



The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Danny Ritchie  
Alderman: Dennis Anthony  
Alderman: Matt Johnson  
Alderman: Rick Cline  
Alderman: Terry Yount

Others present:

Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw  
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula  
Attorney: Rod Willcox

Alderman Cline opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Council voted unanimously to approve the October minutes by a motion from Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Yount.

**Burke Business Park** – Manager Bradshaw presented an easement between the partners of Burke Business Park and the City of Morganton for an electric line on the Burke Business Park Property. This permanent easement will allow Morganton access to go across property to put in the electric line for the water tank. Any business located in the park will receive electric service from City of Morganton. This easement is also needed before construction of the water tank can be started. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the easement between the Burke Business Partners and the City of Morganton and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the easement is attached as part of the minutes.

**Proclamation for Burke County Non-Profit Day** – Mayor Ritchie read the proclamation which encourages all citizens to recognize the positive impact nonprofit organizations have on the quality of life of the citizens of Drexel and Burke County. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Johnson to approve the Proclamation for Burke County Non-Profit Day and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of the minutes.

**Drexel Police Department** – Chief Treadway was present to review the October report and stated that the department had a steady month. Alderman Anthony asked if the department had any issues at the Drexel Kwik Mart with the sweepstake machines. Chief Treadway said that they have been unplugged and not in use at this time and they are supposed to be picking them up. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

**Departmental Reports** – The Council reviewed the financial and tax reports for October, 2020. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

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**Attorney Report** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Planning & Zoning Report** – Teresa Kinney, Planner was present to review any planning and zoning issues from October. She discussed the Jason Ramsey issue at 2775 US 70 E and stated that she has noticed a few more vehicles have been moved. A copy of the report is attached listing the zoning information handled for the month of October.

**Miscellaneous** –

- Next meeting will be December 1, 2020 at 6 pm
- Thanksgiving Breakfast at R.O. Huffman Center at 9 am on November 19th
- Office closed Veteran's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, December 17th
- Alderman Anthony asked if the recreation department would be having football this year and Manager Bradshaw said that football sign ups will start this week and practices will start in January with games starting in February, 2021. Basketball and Indoor Soccer are cancelled for this season.
- Alderman Johnson asked about the storm damage from last week. Manager Bradshaw stated that we had 8 poles down due to trees falling and hitting lines. Lots of power out, worst area was Seitz Rd. Regulator in substation also went out causing power to be out in the town hall for hours also. We had mutual aid from Gastonia and Concord to help the Public Works crew with resetting poles and lines.
- Manager Bradshaw made the Council aware that the older firetruck has a bad pump and didn't pass the pump test. The quote for repairs will be approximately \$10,000 which is an unexpected expense but we need the truck and this amount is much better than the expense of a new truck.
- Alderman Anthony asked Chief Treadway about the arrival of the new police car. Chief Treadway stated it may be in the next couple of weeks.
- Manager Bradshaw made the Council aware that a citizen from Westwood Drive asked if the town could extend the sidewalk on Mountain View Street from Burke St down to Mountain View Drive. Manager Bradshaw received the quote for this project which was \$130,000. She stated this was as much as paving a street and didn't think this was something the town should invest in. Alderman Cline said years ago they asked about a sidewalk in front of his house and since it's a state maintained road the Department of Transportation told him if each person would pay for the part in front of their house then they would install so maybe we would need to go that route. Manager Bradshaw also said that we are out of Powell Bill funds due to the paving projects we have completed in the last few years.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Cline to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. and the vote was unanimous.

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