

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
3:35pm

Mayor Paulin and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Dog Park – Mayor Paulin worked on identifying town properties that would be available for a dog park and has been speaking with residents who have previously requested the amenity. Most residents who have requested the dog park want to be able to walk to it. Two possible locations Mayor Paulin found are a rectangular area at the end of Mattingly Avenue/Jennifer Drive, and the area near the water tower on Diffenbach. Town Manager Hicks said the town is in the process of putting a fence to block off the area mentioned on Diffenbach. It is being used as a bathroom area for dogs which is creating issues for maintenance access, and he does not know how much property in that area the Town would want to allocate towards a dog park. The only other project that was previously considered for the area at the end of Mattingly/Jennifer was parking. Town Manager Hicks also suggested the area by the old well 1 site could be a possible location. Councilwoman Grumbine discussed the potential concerns of residents whose homes would be near the proposed dog park. Today’s meeting is a preliminary discussion, and the Council will continue to look into possible locations and have further discussions on the project.

Atlantic Kayak Co. Lease Renewal – Atlantic Kayak Company is requesting a 5-year renewal of their lease for the location at Mattingly Park with no increase in rental cost. Mayor Paulin suggested Atlantic Kayak Co. pay 12 months of rent since they are storing their equipment in the facility even during the off season. If they agree to that he would be comfortable with a 5-year renewal. Councilwoman Grumbine agreed. Town Manager Hicks will discuss the proposed change to the lease with the owners of the company and report back to Council.

October Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – None.

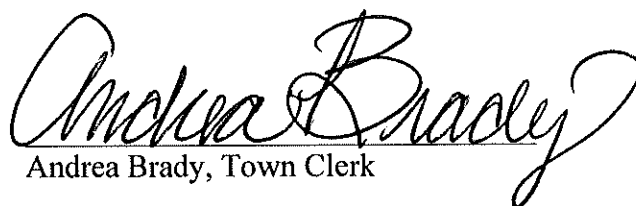
Vice Mayor – Not present.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine asked if the Town has any recourse when residents approach Councilmembers with complaints about neighbors being too noisy or outside too late making noise, or if it would only be to submit a complaint to the Charles County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO). Town Manager Hicks suggested they start with the CCSO but follow up with a call to Code Enforcement. Depending on the type of noise issue it may go against the Town’s noise ordinance.

Town Manager – None.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady discussed details for upcoming holiday events including the tree lighting and a holiday movie night.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:52pm.



Andrea Brady, Town Clerk