

COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2014

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, DeBenedictis, Carrow and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Town Foreman Hurlock, Chief Hill, Linda Raab, Beatrice Enos, Ed Ide from I3a, Kathy Tucker, Eric Young, Cordell Carr, and Jenn Daily were also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Council Meeting 09/8/14 – motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to approve the Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting 09/16/14 – motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Budget Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Committee Meeting 09/30/14 – motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to approve the Street Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting 10/02/14 – motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Budget Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting 10/09/14 – motion made by Ms. DeBenedictis and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Budget Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Mr. Carrow to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

3. Communication:

- Ms. DeBenedictis read a letter from Ramunno & Ramunno. The MPO is having a meeting on October 21st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Camden Town Hall.

4. Chief of Police:

- Chief Hill presented the Chief's Accommodation Award to Officer Bishop and Patrolman Hume. Both were nominated by their Sergeant, Harvey Scott.
- On July 25, 2014, Officer Bishop observed a large crowd of 30 people at Spice 300. He went to the establishment to where it looked to be a fight when a gun shot was heard. Officer Bishop found the suspect behind trash cans which lead to a short foot chase. Officer Bishop shortly apprehended the suspect. After further investigation, the gun the suspect used was stolen.
- Chief Hill presented the Chief's Accommodation Award to Patrolman Hume for investigating a burglary on August 22, 2014, in the area of Preston Lane. Patrolman Hume was able to get information of the possible suspect who lives in

the area. The following day Patrolman Hume was able to speak with juveniles in the area. They advise Patrolman Hume of a black suspect caring a hand gun and heard of him carrying and firing the weapon. After further investigation, Patrolman Hume was able to place the suspect in the area of shots fired complaint on July 31st. The suspect was interviewed on August 24th, and he admitted that on July 31st he entered the victim's resident and stole a firearm out of a bedroom. Suspect also admitted he fired the handgun on two other occasions. The suspect was arrested.

5. Inspections/Enforcement:

- Mr. Hurlock informed Council 72 permits, 19 new home permits, 116 contractor licenses, and 30 business licenses were issued so far this year.

6. Electric:

- Mr. Hurlock advised Council that tree trimming will be starting.

7. Streets:

- Mr. Letterman addressed Council regarding the portable basketball hoops. The Committee was advised by someone that Clayton was the only Town to have an ordinance regarding the basketball hoops. Mr. Letterman advised this person that he would look into this matter and advise Council and the public of the findings at the next Council Meeting. The secretary sent out an email to all 57 municipalities. Out of those 57 municipalities, 19 responded. Please see attached documentation.

8. Water & Sewer:

- Mr. Hurlock said the Town has applied for a grant some time ago. The Town did receive the grant to install a security system for our water and sewer system.

9. Personnel:

- Ms. DeBenedictis asked Mr. Hurlock how much time the part-time employee be active? Mr. Hurlock responded the part-time is almost done.

10. Budget:

- Mr. Letterman – the scope of the budget is looking good. The next Budget Meeting will be scheduled around November 12th.

11. Unfinished Business:

- Acceptance of agreement in principle with developer in Huntington Mills reference street paving – Mr. Letterman referred to the letter which was read during the communication portion of the Council Meeting. The agreement was changed from 1 year to 2 years for completion of paving the streets in Huntington Mills.

Motion was made by Mr. Letterman to accept the letter from Rammuno & Rammuno for the street paving project to be completed in 2 years seconded by Mr. Dias. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business:

- Vote on a plan to schedule the paving of streets in Huntington Mills – Mr. Letterman stated the street paving project would be done as a whole project instead of phases and will be done by DelDot standards. Mr. Letterman would like to have the project completed before the end of November 2014 weather pending.

Motion was made by Mr. Letterman to approve the street paving project in Huntington Mills. All streets will be paved as a whole and will meet DelDot standards seconded by Mr. Dias. Mr. Letterman stated the funding for the project will come from Impact Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

- Downtown District Development – Ms. DeBenedictis stated she attended a meeting regarding the Downtown Development. Ms. DeBenedictis turned the floor over to Ms. Raab who spoke in regard to the project. Please see attached documentation that was submitted by Linda Raab. Ms. DeBenedictis read the resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Letterman to accept the resolution for the Downtown District Development seconded by Mr. Carrow. Mr. Carrow stated the program will be great for the Town of Clayton to promote new businesses and to retain them. Motion carried unanimously.

- Brick for Firehouse Memorial Park – Mr. Carrow spoke regarding the bricks for the Memorial Park. Mr. Carrow stated the Town logo wouldn't be able to be on the brick because of the logo being very detailed. The wording would be "In honor of those who have served the Clayton Community. The Town of Clayton." The size of the brick will be 8"x8" and the purchase price for the brick is \$250.00.

Motion was made by Ms. DeBenedictis to accept the brick purchase for the Memorial Park at the Firehouse seconded by Mr. Dias. Mr. Letterman stated this is in addition to the donation the Town has already made in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Carrow said the money raised for the Memorial Park will stay in the Memorial Fund. The money would be used to maintain the Memorial site and the cost to install new bricks at tthe Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

- Amanda Dempsey – Compassion of Police Officer with children - Mayor Horn asked Chief Hill to contact Ms. Dempsey in reference to this matter and to get back with Mayor Horn on the outcome. Chief Hill said he would let the Mayor know.

- Mayor Horn said he attended an award ceremony at the American Legion prior to the Council Meeting. Kelly Polito was awarded for his long time service in the community since 1964.

13. Adjournment:

*Motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight

Public Forum
October 13, 2014

Ed Ide from I3a and owner of 315 Main Street – Mr. Ide expressed his support to Councilperson DeBenedictis regarding the Downtown District Development program. He would also be interested in supporting a committee and willing to sit on the committee.

Kathy Tucker wanted to mention there was a report filed with the police department. Someone she knows was to come in and speak today about a situation that occurred with the police department. She was told by someone in the Town Hall the item was taken off the agenda she was not present tonight. It is basically lack of empathy. Mayor Horn advised there is something on the agenda regarding the compassion of police officer with children. Mrs. Tucker said the item was removed.

Sandy DeLane – I was on the agenda about 2 months ago and I want to follow up on refunding the utility deposit. Mayor Horn said we do not have those papers her tonight, but if you want please fill out the form to have yourself placed on the agenda. Mr. Letterman said the information would need to go before the Electric Committee first. Ms. DeLane asked, “When is the next meeting.” Mr. Horn said the meeting would be set up following the guidelines of FOIA.

Eric Young (Young Bean) is also in support for the Downtown District Development program.