

Town of Pennington Gap  
Recessed Council Meeting  
November 2, 2020

**Record of attendance:**

**2:00 PM**

Mayor: Larry Holbrook  
Council: Jill Carson  
Gary McElyea – by phone  
Jeff Martin – by phone  
Terry Pope – by phone  
Jimmy Warner  
Town Manager: Keith Harless-by phone  
Treasurer: Tina Rowe-by phone  
Clerk: Karen Maggard  
Town Attorney: Greg Edwards  
Powell Valley News: Rick Watson  
Citizens: none

1. Larry Holbrook called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM by reading this statement concerning COVID-19 pandemic: *Because of COVID-19, social distancing in State of VA and the following codes of Virginia, the Town of Pennington electronic council meeting will proceed in reference to § 2.2-3708.2, Meetings held through electronic communication means and when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in accordance with § 44-146.17.*

2. Unfinished business:

- a. Garbage cans provided by the Town-Keith would like to use the new truck's capability of picking up cans and dumping them into the truck without employees having to touch the trash. Providing cans to every customer would be about \$50k for 90 gallon containers. Should a customer require more capacity, an additional fee may be added for another container. Currently, our ordinance states trash must be bagged. VML recommends we alter the ordinance prior to the purchase. Greg advised a public hearing.

Jeff Martin made a Motion to schedule the public hearing at 6 PM concurrent with the next monthly meeting on November 16. Jimmy Warner seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

- b. Tree lighting, Christmas Parade and New Year's ball drop- Jill referred to insurance, VACorp and Executive Order 67, Phase III guidelines. We must submit a plan to VACorp observing 10 foot distances, 6 feet with masks, riders on floats limited to no singing, shouting, candy tossing and staff must ensure compliance throughout the parade. Terry favors a private tree lighting. Questions on prior votes lead to re-reading of the October meeting minutes about having Leeman Christmas Fantasy.

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Jeff Martin made a Motion to re-open the park. Jill voiced concern with the positive virus count rising. There was no second and the Motion died. Discussion continued on opening the park. Keith suggested a virtual tree lighting ceremony.

Terry Pope made a Motion to have a private tree lighting with James Skidmore performing the ceremony and broadcast online at 6 PM on December 4, 2020. Jill Carson seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

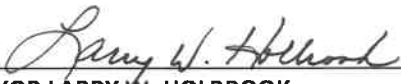
Jill Carson	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Jeff Martin	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye
Jimmy Warner	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

Jeff Martin made a Motion to have the New Year's Eve ball drop, no second and the Motion died. He then made a Motion to have the parade, it also died for lack of a second.

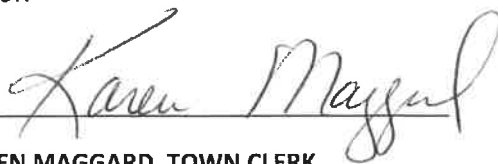
- c. Jeff Martin made a Motion to adjourn, Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Time of Adjournment: 3:05 PM

  
MAYOR LARRY W. HOLBROOK

ATTEST:

  
KAREN MAGGARD, TOWN CLERK