

Minutes of the special-called meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

**Council:** Tom Holley, Hiram Robinson, Eugene Call, Bryan Morris, Steve Surber  
Ron Orr was absent

**Mayor:**C. Todd Young

**Staff:** Brian Martin, Town Manager  
Erik Puckett, Police Chief  
Steve Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

### **New Business**

#### **1. Resolution/grant application**

Town Manager Brian Martin stated that the town would apply for a grant in an amount up to \$300,000 through the Department of Housing and Community Development's Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF). The goal of the IRF is to take vacant and blighted sites and repurpose them for job creation. As has been discussed, the town has had discussions with the Lifetime Wellness Center to locate a branch in the GCS building. The town is also working with the Smyth County Foundation to procure upwards of \$400,000 for this project as long as the town can obtain additional funding, too. To that end, several funding requests have been sent to local industries that have relationships with the town.

If the Council agrees to approve the resolution that goes with the grant application, there needs to be a motion to request that the SIDA releases their annual funding early to the town to provide the required match for the application. Councilman Morris made a motion to approve the resolution, and Councilman Surber seconded. All were in favor. Councilman Morris then made the motion to request the early release of the SIDA funding, and Councilman Surber seconded. All were in favor.

#### **2. Proposed purchase of equipment**

Mr. Martin said the maintenance department was in need of equipment and he had two bids on a dump truck that has a dump bed, a plow, and a salt spreader. The Mayor said it was his recommendation that this be discussed during budget time, and he set up Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the first budget meeting. He also said that he would like to meet each successive Tuesday until the budget was balanced. The proposed truck could be discussed then, and Public Works Director R.B. Henderson could have a list of the equipment he needs and/or

wants. The Mayor asked if there was a particular dealer in the state that would have special rates for municipalities, and Councilman Morris mentioned Sheehy Ford in Richmond. Sheehy's rates are probably the best in the state. All of the recent police cars the town now owns were purchased through Sheehy as were the town trucks. The Mayor then mentioned that he would like to see the town bid out snow removal services to see what kind of prices the town would receive.

Lastly, Councilman Holley made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Morris seconded. All were in favor.