

Special Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

3:00 p.m.^[SEP]

Zoom Meeting

Present via Zoom: Mayor Jim Auxer, Lori Robertson (Recorder), Deb Tucker, Dave Springer, and Mark Everhart.

Absent: David Rosen, Cheryl Roberts

Staff via Zoom: Amy Boyd – Town Clerk

Visitors via Zoom: Tabitha Johnston – Chronicle, Neil and Lew Friend, Natalie Friend, Jan Hafer, Marty Baach, Megan Webber, Liz McCormick, Marianne davis

Agenda:

1. Call meeting to order^[SEP]

Call the meeting to order by Mayor Auxer at 3:00 p.m.

2. Recommendations:

- a. Public Library – building repairs/painting

Mayor – we had one bid from Dion Hellyer for \$2,450.00. The brick is complete and it needs to be scraped and painted soon.

D. Springer – moves to move forward with the Market House repairs /painting.

Discussion –

M. Everhart – this rubs him the wrong way – the library has raised millions of dollars for a new library and they let the Market House fall into disrepair. The library should be paying for it

Mayor – the repairs of the Market House are outside of the building and is the town’s responsibility to pay for it.

D. Tucker – it os appropriate for us to repair it.

Mayor – have a vote by raising hands.

Yays– L. Robertson, D. Tucker, and D. Springer

Nays – M. Everhart

The motion is approved.

- b. Fund request from Messaging Committee of the Re-opening of Shepherdstown Task Force-

Mayor – this is a fund request recommended from the Finance Committee. The approval includes 50 decals. Not approved were the large banners – it was suggested to use sandwich boards at the intersections entering town. The denial was based on the expense, they are too high and the trees block them.

D. Tucker – on the committee – much of the smaller signage was torn down, the banners will be high enough so that wouldn't happen.

Sandwich boards can be stolen as they are ground level. The town will be reimbursed and there is a sense of urgency for the money to be lent to produce these banners.

D. Springer – the messaging has received positive feedback. He supports what the committee comes up with. People may not serve on committees if their suggestions are shot down.

Mayor – to be clear – we apply for reimbursement after we have already paid for them. It is not guaranteed. When we get recommendations, it falls to the town council to make a decision.

M. Everhart- wants to reiterate that the expense should not come from the tow. The businesses could pool their money.

Mayor – the Visitor's Center doesn't have any money.

L. Robertson – does not see this as a good way to use the money, but also understands the work that goes into it.

Shepherdstown Street Fest found that banners were an ineffective use of our marketing budget as people driving are looking for pedestrians, car doors being opened, or looking for the store they want to enter and park in front of. Sandwich boards are at the intersections where people are slowing down to begin with, looking both ways.

D. Springer – moves to support the purchase of the

banners, decals, the design work for \$1,700.00.

Mayor – called for a vote by a show of hands.

Yays – D. Springer, D. Tucker, and L. Robertson

Nays – M. Everhart

The motion is approved.

D. Springer thanked the committee.

3. Resolution to encourage the WV Governor's Office to issue an order regarding wearing masks in public spaces.
4. **L. Robertson moved to accept the Resolution to encourage the WV Governor's Office to issue an order regarding wearing masks in public spaces.**

D. Springer – is there a back-story to this?

Mayor – the hope is that it will help sway the Governor to make a decisions on wearing masks. Giving input is valuable to him. We are saying that we are behind the Governor if he chooses to make wearing a mask mandatory.

M. Everhart – in general, the government should not be mandate masks.

L. Robertson – except when people are dying.

Mayor – called for a vote by raising their hands.

Yays – L. Robertson, D. Tucker, and D. Springer

Nays – M. Everhart

5. **The motion to accept the Resolution to encourage the WV Governor's Office to issue an order regarding wearing masks in public spaces.**

The motion was approved.

6. Farmers Market Schedule –

Mayor – the Farmers market wants to come back to King St behind the Library July 5th.

Natalie – we will have them file around with a specific In and Out, socially distance, plenty of signage, patrons can't touch the produce, there will be 4 hand-washing stations, extra volunteers, samples are pre-packaged, masks are encouraged, and directional /spacing tape on the street.

D. Springer – good job thinking it through. He will support it as long as you are willing to shut it down if something radical happens.

D. Tucker – regarding masks-encouraged?

Natalie – the vendors will require it to sell, but it is a public street.

L. Robertson – it is a public street that is in a residential neighborhood. There is more space to spread out on the Shepherd lot and the virus numbers are rising all over.

Natalie – there is shade on the street, we are requesting no dogs, no music, and not all vendors will be there. People need food and we are essential.

D. Tucker – the news is looking worse. Shepherd lot is safer as it allows for more distancing.

M. Everhart – supports them moving back to the old space.

Moves to approve the farmers market moving back to King St. behind the Library.

Mayor – we have a motion. Discussion? We can evaluate before we have another meeting.

M. Baach – it is in a residential neighborhood – people do congregate. There needs to be some sensitivity for all residents.

Mayor – lets have a vote by raising hands.

Yays – D. Springer and M. Everhart

Nays – L. Robertson and D. Tucker

Mayor – the motion to approve the Farmers market moving back is tied and therefore fails.

L. Robertson – can we revisit it in a month?

Mayor – the next meeting is July 9th.

D. Springer – move to allow the Farmers market to move back to King St. for one week as a trial, vendors to require masks from patrons to be served.

Discussion –

M. Everhart – you cannot require masks on a public street.

Mayor – will check on public street rules and will add this as an agenda item to the July 9th special town council meeting.

Vote by raising your hands.

Yays – L. Robertson, D. Tucker, and D. Springer

Nays – M. Everhart

The motion is approved to allow the Farmers Market to move back to King St for one week as a trial, vendors to require masks from patrons to be served.

5. Mayor's Report –

This Wednesday – the Jefferson County health Department Officer, Dr. Reidy – will have a virtual town hall meeting. The link is on our website. You have to sign up and can speak.

Saturday at 11 a.m. – there is a walk down German St by the Shepherdstown Fire Department carrying their large American Flag. Council member please help with social distancing.

We are the only municipality to support the No Mask, No Service rule

L. Robertson – move to adjourn. Mayor – if there are no objections, move to adjourn at 4:13 p.m. No objections noted.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Recorder for the Corporation of Shepherdstown.