording Secretary