

## Town Council Minutes June 4, 2024

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

Under communication from citizens and property owners, Sheila Wiggins, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, asked to speak to the board. Mrs. Wiggins wanted to thank the board and the citizens for all their support. Helping others and the town is her goal in her role with the chamber of commerce.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to approve the May 21, 2024 special called council meeting.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #4-24, amending the 2023-24 fiscal year budget passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #5-24, setting the 2024-25 fiscal year budget passed on first reading with all council members voting in favor other than Mr. Marshall, who voted against.

On a motion by Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, Resolution #24-4, authorizing the purchase of five new police cars with a loan from TML Bond fund, passed with Mr. Marshall voting against. Mr. Marshall stated that he was voting against because the last time vehicles were purchased that we could wait another four years to purchase more.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to hire Josh Kessler as a part time IT person and would work when needed.

The LPRF 2020 recreation grant was discussed and the bids that were exceeding the grant. Mr. Marshall made a motion to table the awarding of the bid until we can get some answers from the state and allow Shannon Cotter to act on our behalf. Mr. Sinard made a second to the motion and all were in favor.

The mayor gave an update on the paving bids and they read as follows:

Harrison Construction: A) Camelot \$89,437.50, B) High \$50,600 C)FD Parking lot, \$16,680 and D)School St - \$14,805. Hommel Excavating: A) Camelot, \$95,900 B)High \$46,427.50 C) FD Parking Lot \$10,781.05 D) School \$8993.20. Duracap Asphalt: A)Camelot - \$76,139 B)High \$51,200 C)FD Parking Lot \$15,429 and project D) School St \$12,351. Newport Paving: A) Camelot \$84,600 B) \$51,200 C)FD Parking lot \$15,429 D) School St - \$8700. SOS Paving: A)Camelot \$192,644, B) High \$92,688 C)FD Parking lot \$27,650 and D)School St \$22,870.

The board discussed the bids and different options that would be a benefit for the town. The mayor mentioned paving in July under the new budget year. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to pave Camelot Drive and use Newport Paving. Mr. Stump abstained from the motion because he lives on Camelot Drive.

Attorney Drinnon informed the board that Rural Development is holding some funds that are due us for engineering bills. The remainder of the grant monies will have to stay with Rural Development until all is settled with Path. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to ask Rural Development for the reimbursement and for those funds to be deposited in an interest bearing account.

Chief Cotter addressed the board over the concerns of the cars, but by having the K9 car already, we saved over \$13K. By waiting the prices continue to rise as well. He expressed his appreciation for all they've done.

Chief Layman said the fire department had seventy-six calls this month and one hundred fifty hours of training. The fire hall was struck by lightning a couple weeks ago and left lots of damage. Two bay doors, generator, lots of electrical equipment as well. The fire department is cramped but having the only town owned building with a generator is important. The new engine 22 is here and the firemen are receiving training and hope to have in service by July 1. The lightning has set back the open house but hopefully we can have in July.

Mr. Stump informed the board that a site plan for an auto parts store has been reviewed and approved. A car wash in the old shopping center next to Circle drive, was denied by the planning commission. Mr. Sinard asked about the HVAC business and the board was informed that it was zoned A-1 by the Jefferson County board,

Nick Reid talked about the bids for the recreation grant. At this time, we are looking into various routes to cut costs. The splash pad is having issues from the chlorine and some one from the company that makes these pumps, will be buy to check. The women's bathroom had vandalism on petitions but that has been fixed. The Ruritan building is experiencing air conditioning problems as well. Plumbing at Legion was caused by a pressure reducer never installed. A timer will be added to the courts at Lions field as well. A baseball tournament, line dancing and an arts and crafts project should start soon.

Mr. Stewart went over the water and sewer departments month which included making three taps on Parker town Road and one in the new subdivision. He asked about selling the back hoe and putting a reserve on the bid as well. Pro Team Auction will be having a sale starting June 7<sup>th</sup>. Three leaks were fixed on Jane and Main Street, and the Old Dominion pump station pump has been pulled several times. The water department has been helping Nick with the splash pad as well. A line has been put in to pump out of the basin at the wastewater plant, as well as

keeping up with all the pump stations. Sixty work orders were completed as well. Smoke testing around Douglas, Cecelia, and Jane Street have also been completed. A new logo was made for the water and sewer department vehicles and those will be ordered and put on the new Dodge Durango as well. The vacuum trailer from Waste Corp will be ordered if approved and they are considered a sole source because of the small size. The cost is \$34,500.

Jason Bales spoke for the Street and Sanitation department. Large item pick up went well and keeping up with mowing and cleaning out drainage areas has been on their work load. Main Street and town hall got a face lift by planting flowers in the concrete pots on the sidewalk and flower beds.

Under financials, Mrs. Susong said the budget has consumed most of her time.

Mr. Reid spoke about Pine Fest. Smarketing is working with advertising and social media posts. Two bands have been secured as well. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is approaching and it was discussed about having on the actual fourth or to move to the weekend. On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to have the parade on the actual day of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Under new business, a motion was made from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Stump, to transfer the street public works director truck to the fire department. Mr. Sinard abstained and the motion was passed by the remaining members of the board.

Mayor Taylor informed the board that Sam Hollingshead had resigned from the Planning Commission and a vacant spot needed to be filled. Jarrad Stump nominated Randall Vaughn and Whitney Woods nominated Deby Paul. On a roll call vote, Mr. Vaughn received four votes to Mrs. Paul's one vote.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to sell the oldest backhoe at Pro Team Auction and place a reserve bid for \$10K.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to purchase the vacuum trailer from Waste Corporation for \$34,500 and recognize the company is a sole source provider for the smaller trailers.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Under announcements, Mrs. Susong reminded the board about the June 18, 2024 special called meeting and public hearings.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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Fred Taylor, Mayor



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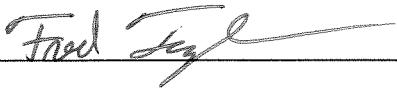
Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

**Public Hearing Minutes June 18, 2024 6:30 pm**

Mayor Taylor called the public hearing to order with all council members present, except Mrs. Strom and Mr. Sinard.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone had any comments or questions concerning the rezoning of a parcel on Creamery Street.

There were no comments, so the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.



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Fred Taylor, Mayor



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Public Hearing Minutes June 18, 2024 6:45 pm

Mayor Taylor called the public hearing to order with all council members present, except Mrs. Strom and Mr. Sinard.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone had any comments or questions concerning the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

There were no comments, so the meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

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Fred Taylor, Mayor

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Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

## Special Called Council Meeting June 18, 2024

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present except Mrs. Strom and Mr. Sinard. Attorney Drinnon was absent as well.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #3-24, rezoning parcel 27.00 on Creamery Street from C-1 to C-2, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, Ordinance #4-24, amending the 2023-24 fiscal year budget, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance 5-24, passing the 2024-25 fiscal year budget on second reading, passed with the following revisions. Line item 43100-931, paving will be reduced to \$15,000. The mayor went over a list of budget cuts from each department as well. After much discussion, it was unanimously voted to approve on second and final reading with a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was decided to raise all minimum water and sewer rates six and one half (6 ½%) percent. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading for Ordinance 6-24.


On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, Ordinance #7-24, revising the water and sewer taps, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #8-24, amending the commercial and residential garbage rates passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder