

Minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:45 P.M. at the Town Hall. Mayor Campbell opened the hearing and stated this hearing is scheduled to receive public input on the request to rezone two (2) properties located within an Industrial District (M-1) to Agriculture (A-C). These properties are 108 Battleground Avenue known as the Shell Building 114 Battleground known as the Show Grounds.

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Campbell, Mayor  
(Public Steven W. Johnson, Town Manager  
Hearing) Christen Burkholder, Town Attorney

COUNCIL: Danny Maiden, Todd Young, Neil Johnson, Bill Palmer, Ron Orr

ABSENT: Sabrena Ison

Mayor Campbell stated any citizen wanting to speak please come to the front state you name and address.

Jim Eller, Bristol, Tennessee, stated to Council that he was born and raised in Glade Spring. Mr Eller stated to Council the reason why he was speaking tonight is preserving history; which when we were growing up we never did think of history. Mr. Eller stated to Council what is being proposed to Broddy Bottom would be very detrimental to the history of Saltville and Southwest Virginia. Growing up Mr. Ellis implied we were never told anything about the History of Saltville or the Battle of Saltville, the only thing he had ever heard about it when his mother was born and raised upon Smoky Row. Mr. Eller stated his mother talked about going upon the hill upon Smoky Row and seeing trenches, leather, and all kinds of brass. Mr. Eller indicated he has always felt that Saltville could be the best drawing cards pertaining to Civil War History and back to other times in history where the bones and other artifacts that are being found at the present time. Mr. Eller stated he was sure that the Tourism Commissioner in the State of Virginia could help you a great deal more than what you plan on putting in this bottom. This is based on what Olin did here prior to World War I at the Old Government Plant where they supplied gas for this war and supplied chemicals for Services during World War II. Mr. Eller stated that the Civil War was a great time in our history, but a sad time; which in fact it brought our great Nation together. Mr. Eller stated Saltville played a part in this time with the salt that preserved the meat and produce in this area and stated personnel hated to see Broddy Bottom destroyed. Mr. Eller indicated he was sure the Fish Farm would be beneficial to Saltville and is sure there are other locations for such farming or can be considered for such activities. Mr. Ellis discussed that grant were available through the Civil War Preservation Trust to help restore and preserve such property.

Mr. Eller stated he was talking to a gentleman in Bristol saying his mother was a Broddy from Saltville; which they have been studying the history of the African Americans Broddy's in Saltville. Mr. Eller told Council that Broddy Bottom was given to his great great great grandmother because she was a slave for the original land owner. This is being held a sufficient because this was granted to her after the Civil War.

Mr. Eller asked Council to consider moving this proposal to another location and preserving that bottom stating he belonged to the Civil War Preservationist. Mr. Eller told Council that the Civil War Preservationist has already preserved Buckeye Street in which this looks down on

Broddy Bottom where the Confederates held them off. After a discussion, Mr. Eller thanked the Council for letting him speak.

Mayor Campbell asked if anyone else wished to speak. If not, Mayor Campbell thanked everyone for coming out and declared the public hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

Mayor Campbell stated the Council Meeting will start after a five (5) minute recess.

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Saltville Town Council held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall.

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Campbell, Mayor  
Steven W. Johnson, Town Manager  
Christen Burkholder, Town Attorney

COUNCIL: Sabrena Ison, Danny Maiden, Todd Young, Neil Johnson, Bill Palmer,  
Ron Orr

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order with Dickie Dye giving the invocation and Councilman Young leading in the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the December 11, 2007 minutes. Councilman Orr stated he would like to amend the minutes pertaining to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement to specify only Smyth County. Councilman Young seconded with the amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

There were two (2) citizens signed up for Citizens Time.

Dickie Dye, 602, River Road. Mr. Dye told Council that he was now the Executive Director of Meet Team II indicating he has a couple of things to bring in front of Council. One thing was for the last three (3) years we have been in a drought deficiency in Southwest Virginia with this year alone we were at a shortage of 20" on rain fall. Mr. Dye indicated what he would like to see Council do just in case we are going to have the drought that is expecting to come this year is to check on our water tables. Mr. Dye stated he has talked to other communities in the State of North Carolina and Virginia to maintain different levels in their tanks. Implied, there are four (4) different levels that are in sequence during drought conditions, with some towns have ran completely out of water.

Mr. Dye implied over the past several months discussion have been issues pertaining to the use materials within these facilities. As the Director of Meet II, Mr. Dye told Council that he had visited all the Industries and looked over their MSDS Sheets ( Material Safety Data Sheets) and did not see any type of pollutant that would harm the citizens of Saltville. They have DEQ permitting some things that fall within their patient/design are not allowable for public viewing. Mr. Dye stated as Council, he would like to see you take a strong stance when issues like this gets out of hand. Also implying the worse thing that is out there is people parking their vehicles with gasoline engines.

Butch Kestner stated he just wanted to ask what is the progress of the bathrooms at the softball fields, within three (3) months softball will be starting. Steven Johnson stated he would bring back an update as soon as possible when the work starts.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Campbell ask that the first item on the agenda pertaining to the rezoning issue be tabled until Closed Session to discuss with our legal council.

Councilwoman Ison made the motion to table this issue for advisement from legal council. Councilman Orr seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Palmer abstaining.

Lance Morgan gave an update on the Town Projects that is being preformed by Anderson & Associates. Mr. Morgan gave a detailed update on the Henrytown Water Project stating the biggest holdup on this was an environmental concern. Mr. Morgan stated that advertisement for this project will be in the Sundays paper for three (3) weeks with the Councils authorization.

Councilman Young made a motion the authorize Anderson & Associates to advertise the project. Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Johnson asked what the finishing time frame was for this project. Mr. Morgan indicated he would imagine around two (2) months.

Councilwoman Ison appointed Jimmy Roberts to the Budget Committee.

Councilman Maiden appointed John Norris to the Land Management Committee.

Councilman Young discussed the issue of placing a street light on Ridgeview Road indicating that he had done the required surveys and no problems exist. Councilman Young made a motion to move forward on the street light. Councilman Palmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Steven Johnson told Council that Mr. Ball did not wish to speak to Council at this time regarding item # 6.

Steve Surber discussed the parking issues located at Marshall Street. Mr. Surber stated that Mr. Bobby Lynn put the funds up for the signs during the dedication of this street. The issue being the drive ways to the homes that are owned by Mr. Lynn are having difficulties being able to access because of neighbors in the rear parking in the street. Mr. Surber indicated to Council he was asking permission to install no parking signs at this location. Mayor Campbell asked what is the cost of the signs, Mr. Surber stated around \$150.00.

Mayor Campbell replied stating it is sort of redundant if they can't park there by law he would hate to spend money to put the signs up. Mayor stated to ticket them would be the best reasoning to get them to move. Mr. Surber stated they will try that, but you know that the oppositions defense attorney first question would ask about signs.

Steven Johnson gave the Town Managers Report. Mr. Johnson gave an update on the meeting pertaining to the Downtown Revitalization that was held in December. Mr. Johnson held

the drawing of the commons area and the actual location of the stage. Mr. Johnson also discussed the drawing of the stage, which saying the architect did a good job modeling the stage after the depot that once set at this location.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the upcoming meeting relating to the Town's web site. Councilman Johnson stated that he was in four (4) meeting last week saying there were several events that need to be included on the web site including th re-enactment. Councilman Johnson stated that this site needed to be up to up dated whom ever is in charge of it.

## OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Orr discussed the budget committee that was held on January 3, 2008 to discuss two items that was referred by Council. The first item was if funding was available in the budget for the Tourism Kiosk advertisement. Councilman Orr stated that funds are available in the Tourism Department for such funding. Councilman Orr stated the recommendation to Council was to fund the icon in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilman Orr indicated no action is warranted at this time until Mr. Lockner returns for an in-depth presentation.

Councilman Orr stated the second referral was pertaining to a request from the Seniors at Northwood asking for funding assistance for the trip to New York. The indication from the Seniors on funding was around \$5,000.00. Councilman Orr stated that the committee looked through the budget, no money was allocated for such. Councilman Orr stated due to several unanticipated issues that are being funded, it was the committee's recommendation not to fund such request.

Councilman Johnson asked Councilman Orr it there was some way to find some funding, he has been there and done that. Councilman Johnson indicated that he thinks the Town should in the future fund the school with an x-amount of dollars. Councilman Johnson stated if this happens it would be up to Mr. Dunham request from the Town and where it is going to be spent.

Councilwoman Ison stating she does not agree with that, we will get ourselves in a big mess when someone else starts asking for funding.

Councilwoman Ison discussed the Planning Commission meeting held on January 3, 2008. Councilwoman Ison discussed the insert in the packet pertaining to the meeting and was the recommendation of the Planning Commission for Council to proceed with the re-zoning of the mentioned properties.

Steven Johnson stated to council the next Council meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2008, which is the date of the Presidential Primaries and when does Council wish to reschedule the meeting.

Councilman Young made a motion to schedule the February Council meeting to February 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Palmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Johnson stated he had attended several meeting last week especially the one on Friday night. Councilman Johnson said the meeting was with the Re-enacters, Coon Club, and the Historical Foundation together and it looks like the Coon Club and the Re-enacters are going to cooperate. Councilman Johnson asked Terry Hunt if they have any dates for the Re-enactment. Mr. Hunt indicated around the same time as last year , but he would have the exact date shortly.

Councilman Young made a motion to go into Closed Session, Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss personnel, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3)(5) to discuss business prospects, and Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(7) to discuss potential litigation. Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Mayor Campbell took a roll call vote to certify that only those matters identified in the motion to go in closed session were discussed during the closed session. Accordingly, each member present certified by responding "YES".

Councilman Young made a motion to transfer the Shell Building to the SIDA for negotiations with a potential buyer. Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1, Councilman Palmer abstaining.

Councilwoman Ison made a motion to refer the issue of the re-zoning the properties discussed in the public hearing over to the Ordinance Committee for a consideration of a Conditional Re-zoning. Also, to remove the appeal of right to re-zone. Councilman Young seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1, Councilman Palmer abstaining.

Councilwoman Ison made a motion to authorize advertisement of approximately a 1000 acres of timber sales. Councilman Maiden seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Young made a motion to authorize the advertisement of an Operational Pool Manager for the wave pool. Councilwoman Ison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Maiden made a motion to purchase a dump trailer to use on the trail for construction purposes and to haul the bobcat with the trail money. Councilwoman Ison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Ison made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 P.M. at the wave pool site. Councilman Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of a continued meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. at the wave pool/club house site.

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Campbell, Mayor  
Steven W. Johnson, Town Manager

COUNCIL: Danny Maiden, Todd Young, Neil Johnson, Bill Palmer

ABSENT: Sabrena Ison, Ron Orr, Christen Burkholder, Town Attorney

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order.

Councilman Maiden discussed the condition of the existing club house stating it was not in a state of repair. Also, Councilman Maiden indicated that he had met with the Senior Citizens on the purchase of their property. The reply was they want the same as equal to or better with a turn key ready to move into. Councilman Maiden suggested that the Town build a facility for the Senior Citizens in the parking lot on the other side of Clark's Pharmacy.

Tom Makowski the wave pool representative suggested to Council that Modular Club Houses are on the market and this is an alternative to move to other locations as needed. Councilman Palmer stated this could also be used as office space once it is discarded as a club house.

Councilman Young indicated this could be utilized until other means are acquired. Councilman Young indicated that if the Senior Building is purchased by the Town it would be Town property.

Carol Nutter indicated to Council that she needed a new kitchen area for concessions, saying it has been used for several years and is in bad need of repair as well. Councilman Johnson asked Ms. Nutter if she had the funds to pay for it.

Tom Makowski stated a modular 36'x16' would cost around \$23,000.00 and could be built to the club's specifications.

Councilman Maiden stated to Council that they would discuss this over with the Club's Board of Directors to see if this is what they want and the existing location to set the modular.

Councilman Maiden made a motion that the Town buy the lawn mower from the Golf Club to use on the trail with funds coming out of the trail account. Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

After a motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

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**MAYOR**

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