

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION
REMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2017, 7:00 PM
REMINGTON TOWN HALL
203 EAST MAIN STREET, REMINGTON, VA**

Mayor Gerald A. Billingsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Town Council Members Present: Devada R. Allison
Evan H. "Skeet" Ashby, III
Gabrielle "Bria" Grumbacher
Stanley L. Heaney, Sr.
Patrick T. Nelson, Jr.

Town Council Members Absent: Van M. Loving

Town Staff Present: Town Administrator Sharon G. Lee
Town Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly A. Bowrin

Guests Present: James Ivancic- Fauquier Times Paper, Joseph F. Korpsak

After introducing each person in attendance, Mayor Billingsley invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TIME

No one wished to address the Council at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Chair: Allison Member: Grumbacher

Council Member Allison shared that the Remington Volunteer Fire Department would be holding their Spring Bash on Saturday, April 15th. Mr. Allison also shared the invitation to the fire department's annual banquet on Saturday, April 22nd. He reminded Council to notify Ms. Bowrin if they would like her to RSVP to the fire department on their behalf.

Mr. Allison also shared that the MM Pierce Choir would not be performing at the upcoming movie night. Mr. Allison shared that Piedmont Environmental Council is planning a demonstration on the walks in Remington. He continued to state that the PEC demonstration would be in the Methodist church and that he plans on showing the movie outside in the community gardens unless it rains. He also shared that Remington American Legion Post 247 will be serving popcorn at the movie.

POLICE/PERSONNEL Chair: Ashby Member: Nelson

Council Member Ashby stated that he spoke with Chief Proffitt and that the department is trying to show a presence at the light at Route 29 and Freeman's Ford Road.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair: Heaney Member: Ashby

There was suggestion that the Council finish all the other reports and move the budget work session to the end of the committee reports. The Council agreed to move all the other committee reports up before working on the proposed FY2018 budget.

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WATER COMMITTEE Chair: Loving Member: Heaney

Council Member Heaney addressed the Council about the subject of changing the water meters to radio read meters. Mr. Heaney shared that he was told that the brass meters are better than the plastic meters. He shared that even though the plastic meters are cheaper, the brass meters last longer. Town Administrator Lee shared that the Town Superintendent will have a report at the next meeting. Council Member Heaney also shared the approximate cost for the leak repair at Lee's Glen. Mr. Heaney stated that Town Superintendent Steward is communicating with the Town Attorney to try and recover some costs from a bond that was issued to the original developer.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE Chair: Grumbacher Member: Loving

Council Member Grumbacher shared that the staff started the clean-up in the cemetery. She also shared that the mowing season has started.

PUBLIC FACILITIES Chair: Nelson Member: Allison

Council Member Nelson shared with the Council that he has a couple areas of sidewalks that he will be getting repair prices on.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Council Member Allison addressed the conditions of some properties in the Town. Mr. Allison stated that he would like to see if the Town could do more enforcement of deteriorating properties and buildings. A short discussion followed. There was also a discussion on the grant application by People Inc. for the rehabilitation of the Remington Garden Apartments. Mayor Billingsley suggested that since each Council Member has an opinion on this subject, that the subject be tabled until there is a full Council to discuss and a possible vote.

At this time the Council worked to balance the FY2018 proposed budget. Shortly into this part of the work session, Council Member Allison left the meeting at 8 p.m. Town Administrator Lee gave the Council an explanation of the budget items and showed them where the short falls were. After looking at certain line items of each fund, the Council balanced the budget using prior year's surplus.

NEW TOWN HALL REPORT

Council Member Nelson shared that he submitted the plans to Fauquier County for a building permit. He stated that the County came back with a couple revisions. Mr. Nelson continued by sharing that the plans are back to the architect to make the revisions. He also shared that the County requires the Town to award the contract before they will approve the building permit.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Bowrin shared with the Council that the office copier that the Town leases is not working and not serviceable. Ms. Bowrin shared that the leasing company is offering to replace the current copier with the same make and model or the Town could lease a different copier which would increase the monthly charges. There was a discussion on the subject.

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Council Member Ashby motioned to contact MP Copiers and let them know that we would like to have the one that's not working replaced per our lease agreement with them and let them that we are taking on advisement their proposal and if we find that it fits our needs, we will contact them back, since we have questions about compatibility. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ashby, Grumbacher, Nelson

Nays: 0

Absent: Allison, Loving

Abstain: Heaney

Town Clerk Bowrin stated that if anyone from Council wanting to attend the RVFRD's Annual Banquet to let her know so that she can RSVP on their behalf.

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Lee shared with the Council the updated sessions from Piedmont Environmental Council on the prospective Remington walkways.

BILL LISTING

Mayor Billingsley asked for any questions to the Bill Listing presented for approval.

Town Clerk Bowrin stated that there was an additional bill listing presented for consideration.

Council Member Ashby motioned to approve the Bill Listing as presented. Council Member Grumbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ayes: Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Nelson

Nays: 0

Absent: Allison, Loving

With no further business before the Council, Council Member Ashby motioned to adjourn with a second by Council Member Grumbacher. The motion carried.

Ayes: Ashby, Grumbacher, Heaney, Nelson

Nays: 0

Absent: Allison, Loving

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Gerald A. Billingsley, Mayor

Evan H. "Skeet" Ashby, III., Recorder