

Mayor & Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2015

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6 pm in the Mayor & Council meeting room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Windsor, Bollinger, Phillips and Morean. Also in attendance were staff, citizens and media.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Planner who welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Historical Moment

Ms Donna Glime shared a historical moment about Charlie Walker and the many homes he built in Town, and the windmill that was in his backyard.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2015-03 - Sale of Municipal Property

Mayor Planner opened the Public Hearing and gave an overview of the proposed project, and plans to purchase property in the Frank Adams Industrial Park and construct a facility to grow medical cannabis for medical use. The plants would be processed and distributed to assist patients with cancer, glaucoma, and a host of other medical problems. This product cannot be smoked.

Brynja Booth added that there are two documents before the Council tonite - a letter of support and Ordinance 2015-03. Maryland Natural Treatment Center would also be required to pay a \$2,500 non-refundable fee if the Town agrees to enter into the option agreement to purchase municipal property.

Guests

Chris Jakubiak - Strategic Development Plan Presentation

Mr. Chris Jakubiak, Urban Planner has been working on a Strategic Development Plan for Federalsburg. Mr. Jakubiak gave a powerpoint presentation and reviewed many ideas and strategies for the Town of Federalsburg. The Mayor and Council will review this plan in greater detail and get back with Mr. Jakubiak at a later date.

Old Business

Request for Small Business Loan - Federal Brewing Company

Ms. Gayle Galbraith gave a brief presentation of her Small Business Loan Request of \$58,000, and asked that the Mayor and Council give approval tonight of the loan so that she can proceed with her project and get the brewery open. Ms. Galbraith also stated that she has invested over \$200,000 of her own money already into the brewery. Mayor Planner stated that the Mayor and Council would not be able to give her a decision tonight, and Brynja Booth also advised that there is a State regulation that requires a 30 day review period prior to a decision being made. Councilmember Windsor stated that this was one of the best business plans he had ever read.

Letter of Support - Maryland Natural Treatment Solutions

The draft letter of support was tabled from the last meeting until the Public Hearing to hear comments from the public. Mayor Planner read the letter. Councilmember Windsor asked if the representatives originally told the Council 40 new jobs would be created, Kristy Marshall was asked to contact Maryland Natural Treatment Solutions and find out.

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to one to approve the letter of support after finding about the correct number of new jobs that will be created.

Website Design

This topic was a follow-up from last meeting but there was nothing new to report.

Water Leak Repairs - Smokin' Grill

The Mayor and Council were advised that Town obtained an estimate from Briggs Plumbing to repairs several water leaks in the amount of \$2,240, at the restaurant property being leased by Smokin' Grill. Happy Mayor was asked to contact USDA to see if funds from the Small Business Loan fund could be used to cover this expense. However, he has still not gotten an answer from USDA. After some discussion, Kristy Marshall was asked to follow-up tomorrow with another telephone call to try to get an answer from USDA, and to advise Mr. Briggs to proceed with the repairs. The Mayor and Council agreed that this expense is the Town's responsibility because it occurred prior to signing the lease.

New Business

Approval of Ordinance No. 2015-03 - Sale of Town Property

Mayor Planner called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-03 regarding sale of the property to Maryland Natural Treatment Solutions. A motion was made by Councilmember Windsor, seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed to approve Ordinance No. 2015-03 for sale of Town property.

Resolution - Municipal Government Week

Mayor Planner read Resolution No. 2015-06 declaring Municipal Government Month. A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger, seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero declaring November as Municipal Government Month.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society

Mrs. Donna Glime announced that on November 20th the Historical Society would be having a pit beef/pulled pork fundraiser at museum from 10 am until sold out.

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

Nothing to report.

Federalsburg Lions Club

Councilmember Morean reported the following:

December 4th at 6 pm - The lighting of the new tree at the triangle on West Central Avenue - the Lions Club will also begin putting up decorations around town this week.

December 14th at 7 pm - Christmas parade and Santa will be at the Museum afterwards

Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Morean, seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and passed by a vote of five to zero approving the minutes of the previous month.

Public Comment

Chief Nagel

Chief Nagel reported that the Halloween Party/Event went well and we are not trying to eliminate trick or treating. He also thanked the Lions Club for cooking 960 hotdogs and thanked First Church of God for organizing a great event.

Chief Nagel also stated that he sent an email to the Mayor and Council regarding a light pole at Brownie's Tires. Someone backed into it and the camera wasn't angled properly to catch them. Chief Nagel contacted USDA to see if there were funds available for repairs, and he was told no funds were available. We will have to fix the pole because the concrete is broken and pole leaning.

Wendy Znaniec

Ms. Znaniec asked for update on the status of the Town Manager. Mayor Planner stated that this is still on hold. She asked if the Mayor and Council were interviewing. Mayor Planner stated that the new council needs time to meet and discuss this matter, so everyone will need to please be patient.

Sam Smith

Mr. Sam Smith state that there is a bad pothole on the corner of Maple and Buena Vista Avenues. He asked Public Works to fill it a few weeks ago and they made an attempt but they must have run out of asphalt.

Amy Znaniec

Mrs. Amy Znaniec asked what the status is with the Historic District project. Brynja Booth stated that we can get an update from Happy, but Mr. Paul Tourart is still working on this project. Mrs. Znaniec also asked for an update on the facade grant program. Happy Mayer is on vacation and the Mayor and Council will get updates from him when he returns.

Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

None

Councilmember Bollinger

The Mayor and Council have received a list from Mr. DeHoff of Smokin' Grill, of items that were in the restaurant that he does not want. The Mayor and Council need to decide if they want to store them or sell them. It was agreed that the Town does not have a place to store these items.

Gayle Galbraith stated that she would like to see the list if the items are going to be sold, because she may be interested in purchasing something on the list. She was given a copy of the list and after taking a quick look, she stated that she would be interested in a couple items on this list. Ms. Galbraith will get with Happy next week about these items.

Councilmember Phillips

Kristy Marshall was asked to contact the State to find out the status of the light replacement on the East Central Avenue Bridge.

Councilmember Morean

Councilmember Morean advised that he attended the open house for new Choptank Mental Health Facility. Tomorrow is their first official day open, it is a very nice facility.

Mayor Planner

Mayor Planner could not attend the grand opening of the Mental Health Facility because he was at the MML Convention at Hyatt in Cambridge.

Mayor Planner stated that the trunk or treat event was fabulous, and he reiterated that it is not to replace trick or treating and the Mayor and Council want to continue both each year. Chief Nagel talked with Pastor Peter Smith and they will try to work the time for party to better coordinate with the time for trick or treating.

Kristy Marshall

Kristy Marshall asked the Mayor and Council if they had an opportunity to review the water and sewer concern that was outlined in their weekly report. The residents meter showed usage of 489,000 gallons but there have been no leaks and no excessive usage. After some discussion the Mayor and Council agreed to wait to have Steve pull the meter and check it for any problems, then they will make a decision.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Morean and passed by vote of five to zero to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Deputy Clerk