

April 21, 2017

Town of Eleanor
P.O. Box 185
Eleanor, WV 25070

A regular meeting of the town council of the Town of Eleanor was held at 7:30 PM.

Present: Mayor W. F. Halstead
Recorder L. S. Casto
Councilman K. Childers
Councilman C. Clendenin
Councilwoman T. Harmon
Councilman J. McLane
Councilman J. Tolley, Jr.

Visitors: Jennifer Hill, WVU Ext. Office

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as presented on a motion by K. Childers, 2nd by J. McLane & carried.

The liability forecast was approved for payment on a motion by C. Clendenin, 2nd by J. Tolley & carried.

Report From Standing Committees/ -0-

Sewer/The sewer project was finally started Monday, April 17th, 2017 and is proceeding well. They are through the railway which was a big job.

J. Tolley informed council that the Army Corp. has gotten back to him on beginning work to eliminate the storm water around the large white building/shelter.

Parks/Tom Schmader and Teresa Harmon have the lists of who they are interested in calling in for an interview for the 2017 pool season. Once they have been interviewed a meeting with those people will be held at the pool so that the needed paperwork and info can be gotten for the records.

The Flea Market is the 5th, 6th, & 7th of May with the town wide yard sale being the 4th, 5th, & 6th.

The pool will be opening Memorial Day Weekend.

There will be a horse show this Saturday down in the show ring at the park.

A circus will be down in the park, Monday & Tuesday this next week.

Mayor Halstead suspended regular order of business to hear from Jennifer Hill with WVU Ext. Office at 7:40 PM.

At this time Mrs. Hill passed out material about the program to all government and talked about what she does. She would be willing to hold some classes in town if a site was provided by the town. She asked the council to think about it and let her know. Classes are usually T – F and runs 6/7 weeks.

Council resumed regular order of business at 8:09 PM.

Streets/ The corner that has been dug out and graveled in Cedar Hill will be fixed next week.

Police/ -0-

Report From Officers of the Town/

Tim Lafon informed J. Tolley to hold of on our drug testing until he could look over the program. He has been sick and not in the office.

Action Upon Petitions/ -0-

Enactment of Ordinance/ -0-

Filling Vacancies in positions of Officers and Employees/

At this time, Lynda, Kevin & Joey made their recommendation after interviewing for the Town Clerk position, of Jennifer Asbury from Red House, WV . After giving her two week notice, she will begin work on May 8th, 2017. She was hired to work 40 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour, with retirement and health insurance provided. She noted that she did not need health insurance at this time. She must pay into PERS Retirement System at 6% with a 13.5% match by the town. (This town rate is good until July 1st, 2017 at which time it is subject to change). We would like to say that we interviewed 9 of the applicants that were received. We chose the most qualified to interview and then reached our decision. We would like to note that not one employee turned us down for employment at \$10.00 per hour with the benefits that the town offers. Mrs. Asbury will be hired on a 90 day trial basis.

Council discussed hiring two part time employees to work for the summer at not more than 30 hours per week at minimum wage \$8.75 per hour, no benefits provided. A motion to hire Jim Mayle, who works for us each summer, was made by K. Childers, 2nd by J. Tolley & carried. Council decided to hire the second employee, same criteria as Mr. Mayle on a motion to hire John Watson by J. Tolley, 2nd by C. Clendenin & carried. Both gentlemen will start work Monday, April 24th.

At this time, council discussed changing the office hours to 8:00 to 4:30 with the office closed from 12:00 to 12:30 for lunch. Council was in full agreement to make this change. All time cards would show the lunch period clocked in and out as the cards show for the maintenance men. This would protect us with the Wage & Hour department of WV. This change will take effect June 1st, 2017.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business/

Discussion on the proposal from Local Impact was tabled until next meeting.

A request from Missy Bowles requesting Room C and shelter #6 for a benefit for Meso Sept. 16th, 2017, fee waived, was approved on a motion by C. Clendenin, 2nd by T. Harmon and carried with the notation that if anything else ever happens like scheduling the room for this year, downing the person that had the room rented and paid for, since she had neglected to ask for the room and shelter for the event, she will not receive the room or shelter again. It would have to be paid for from that point on if available to hold the event. The Town of Eleanor is under NO obligation to allow events, fee waived, for anyone. The mayor asked about getting a new mower for the town and agreed to have prices for the next meeting.

Nothing further to come before council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Mayor

Recorder