

TOWN OF DRUMMOND
AUGUST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

08/15/2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gail Leeper called the August Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, Powell, and Stuart; Town Attorney McGill; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight. Council Member Clute and Public Works Director Harrington were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Leeper led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Public Meeting.

AMEND COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA –

- **Action Item – Resolution for No Election**
- **New Business – Penalty Fees for Ordinances**
- **Old Business – South Main Bridge**

Mayor Leeper asked, to amend the August Town Council Meeting agenda by motion. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve amending the August Town Council Meeting agenda. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

GUEST COMMENT: None

LAW ENFORCEMENT: The Town Council was provided a report from the Sheriff.

MINUTES: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the July Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Stuart made a motion to approve the July Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Powell seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

CLAIMS: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Powell made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

INVESTMENTS: Investment sheet provided to the Town Council.

FINANCIALS: Financial sheet provided to the Town Council.

- **New Bank Report** – The new ownership of local bank, from Granite Mountain Bank to Citizens Alliance; caused the routing numbers to be changed. Citizens Alliance Bank stated, they would re-imburse the Town for first purchase of new checks with that new routing number; up to \$200.00.

The Town ordered checks through Costco; which came under the \$200.00 bank allowance for purchase of those new checks.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Solid Waste: Draft Quit Claim Deed and Realty Transfer Certificate (RTC) –**

- **Action Inc.**– There will be a needs assessment meeting August 23rd, in Philipsburg at the Museum, from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM; to address the needs in the County, such as the LEAP program and Mental Health.

TOWN ATTORNEY: None

PARKS:

- **Street Lighting at Park** – Northwestern Energy has come back and said, they own one of the lights, but the Town owns the rest. Public Works contacted Larry Palmer; the cost is estimated to be approximately one hundred dollars, to change to LED. That service is scheduled to be completed.
- **Junior High Football Practice** – The Junior High Football Team will be practicing on the softball field; every other week. They are covered under the school’s insurance, while using the softball field for practices.
- **Additional Port a Potty at Park** – There has been good reports of having the one additional port a potty; people have appreciated it.
- **Farmer’s Market** – Last Friday went well.
- **Park and Campground upkeep** – The park is looking really good; having removed old structure by river made a big difference.

ROADS:

- **Northwestern Energy** – Northwestern Energy needs to repair areas in Town, where they have dug, and not repaired their holes.

Council member Powell compiled list of those areas of concern and needing repair; list was given to Clerk-Treasurer Wight, for the mayor to review. Mayor Leeper will email Paul Babb; to get contact person information for placement on repair schedule.

- **Broad Street** - Mayor Leeper spoke with the Sheriff, regarding the congested area on Broad Street. He said, to send the land owner, Mr. Johnson, a letter with a date to have items removed and if they don’t, he will have the County come and remove them.

The letter will be sent out this week, and will give him until the end of the month.

- **Snow Plow Material** - Need to discuss material for the roads next month, with the County.

- **Potholes** - Discussion was made regarding areas where potholes continue to return, with water run off; and the possibility of tapping them out. Tapping areas over sewer lines would pose a problem.

Mayor Leeper, mentioned to have Engineer Koon look at areas of concern on his next visit and give his opinion.

There is still a lot of variables with this, until we get an okay from the Department of Commerce that we can do it, and the taxpayers don't have to pay fees assessed to the Town for the construction of it, since it is not our Bridge and never was our Bridge, then we are on hold.

Hopefully, we will be able to report something else on it next month.

The County will be plowing South Main Bridge this winter; and taking care of it in the Spring.

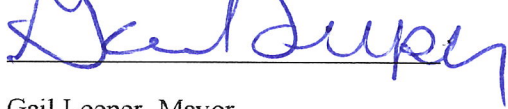
Right now, those funds are coming to Drummond and if we cannot work it out with the state how these funds can be passed through to the County, then we will have to reject those funds.

- **Justice Court Tickets** – Practice has been tickets have been written through the County. Tickets are Justice Court jurisdiction, not City Court. Clarification was made that Front Street; is a Highway.

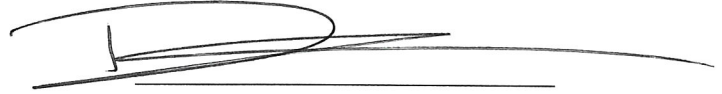
A ticket was written on the Town's Dog Ordinance. The Town does have an attorney that reviews tickets written on Town Ordinances to determine future action.

Next Town Council Meeting scheduled Tuesday, September 19th.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Stuart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Council Member Powell seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



Gail Leeper, Mayor



Robin Wight, Town Clerk-Treasurer