

## **TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Teleconference via GoToMeeting**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

**3:30pm**

Mayor Paulin and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Atlantic Kayak & Canoe Lease Renewal – Town Manager Hicks went over Atlantic Kayak’s request to renew their lease. Mayor Paulin said they seem to be doing a lot especially with Mallovs Bay. Mayor Paulin and Councilwoman Grumbine agreed to move forward with renewing the lease.

October Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin was approached by a citizen asking about the ability for residents to vote on the implementation of a Town police force. Mayor Paulin looked into it but asked that the Town Manager look into the topic more with legal counsel including the possibility of a spending referendum to increase the tax rate to assist with implementing the request. Town Manager Hicks will also reach out to the Town of La Plata to find out how they went about establishing their police department. Mayor Paulin mentioned the possibility of adding the question to the ballot. Town Manager mentioned the possible pros when it comes to code enforcement.

Vice Mayor – Not present.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine asked about the road closure on North First Street. Town Manager Hicks reminded Council that these are the events that have been previously sent to Council. They reach out to the Sheriff’s Department for approval. They call the event a community day, but it appears to be a pop up for vendors. Town Manager Hicks suggested they move the event to the Village Green. Town Manager Hicks explained that street is used by the majority of traffic. Mayor Paulin said the Town will need to implement something for road closures. Town Manager Hicks feels the event being held requiring the road closure should be a no from now on. Council agreed. Mayor Paulin suggested they start leveraging existing commercial space for the event.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks gave the Council several updates. Still working on the franchise agreement with comcast. Will need to put Wi-Fi on the old PNC building to install a new security system. There is a continuing issue with windows being broken at the property. Recently had some vandalism at the fire memorial. Deputy Chief Higdon has reached out to who they used for the installation previously. Henderson RFP has been extended for another 30 days since we have still not received any proposals. Notice to proceed on the retaining wall project

will be issued soon. Town Manager Hicks gave a briefing on the recent court case with a local property owner.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady gave an update on Holiday Festival plans and asked for assistance with soliciting food vendors. Town Clerk Brady received a follow up request from a resident in reference to having his home business listed on the website. Council asked to add home business listings as an agenda item for next month. Three people have applied for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council will review BZA applications in a month to allow additional time for applicants.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:49pm.

  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk