

Town of Pennington Gap
Council Meeting
June 15, 2020

Record of attendance:

6:00 PM

Mayor: Larry Holbrook
Council: Jill Carson
Gary McElyea – by phone
Jeff Martin – by phone
Terry Pope – by phone
Jimmy Warner – by phone
Town Manager: Keith Harless
Assistant Town Manager: Brian Skidmore
Treasurer: Tina Rowe-by phone
Town Attorney: Greg Edwards
Powell Valley News: Rick Watson
Citizens: David Williams - by phone

1. Mayor Holbrook called the meeting to order by reading the statement, at 6:00 PM
2. Jeff Martin made a Motion to accept the agenda, Jimmy Warner seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye

3. Gary McElyea made a Motion to accept the minutes from May 18th Council Meeting, May 29th Recessed meeting and June 5th 2020-2021 Budget hearing. Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

Terry Pope made a Motion to amend the agenda to include Executive session for Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A6, employee matters and Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1, investment of public funds, adding Closed Session as 11. and moving Council Action to 12. and Adjourn following. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

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4. Jill Carson made a Motion to pay the bills as presented, Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

5. No citizens spoke

6. Keith advised that due to questions from Mr. Pope and Mrs. Carson on the personnel policy, he would like to table this vote until answers come from SESCO. Terry Pope made the Motion to table the proposed personnel policy, Jill Carson seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

7. Tina reported the public hearing held June 5 on the proposed 2020-2021 budget had no comments, she has included it in the council pack. Jeff Martin made the Motion to accept the proposed budget, Terry Pope seconded the motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

8. Monthly reports include in the council pack drew no questions.

9. Greg Edwards only commented the case is moving forward and the zoning issue has no other details.

10. Council Reports:

- Jill Carson had no report.
- Gary McElyea had no comment.
- Jeff Martin thanked council for voting to have the dirt drags back and everyone was pleased with the first race. Terry Pope commented that the length of racing time may be disturbing neighbors of the park and questioned what is the ending time? Jeff commented they try for 12PM shutdown and this past race was 11:30. Terry asked if anyone had voted for 12 PM? Jeff replied races run from 3-12PM now. Mr. Holbrook

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noted he appreciates having visitors to town but agrees on an earlier timeframe to end. Terry suggested it be given some thought and come to a reasonable conclusion by next meeting. Jeff replied they are working on the pc to speed it up.

- Terry Pope had no further comments.
- Jimmy Warner had no report.

11. Terry Pope made a Motion to go into executive session at 6:13 PM pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for assignment, appointment, promotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of employees.

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A6 for discussion of the investment of public funds. Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

At 7:43, Terry Pope made a Motion to exit closed session, Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

Terry Pope made a Motion to attest that no subject was discussed other than Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

12. Terry Pope made a Motion to allow the town manager to purchase supplies and equipment related to COVID-19 as long as he uses procurement guidelines as specified in the town's policy. Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye

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Larry Holbrook Aye

Jeff Martin made a Motion to purchase a pump using the town's procurement guidelines. Gary McElyea seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson Aye
Gary McElyea Aye
Jeff Martin Aye
Terry Pope Aye
Jimmy Warner Aye
Larry Holbrook Aye

Terry Pope made a Motion to pursue free analysis offered to us per Tina's recommendation. Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson Aye
Gary McElyea Aye
Jeff Martin Aye
Terry Pope Aye
Jimmy Warner Aye
Larry Holbrook Aye

Jeff Martin made the Motion to advertise for three police officers and if certified, offer a sign on bonus of \$4K, which has to also include a three-year term of service or have to pay back a prorated portion of the bonus if before three years are completed. Gary McElyea seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson Aye
Gary McElyea Aye
Jeff Martin Aye
Terry Pope Aye
Jimmy Warner Aye
Larry Holbrook Aye

Gary McElyea made a Motion to appoint Jesse Jones as Police Chief beginning July 1, 2020 at a salary of \$38,700. Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson Abstain
Gary McElyea Aye
Jeff Martin Aye
Terry Pope Abstain
Jimmy Warner Aye
Larry Holbrook Aye

A 2020-2021 Organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will have call in available.

13. Larry Holbrook made the Motion to adjourn. Jeff Martin seconded the Motion. Vote as follows:

Jill Carson Aye
Gary McElyea Aye

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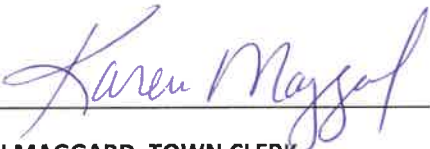
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

Time of Adjournment: 7:52 PM



MAYOR LARRY W. HOLBROOK

ATTEST:



KAREN MAGGARD, TOWN CLERK

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Pennington Gap, Virginia has convened closed session meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council of the Town of Pennington Gap, Virginia that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Pennington Gap, Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Council of the Town of Pennington Gap, Virginia.

VOTE:

AYES: Mayor Larry W. Holbrook
 Jimmy Warner
 Terry K. Pope
 Jeff Martin
 Jill Carson
 Gary McElyea

NAYS: (for each Nay vote the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: none
ABSENT DURING CLOSED SESSION: none
MEETING DATE: June 15, 2020


MAYOR LARRY W. HOLBROOK