

Town of Pennington Gap
Recessed Meeting-Budget Workshop
May 23, 2023

Record of attendance:

2:00 PM

Mayor: Larry Holbrook
Council: Doug Alsup
Jeff Martin – absent
Gary McElyea
Terry Pope
Jimmy Warner-absent
Town Manager: Keith Harless
Assistant Town Manager: Brian Skidmore
Treasurer: Tina Rowe, MGT
Town Clerk: Karen Maggard

1. Mayor Holbrook called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
2. **Pay bills**-Tina has an invoice for fish for the Kid's Fishing Day she would like to pay for \$1200. Larry Holbrook made a Motion to pay it. Doug Alsup seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

Tina also mentioned that a recent employee death brought to attention that our health insurance plan ends for any family at the end of the month of death. Terry Pope made a Motion to extend coverage for an additional month following death. Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

Larry Holbrook made a Motion to forgive the Town's IDA of \$10,000 on a loan for the Property behind Cumberland Automotive. Doug Alsup seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

3. **Unfinished business:**
Budget Workshop- Tina presented a balanced budget based on removing \$200,000 and level funding the EMS department. Some income is now coming in and would hope to cover expense until more is known. Page 2 includes a meals tax increase of 1% on the dollar to the customer. She has removed all general fund capital and miscellaneous expenses to balance. Terry Pope stated it is hard to increase meals tax when EMS is serving so much of the County. We are only

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receiving \$15,000 from Lee County for the services. Brian stated that last month (April), 50% of calls were in town. A discussion of possibly only serving town concluded that would decrease calls but not salaries.

Tina asked if we should inquire on Casino funds, to which Brian has already proposed to the County a plan using a percentage for fire and EMS departments.

Tipping fees have also been increased with a recent announcement by \$10/ton.

4. **Closed session-** At 2:30 PM, Terry Pope made a Motion to go into executive session pursuant to;

§ 2.2-3711(A)(3): Acquisition & disposition of property. *Provides an exemption for:*

Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Larry Holbrook seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

At 2:53 PM, Terry Pope made a Motion to reconvene to regular session. Gary McElyea seconded the Motion Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

Terry Pope made a statement to attest that nothing was discussed during closed session other than the issues stated. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

Keith noted that he had announced that any town citizen could bring brush from the storm to Leeman Field.

Terry Pope made a Motion to pay contractors in relation to the storm damages. Doug Alsup seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

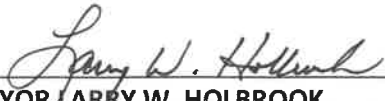
Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye
Terry Pope	Aye

Doug Alsup made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary McElyea seconded the Motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Doug Alsup	Aye
Gary McElyea	Aye
Larry Holbrook	Aye

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Terry Pope Aye

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.



MAYOR LARRY W. HOLBROOK

ATTEST:


KAREN MAGGARD, 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
Terry K. Pope
Gary McElyea
Doug Alsup

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Jimmy Warner, Jeff Martin
ABSENT DURING CLOSED SESSION: Jimmy Warner, Jeff Martin
MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023


MAYOR LARRY W. HOLBROOK