

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Town Hall

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

3:30pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula, met in work session on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Town Hall. Councilman Smith joined the meeting via phone. Also in attendance were Town Manager Hicks, Town Clerk Andrea Brady and Maryland Independent Reporter, Tiffany Watson.

November 30, 2016 Closed Session – During the closed session held on November 30, 2016, the Mayor and Council discussed the recycling contract, dual billing and banking. The closed session adjourned at 4:32pm.

MEA Grant – A phone conference was recently held to discuss the MEA grant program. Town Manager Hicks and Finance Officer Ginger Foster have reviewed the grant paperwork and they need to know what program the Council would like to move forward with for the grant. Mayor Paulin suggested the renewable energy program for solar panels on Town facilities. Councilman Smith suggested focusing on the vehicle fleet since the Town's fleet is aging and could use more energy efficient vehicles. Vice Mayor Sitoula requested Town Manager Hick's recommendation and said he would like to see grant funding for solar powered street lights. Town Manager Hicks said that the Town can request a grant for multiple programs. Town Manager Hicks would suggest the fleet being a focus due to several vehicles being over 20 years old, but he feels that it could be a multi-phase application covering the fleet, solar panels and look into the solar street lights as well. The Council unanimously agreed to apply for a grant to cover multiple programs.

Review of January Town Meeting Agenda – No additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin suggested the Council have their comments on the Zoning Ordinance prepared by the January work session to submit to the Planning Commission. Councilman Smith mentioned that the Planning Commission is in the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan. Town Manager Hicks suggested the Council submit their comments to the Planning Commission while they are in the process of revising the Comp Plan. The Council agreed to have their comments prepared for the January work session.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula requested an update on the Town's banking. Town Manager said changing financial institutions will be discussed under closed session and will be announced at the next Town meeting.

Councilman – Councilman Smith has completed the green team plan and he will be submitting it to Mike Hunninghake for his input. Councilman Smith anticipates a pretty packed schedule for the Environmental Sustainability Committee starting January 2017 and he will need the Town Manager's assistance with some of the items.

Town Manager – None

Town Clerk – None

Mayor Paulin made a motion to move into closed session. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Mayor Paulin adjourned the open session at 3:37pm and Council moved into closed session.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk