TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

2-23-2012

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David Storke, Vice Mayor Glenn McDearmon, Jean Davis, Otis Wright, Daniel Webb, Glen Lanford, and Jason Satterwhite.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Frances Coleman.
OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Stephen Manster, Town Treasurer Kathy McVay, and Account Clerk Laura Gifford
AUDIENCE: Chad Webb, Roger Key, Eunice Key, Tim Lewis, Melissa Lewis, Whitney Watts, Tim Cox, Terri Haygood and children.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Council Member Wright followed with the invocation.

AMEND THE AGENDA: The TM asked to amend the agenda for discussion of the Employee Health Benefits.

**On motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to amend the agenda, to allow for the discussion of health insurance for Town employees. Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Webb, Davis, Lanford, and Satterwhite.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: A public notice ran in the February 16, 2012 issue of The Caroline Progress for a public hearing scheduled for February 23, 2012 to amend the FY12 Town Budget for the purchase of computer hardware and software upgrades and for the purchase of playground equipment & site preparation for a Town Park.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. and asked for Public Comments.

Purchase of Playground Equipment & Site Preparation:

A. Ms. Melissa Lewis of 117 Maury Ave. spoke in favor of the construction of a playground. She stated that the playground would be a wonderful contribution to the Town of Bowling Green.

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B. Mr. Alan Richardson of 280 Roper Dr. spoke in favor of the construction for a playground for the Town of Bowling Green. He stated that the playground would give children a place to play and keep them active, also allowing the community a place to meet new people. He is new to the town and stated that the community would benefit greatly.

The Mayor called for additional comments hearing none, closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 P.M.

Mr. McDearmon questioned Mr. Satterwhite, Bowling Green Park Committee's Chairman, about the maintenance and upkeep of the playground. Mr. Satterwhite stated there would be little maintenance on the equipment for the playground and the equipment generally has a 10-15 year warranty. Mr. McDearmon asked Mr. Satterwhite what is the capacity for the playground and Mr. Satterwhite stated the playground would have two separate areas, one for toddlers and another for 6-12 years old. Mr. Wright thanked everyone for working hard on this project. Mr. Satterwhite said he anticipated Phase I of the project to be complete by the end of May. Mr. Lanford was concerned about insurance coverage. Mr. Satterwhite stated that insurance coverage was included in the budget. Per Mr. Satterwhite the project would cost the Town around $55,000 and $20,000 of that amount would come from corporate or private donations leaving the Town with at actual cost of $35,000. The Mayor expressed the use of the currently unutilized area would be a great investment for the Town. Mr. McDearmon also thanked everyone for their hard work and appreciated the public's comments.

Computer Hardware and Software Upgrades: Mr. McDearmon inquired about the upgrades being necessary and if printers were included. Mr. Lanford stated this upgrade is necessary. The TM stated that printers were not included in the proposal.

**On motion by Mr. Satterwhite, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted to amend the FY12 budget by approving R2012-03 Town of Bowling Green Budget Amendment Resolution, February 23, 2012 (A copy of which is attached as Attachment A to these minutes for reference). Voting Aye: McDearmon, Webb, Davis, Satterwhite, Wright and Lanford.**

AMENDED AGENDA ITEM: Town Employee Health Insurance

The TM informed Town Council that premiums for the health insurance program were going up by 10% for the coming year. The TM asked the Council to consider only



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covering employees' HMO premiums due to the increase in cost. He stated that the Town currently pays for the cost of the PPO coverage which is currently $520.53. He stated that he felt that the Town could not continue to provide the same level of benefit to each employee and accomplish the goals that Town Council has set. The TM handed out a letter from William Stanley regarding his concerns about the insurance (A copy of that letter is attached as Attachment B to these minutes for reference). A discussion was held regarding the amount to provide for health insurance for employees. Employees Kathy McVay and Laura Gifford, both asked that Council consider the full funding of the PPO coverage for Town employees. McVay expressed that the benefit was greatly appreciated and needed by the employees.

The Mayor had to leave at this point in the meeting at 7:30 P.M. and Vice-Mayor Glen McDearmon presided over the meeting.

Mr. Wright asked if a special meeting between the Budget Committee and Public Health and Safety/Personnel Committees could be set to further discuss the matter of employee benefits, due to the fact that Mr. Stanley could not be present to speak.

**On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to hold a joint meeting of the Budget and Public Health and Safety/Personnel Committees on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the Rappahannock Meeting Room at the Bowling Green Event Hall to discuss the matter of Town Employee health coverage and provide guidance to the Town Manager for the dollar amount of benefit provided to each employee. Voting Aye: McDearmon, Webb, Satterwhite, Davis, Wright and Lanford.**

ADJOURNMENT: **There was a motion made by Mr. Lanford, seconded by Mr. Webb to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Voting Aye: Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Lanford, McDearmon and Davis.**

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