

**Council Minutes**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**October 28, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. - 502 Front St. E, Coeburn, VA**

**Attendees:**

Upon roll call, all members of Council were present. Jimmy Williams - Town Manager, Cathy Sharpe - Clerk/Treasurer, and William Sturgill - Town Attorney, were also present.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney called the meeting to order. Mr. Joe Still gave the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Mooney.

**Public Expression:**

Ms. Charlene Jessee, 805 Front Street, informed Council that there is an ongoing problem with people sleeping and littering on the steps that go from her house down to Front Street. Ms. Jessee contacted VDOT, and they are going to issue her a Special Use Permit to install a gate at the bottom of the steps. The representative from VDOT said he sees no reason she would not be able to install a gate if the town has no ordinance preventing it. Ms. Jessee says VDOT is the owner of the wall, and she owns the steps. She will have to have a gate company come and install the gate. VDOT will meet with the gate company and make sure there will be no damage to the wall. Mr. William Sturgill doesn't think there is any issue that would prohibit the gate installation but will double-check the ordinances. Mr. Mooney asked Ms. Jessee to provide the contact information for the VDOT representative she spoke with. Ms. Jessee will have the gate swing inward and not open onto the sidewalk and plans to have a lock installed on the inside of the gate. She is hoping the gate will deter people from sleeping on the steps and littering.

Mr. Bud Moore with Pro Med Ambulance Service, updated Council on the progress of the business and discussed the trucks that were dedicated to the town. The business has four transit vans, three box ambulances, and is in the process of getting an eighth vehicle. The company promised to provide the town with an ambulance that would be available 24/7 and Mr. Moore is working on that. He said it is a process. He said the company had to work with the Board of Pharmacy and the DEA to be able to provide the needed medicines for an ambulance service. The company has the two critical care trucks promised to the town and they are stocked and ready to go. The procedure is to get on the call list for the county. To do so, the GIS office, the County Administrator, and the Sheriff's department will need to set that up. Pro Med has attempted five times to get on the call list. Last week they attempted again and have not heard a response. The Pro Med representative said for the process to be completed, someone from the town may have to step in and place a call to get them on the list for 911. It's not feasible to pay someone to sit and wait on calls that never come, so in the meantime the company is using those ambulances to run transport calls. As soon as they are placed on the call list, those will be in service for calls in Coeburn. The Coeburn Fire Department asked for assistance on a call and couldn't receive that help from Pro Med because the truck was in use on a transport run. Since opening, they have only

received one 911 call. It is necessary to get on that call list to have a paramedic on staff and dedicated vehicles for the town. Mr. Moore said there are political issues involved, and it may be best for the town to request to be put on the list. Mr. Moore said he would be open to discussing the issue with Council privately but not at this time in this forum.

Ms. Victoria Fields, 367 Church Avenue, expressed concern about the amount of her water bill. Ms. Fields said her water bill is three times higher than normal. She said they have been monitoring their meter readings and had the house checked for leaks. Ms. Fields said the meter reading didn't change overnight, and she doesn't understand how the usage is 34,000 gallons. She said when they were watering the yard during the summer they only used 6,700 gallons. Ms. Fields said she talked to someone at town hall but is not sure what to do about this bill and is not able to pay the bill and it is past due. Ms. Fields is worried that the meter is faulty. Mayor Mooney asked who she spoke with at town hall. Ms. Fields wasn't sure but said she had been told that she may have a leaky toilet. Ms. Fields said she is not sure what to do. Mr. Joe Still asked how many people were in the household. Ms. Fields said it was her husband, son and herself. Mr. Still suggested that normal usage would be around 3,000 gallons a month and said hers is abnormally high. Mr. Mooney said he would have Mr. Jimmy Williams reach out to her tomorrow and help her plan what to do. Mr. Williams said it may be Wednesday before he is able to call.

Ms. Fields also expressed concern about the bridge near her house. She said during the recent rains, logs have washed down and are piled up under the bridge. She is not sure who to contact about that. Mr. Mooney said that public works will check that. Mr. Williams said there is a plan to check on all the bridges in town.

Mr. Jeff Collins, 202 Alfred St, addressed Council and asked to have the ordinances put on the town's website. Mr. Collins said the Zoning Ordinances are on the website and said that ordinances concerning property upkeep and maintenance need to be put on the website as well. Mr. Collins said he would also like ordinances regarding noise posted on the website. He took a moment to thank Mr. Jeff Kiser for his years on the Council. Mr. Collins also discussed the CNW fee the town pays and asked if the town also pays 25% of any fees CNW incurs. Mayor Mooney said the fee the town pays includes projected expenses. Mr. Collins said that fee is a lot of money and is killing the town. He asked Mr. Jimmy Williams if he had sent letters out to property owners that have not been keeping up with their property maintenance. Mr. Williams said he has sent some. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Williams to send a letter to his neighbor and Mr. Williams agreed to do so. Mr. Collins stated that he understood the sewer system had undergone updating under this Council. Mr. Jeff Kiser said a large portion of the water system has undergone updating. He said there is a sewer project coming up in the next year. Mr. Collins said the previous Council had fixed the issues that were visible, and this current Council has spent time fixing issues that can't be seen. Mr. Kiser said the water and sewer systems have undergone quite a bit of work, and the water filtration plant was completely overhauled. Mr. Collins said that work was good and now Council needs to look at blighted areas that need to be cleaned up.

Mr. Collins said that the ordinances need to be updated to have the property owners pay to have the property cleaned up.

Ms. Sheilah Collins, 202 Alfred Street, thanked Police Chief Travis Mullins and his department for doing such a good job. Ms. Collins said she felt safe in her town and welcomed Brandon Meade and Westley Swindall back to the department.

Mr. Shannon Isaacs, 104 Chestnut Avenue, addressed Council concerning an issue he has with his trash pickup. Mr. Isaacs stated he has always taken his trash can to the end of his street to be picked up but now that he is one of the only people left living up that street, the trash truck will no longer come and pick up his trash. Mr. Isaacs purchased a piece of property on Linkous Street behind his current residence. He said in the past, the trash truck would come right up to that home on Linkous and now will not do so. Mr. Isaacs said he was told the trash truck cannot get up that road. Mr. Isaacs said he was told to put his trash down by the main road and it would be picked up. He feels the town has singled him out because the truck has been coming up that road for thirty years and now that he is the property owner the trash can't be picked up. Ms. Still said she would look into the situation because she doesn't have enough information to respond at this time.

Mr. Yuseff Thornton addressed the issue brought up by Mr. Shannon Isaacs. Mr. Thornton works for the Town of Coeburn in the public works department and is familiar with the trash route. Mr. Thornton stated that Mr. Isaacs does not always put his trash out. He said the property behind Mr. Isaacs has multiple dogs and Mr. Thornton feels it is not safe for the trash crew to approach that property. It is also not safe for the large trash truck to go to that property because there is not sufficient space to turn around. He said these reasons prompted the request for Mr. Isaacs to bring his trash to the street for pickup.

Public expression was closed.

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney made a motion to add under Old Business (A.) Jeff Proulex Presentation. Vice Mayor Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Jeff Kiser made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

### **Reports:**

#### Fire Department

There was no representative from the Fire Department present. Mr. Mooney reminded everyone that the Fire Department Spooktacular would be October 31<sup>st</sup>, with set up beginning when the road closes at 5 p.m.

#### Police Department

Mr. Travis Mullins, Police Chief, gave a copy of the department's activity log to each member of Council. Chief Mullins reported it has been a busy month. The department has been customizing SOMA to meet the needs of the department. The storms that hit a few weeks ago caused

connectivity issues with some of the equipment and that is being worked out. The local business patrol checklist is being updated, and the department has been working on several lengthy investigations with the Sheriff's Office and other outside agencies.

The department was reimbursed for two grants in the amounts of \$48,378.30 and \$6,426.00. The department has hired two officers and one person for office staff. The department has taken part in the Homecoming Parade, Jeepers Creepers, the Happy Days Diner grand opening and car show, Trunk or Treat at the Primary School, and the Law Enforcement Appreciation and Red Ribbon Week at the Wise County Career and Tech Center. The police department will also assist when the children from the library trick or treat and at the Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event downtown on Halloween. The fire department and public works assisted with these events as well and Chief Mullins expressed his thanks to each department.

Mr. Mullins reported several officers completed training and Chief Mullins completed phase two of the grant funded Southern Police Institute Leadership Course through Louisville University. Officer Gross completed the FTO school, which was much needed, Officer Elkins received his radar instructor certification, Captain Brickey also completed FTO training.

Chief Mullins attended a regional meeting in Abingdon with representatives from the State Police Emergency Management System in reference to the recent storms and local impacts on the region, and the extension of satellite radio use for the department. Mr. Mullins is waiting for quotes on surveillance cameras for the downtown area. He has found a grant that will provide some funding for the project. There have been fewer workers from the Wise Works programs available, but as the availability increases the department will have more workers to help around the town.

Mr. Jeff Kiser asked for an update on the Highway Safety Grant. Chief Mullins said the paperwork needs to be completed and sent to Richmond. He said the paperwork is filed quarterly. Mr. Kiser said he is proud to have Chief Mullins working for the town and thinks he does a great job. Mr. Mooney echoed Mr. Kiser's comments and welcomed Brandon Meade and Westley Swindall back.

#### Water Plant

There was no representative from the water plant present.

#### Town Manager

Mr. Jimmy Williams, Town Manager, reported that he has a meeting scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Thomas Lawson from Lenowisco. Mr. Williams reported that several resolutions and ordinances have been added to the town's website, but there are a whole lot more to go. Mr. Williams is working with the web builder on website storage.

Mr. Mooney asked if Mr. Williams had met with Mr. Spell from the Job Corps about the sidewalk quote. Mr. Williams has met with Mr. Spell and is waiting for the quote. Ms. Still asked about the concrete work at the pool. Mr. Williams said that Mr. Spell thinks it would be best to do repairs in the spring and do the whole thing and not spot repairs. Ms. Still will look for grants for the

repairs. She said the paving job went over budget and asked if the paving company was aware. Mr. Williams said the company paved an area they had not included and called in the middle of the job. Mr. Williams had him finish the job.

Ms. Still asked for an updated list of boards, terms, and members. Mr. Williams advertised for members for open spots on local boards and had no response other than a few calls to see if the positions were paid positions. Mr. Mooney would like to have the list of the committees so the Council can reach out individually and try to find people to fill positions. Mr. Williams said he would email that information to Council.

Mr. Mooney asked if there was an update on the Flatwoods pump station. Mr. Williams said one pump has been pulled and is being repaired. He will be bringing Council information on the price of a chopper.

Mr. Carles Collins asked about paving the road beside Priceless. Mr. Williams has not received a quote for that job. Ms. Still said the road is flat and asked if that was something the town could pave. Mr. Williams said the roller is not operational, but a roller could be rented. Mr. Mooney asked for the price of a roller rental and paving. Mr. Williams will check the pricing for that project and get it back to Council.

#### Public Works

Mr. Jeff Livingston, Public Works Supervisor, was absent. Mr. Williams didn't have the exact numbers, but said public works has repaired several leaks, jetted sewer lines near the school and repaired lines on Trent Street.

#### The Lane Group

There was no representative from The Lane Group present. Mr. Williams spoke with The Lane Group and said paperwork is being submitted to VRA for loans for the upcoming sewer project and hopes that bidding for the project will begin after the first of the year.

#### Treasurer

Ms. Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, reported a posted cash balance of \$172,724.63 as of 10/25/2024. She reported outstanding checks in the amount of \$97,521.67, accounts payable due in the amount of \$32,717.23 and interim accounts payable in the amount of \$277,000.89. Ms. Sharpe said the amount of the interim accounts payable is high because that is the total from the last voting meeting until this meeting. After deducting the accounts payable due and outstanding checks, the reconciled balance was \$42,485.73.

Ms. Sharpe presented meeting minutes for September 9, 2024, regular meeting and September 23, 2024, special called meeting.

Ms. Sharpe reported two additional deposits since reports had been presented for the meeting. Friday's deposit was \$952.43, and today's deposit was \$9,054.29 making the total cash availability \$52,492.45.

Ms. Sharpe said she is in the process of completing taxes and those will go out at the end of the month.

Mr. Mooney asked about the software issue. Mr. Williams said it has not improved. Southern Software will continue to work on it after the taxes are completed.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes. Carles Collins and Jeff Kiser abstained.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the September 23, 2024, special called meeting minutes as presented. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Mooney opened the floor for questions for Ms. Cathy Sharpe regarding the accounts payable and interim accounts payable. Mr. Jeff Kiser asked if the amount of the CNW payment was correct. Mr. Mooney said that he has verified those numbers, and they are correct.

Mr. Jeff Kiser expressed concern that the cash availability is extremely low. Once again, he cautioned against spending. Mr. Kiser said that the taxes would be coming in next month and business license payments will come in later, but told everyone that if they do not need something, do not buy anything.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the accounts payable due as presented. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the interim accounts payable as presented. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Mooney asked Ms. Sharpe to thank the staff at town hall for working so hard to get the taxes out.

#### Attorney

Mr. William Sturgill, Town Attorney, passed out the ordinance pertaining to store front property. The ordinance does contain exceptions for properties that are used as residences. Mr. Sturgill has spoken with Chief Mullins and the building and zoning department to make sure that the ordinance covers everything it needs to cover. Mr. Sturgill would like Council to review the draft of the ordinance so it can continue to move forward. Mr. Kiser asked Mr. Sturgill to read the ordinance to the audience so everyone would know what is going on. Mr. Sturgill said the ordinance is an expansion of the current ordinance to suit the needs of the town.

Mr. Mooney also asked Mr. Sturgill to read the ATV ordinance. The ordinance states all the requirements for operating ATVs in the town and the roads that are approved to drive on. Mr. Mooney opened the floor for questions regarding the ordinance. Ms. Still asked Chief Mullins if VDOT has given permission to travel on the Dale Ridge. Chief Mullins said that VDOT wants to

see what the town is proposing and then will review the ordinance. If it is not approved the ordinance will have to be amended. Mr. Kiser said he has been asked if golf carts could be used and if a golf cart driver must wear protective headgear. Mr. Mullins said that Spearhead doesn't allow golf carts on the trails. The ordinance will cover what the Spearhead Trails allows, and the town allows, but the language will need to be specific regarding golf carts and requirements. Mr. Kiser asked if he wanted to use a golf cart to drive to the store on a road approved for ATVs, would he be allowed to do so. He asked for a copy of the code section regarding golf carts. Ms. Still said that the speed limit must be 25 mph or lower, the driver must have a valid license, there needs to be an orange triangle on the vehicle and the code doesn't require a helmet. Mr. Mooney asked how much a Spearhead permit is and if the town gets a percentage of the proceeds. Mr. Mullins said there are different permits available for different prices. Mr. Mooney said this ordinance only benefits Spearhead and not the citizens of the town that may want to ride an ATV from one location to another or the town that will not be collecting any proceeds from permit sales. Chief Mullins said there is a benefit to the town residents that don't live directly on an ATV approved road because the ordinance will allow them to ride out to the ATV route and not have to trailer their vehicle that short distance. He said it would be a simple process to sell permits through town hall. Mr. Mooney said that he would like to clarify that item three of the ordinance states that all vehicles, including golf carts, would have to have a permit. Golf carts would be included in that event though they are not allowed on the trails. Mr. Kiser asked if the golf cart must have that permit. Ms. Still said she thinks that there may need to be a separate town permit for golf carts and ATVs that won't be driven on the Spearhead trails. Mr. Charles Collins asked about liability. Ms. Still said the liability will be on the driver and their insurance. Chief Mullins said there would need to be strict verbiage to keep the ordinance from being abused. Mr. Mooney asked Chief Mullins and Mr. Sturgill to work on that. Mr. Williams asked if the access road needed to be included. Chief Mullins said he understood the access road was included in Front Street.

#### **New Business:**

- A. VRSA Lincoln Options for Short and Long-Term Disability - Mr. Jimmy Williams said that Ms. Cathy Sharpe and Ms. Sherrie Meade-Olinger had a class with VRS and during the class there was a discussion of the employees on the hybrid plan and that this was a mandatory requirement for those employees since 2014. Mr. Williams said there were only three employees on the plan. He said no one knew why those employees were the only ones on the plan, and during the class it was determined that either everyone can be put on this plan or just all the hybrid employees. Mr. Williams said there is an option for all full-time employees to be covered and will be approximately \$21,000.00, but if the town makes the change now it will only be charged \$9,000.00. Option 2 will keep only the hybrid employees at \$3,000.00 instead of the full price of \$7,000.00. Mr. Kiser asked what the yearly cost would be. Mr. Mooney said the administrative fees are \$60.00 per month. Mr. Williams said he would find out the monthly amount for each option. Mr. Kiser said they could discuss it at the next meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Jeff Proulex - Mr. Proulex apologized in advance if he was not able to speak clearly or loud enough, informing Council that he has recently undergone dental surgery. Mr.

Proulex said he is addressing Council on behalf of the Coeburn Improvement Association, concerned citizens, and the Coeburn Strong Movement. Mr. Proulex has approached Council in the past and will continue doing so monthly to see what progress is made concerning properties that need cleaned up and other improvements in the town.

Mr. Proulex thanked Mr. Jeff Livingston and public works employees for cleaning up the Farmer's Market area, the sidewalks, hanging flags, wrapping the light posts with greenery, and their help with Homecoming Week. He said their hard work is appreciated. Mr. Proulex would also like to thank the Flatwoods Job Corps for all their hard work and help with hanging the Veteran's Banners for the Fourth of July, staining the bridges, and serving lunch to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens group. Mr. Proulex thanked Bruce Martin and the Job Corps for cleaning out the planters throughout town. The Coeburn Improvement Association has since planted those planters. Mr. Proulex thanked Town Treasurer, Cathy Sharpe, for responding quickly when asked for help. Mr. Proulex also thanked Food City, Steve Smith, and Gail Kiser for the new sign at the Gas and Go. When Ms. Kiser left Mr. Smith a message about the sign being old and in need of replacement, he was quick to answer, and the new sign was recently installed. The Coeburn Improvement Association also thanked all the businesses that decorated throughout the town, and the school children for decorating pumpkins to place throughout the town. All these events give Mr. Proulex hope that the town is moving in the right direction and shows how much can happen when the town works together. Mr. Proulex said that the town and Coeburn High School worked together for Homecoming week, and he looks forward to building on that relationship.

Mr. Proulex said over fifty people attended the Coeburn Strong meeting and many are attending tonight's meeting. There is concern about the future of the town and what a serious situation it is in. An attendee of the meeting feels that Coeburn is heading in the same direction as the Town of Pound and that is concerning to Mr. Proulex. The attendees of the Coeburn Strong meeting were disappointed that no member of Council showed up to attend the meeting. The group thinks that the absence makes it appear that Council does not care about the movement. Chief Mullins did attend the meeting and answered what questions he could. Mr. Proulex said the task of rebuilding and rebranding the town will take a village. Mr. Proulex asked Council to set a date for the next Coeburn Strong meeting.

Mr. Proulex said he does not want to continually bring complaints before Council and will instead try to focus on areas of opportunity. Mr. Proulex is concerned about the Farmer's Market area being used as a drop off area for used items, and pointed out that there are other locations in town that can get the items to people in need instead of the items being removed from the Farmer's Market and disposed of. Mr. Proulex also suggested moving the giving box to a more private area or closer to the school and moving the signs advising people not to leave items at the Farmer's Market down to eye

level. He also suggested adding a notice to the website to inform people that the Farmer's Market area is not a site to drop used items. Mr. Proulex also suggested that the town add some type of material to the fencing at the storage area behind Celebrate to keep the stored items hidden and to replace the current covering that is torn. He is also aware that there are electrical issues with the fountain and would like to know when those issues will be resolved. Mr. Proulex said the streetlights are dirty and covered in coal dust and spider webs and he would like to see the sidewalks blown off before the holidays.

Mr. Proulex said it has been suggested that a maintenance calendar detailing what needs to be done before events needs to be created and said that it is not the responsibility of Mr. Jeff Livingston, but is the responsibility of Town Manager, Jimmy Williams, to plan and delegate. Mr. Proulex also reviewed a list of properties that need to be cleaned up or condemned and understands that the ordinance will help the town to get these properties up to standard. He suggested the town look into a theme for the town to create an aesthetic look. The town is closed to many outdoor activities and pointed out other towns, such as Asheville, NC, and Gatlinburg, TN, which have themes and new builds must conform to the theme and there are ordinances in place to make that happen. Mr. Proulex asked Mr. Williams for a monthly update on the properties on the list that he submitted. He said the list has been submitted before with the request that letters be sent to property owners to have the properties cleaned up.

Mr. Proulex expressed concern that Mr. Williams does not show interest in the town, and often misses deadlines for grants. He said he is not sure who to talk to about his concerns and feels the chain of command doesn't work. He is concerned about the handling of the Spartan stencil and the VDOT permit. Mr. Proulex feels that Mr. Williams put the permit request in too late and received a vague denial from VDOT and feels that the request needed more details and a photo of the stencil. Mr. Proulex said Council needs to evaluate the performance of the town manager yearly and make sure that the job performance is up to standard. He referred to his community comparison board and would like to display photos of areas that have been improved as the improvements are made.

When Mr. Proulex concluded his presentation, Mr. Jeff Kiser assured Mr. Proulex that his concerns are heard and as a fellow member of the CIA he is aware of that side of the situation. The scope of the CIA has been community events, festivals, and beautification of the town. Mr. Kiser feels the scope of Coeburn Strong is different than the scope of the CIA and is more towards the revitalization of buildings and moving the town forward. Mr. Kiser feels that communication has been an issue, and as a way to overcome those gaps in communication, is suggesting forming a Coeburn Revitalization Committee.

Mr. Kiser made a motion to form the Coeburn Revitalization Committee consisting of seven members: Mr. Jeffrey Proulx as Chair, Mayor Deventae Mooney, Town Manager, Jimmy Williams, and four other individuals to be determined and made known to Council at the next meeting. This committee will be able to set a regular date to meet at the depot and discuss how to move forward. Mayor Deventae Mooney seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Sharon Still asked if seven people were necessary. Mr. Kiser said that number of people allows for additional input. Ms. Still said all the boards and commissions have a member of Council on the board and opens the door for communication to the other Council members and the Town Manager has the knowledge of ordinances and the wording of the motion needs to just be Town Manager.

Mayor Mooney seconded the amended motion. Ms. Still asked if there was an application for board members. Mr. William Sturgill will work on that, and it can be picked up at town hall when it is ready. Mr. Kiser said his hope for this committee is to be successful in the way that a similar committee has been successful in neighboring St. Paul. Ms. Still said Susie Pate in St. Paul is a wealth of information. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Carles Collins - Aye  
Jeff Kiser - Aye  
Deventae Mooney - Aye  
Joe Still - Aye  
Sharon Still - Aye

**Closed Session:**

There was no need to enter into Closed Session.

**Comments and Concerns:**

Carles Collins - Mr. Collins had no comments or concerns.

Jeff Kiser - Mr. Kiser said all departments in the town do a fabulous job and do a lot of work that is not seen by everyone in the town and goes above and beyond. He thinks that what has been done at this meeting is a positive step moving the town forward with this committee. Mr. Kiser thinks the formation of this committee will resolve the communication issues that have occurred in the past. He thinks the Coeburn Revitalization Committee being involved with the community and local government is a fabulous thing and is looking forward to a lot of great things coming

from this committee. There will be a lot of hard work going forward with this committee and Mr. Kiser thanked them in advance for their efforts. He said the Veteran Banners will be going up on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Still - Mr. Still thanked Mr. William Sturgill for his guidance. He thanked Mr. Jimmy Williams for his work for the town and thinks that everyone needs to spend time with him to find out what really goes on at town hall, that it would teach people a lot. Mr. Still thanked Ms. Cathy Sharpe for her work in keeping all the money straight and the compassion shown for the job. He thanked all department heads and thanked them for taking the job to heart. Mr. Still feels confident in the water department. He appreciates the citizens and their attendance at the meeting and interest in the committee. He said the committee in St. Paul has done a wonderful job and has regular meetings. Mr. Still prays the committee's endeavors will be blessed and their work can be accomplished in a peaceful, loving and productive fashion.

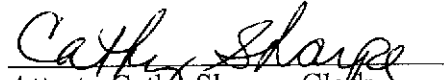
Sharon Still - Ms. Still thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and hearing what is going on and where we are at as a town. She thinks it is beneficial for people to attend the meetings and feels that hearing the Treasurer's report makes it apparent why the town can't do some things, because the funds just aren't available. Ms. Still said raising funds is hard because it comes from the citizens' taxes and the town works with what it has and does its best. The town tries to keep the police department fully stocked up and running, and she thinks they do a great job. Ms. Still is very pleased with Chief Mullins and the job he is doing and welcomed Brandon Meade and Westley Swindall back. Ms. Still appreciates everything everyone is doing. She appreciates Chief Mullins' work on getting cameras placed in town and working on littering signs. Ms. Still said she had stopped at the Farmers Market and separated the trash from the food and put the food in the food box. The food box was put in for all families and not just children and she has seen many families stop and get food there and that is part of the community of giving. She said there is a need, and the box is very much needed. She said the box does not need to be pulled out. Ms. Still welcomed everyone back to the next meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

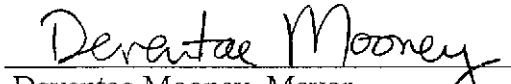
Deventae Mooney - Mr. Mooney thanked everyone who came out and all department heads and employees. He would like to make it clear that Council does not just gather twice a month. Mr. Mooney said there are many times Council is working during the day communicating with each other and working on problems. He thanked Council for their work. Mr. Mooney said the two remaining workshop meetings of the year will be cancelled due to the holidays and only the monthly voting meetings will be held. He reminded everyone that the Halloween Trunk or Treat is coming up, the Veterans banners will be put up, Home for the Holidays is November 30<sup>th</sup> and asked for vendor suggestions.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Vice Mayor Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk

  
Deventae Mooney, Mayor