

Minutes of the special-called meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on March 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

Council: Monica Johnson, Jeff Comer, Bryan Morris, and Steve Surber
Eugene Call and Gary Call were absent

Mayor: C. Todd Young

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

New Business

1. Bids for town mowing

The bids for mowing the town's properties were as follows:

- 1) Willis Crusenberry: \$800.00 per week for mowing the Salt Trail
- 2) BM Land Management: \$16,000 per month to mow everything but the cemetery
- 3) Danny Hanshew: \$2500 per month for the Salt Trail; \$3500 per month for the cemetery; and \$8500 per month for all other town properties

Police Chief Erik Puckett said he called the jail, and they told him that the town could expect the inmates back a little after May 1st. Right now there are no inmate supervisors, though, so those positions would need to be advertised, and the equipment they use would need to be serviced, so Town Manager Brian Martin said the town crew could do that.

Councilman Morris made the motion to accept the three bids from Danny Hanshew and have him do the mowing until the inmates come back. Councilwoman Johnson seconded, and the motion carried 3-1 with Councilman Surber voting no.

Councilman Morris then made a motion to advertise for inmate supervisors until April 29th, and Councilwoman Johnson seconded. All were in favor.

2. Town budget

The main purpose of this budget session was for new Emergency Medical Services Director Kyle Brewster to go over his wants and needs for this new department for the first and second years of its operation. Some of the items mentioned included first-time start-up costs, employee salaries and uniforms, the number of trucks needed (3), malpractice insurance, all supplies, and medical director fees, etc. He mentioned that much of the equipment needed could be obtained through grant funding, and he's already spoken to the town's grant writer. He said his proposal could be termed a Cadillac proposal since it contains everything the town could hope for.

Mr. Brewster also showed the Council what could be expected for reimbursement from the calls the ambulances respond to. Town Manager Brian Manager said he and Mr. Brewster will also approach the county to try and get more funding, though the Mayor stated he had heard that the county was going to give level funding to each town.

After some more discussion involving the total trucks that will be run and needed, Mr. Brewster said he would present the Council with two other proposals at the next meeting that involved one or two trucks instead of the three discussed tonight.

Councilman Morris then made the motion to adjourn, and Councilwoman Johnson seconded. All were in favor.