

I. Regular Meeting Hedgesville Town Council held in Naylor Hall on 1NOV06. Meeting called to order by Mayor Catlett at 7:30PM. Pledge of allegiance said. Present are Mayor Catlett, Recorder Miskovsky, Councilor Gano, Councilor Poisal, Councilor Young, Treasurer Small, EDB Chair Barney. Guests are Senator John Unger, Lauren Hough (The Journal), Ricky Caine (Pres. HVFD), Rodney Krowell (Vice Pres. HVFD) and George Mulligan (member HVFD)), and Rick Everhart.

II. Minutes read from 4OCT06 regular meeting. Motion to accept minutes with corrections by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gano. Motion passes 5-0.

III. Mayor's Report—Judge Wilkes on 5OCT06 asked for briefs in Angus v Hedgesville on civil fees vs. criminal fines issues with magistrate court enforcement of municipal ordinance. Mayor limited attorney to \$1000 of billed worked and suggested a solution to reduce lien to \$5000, not accepting the Angus solution of demolition and refund of previous fine. Parties are due back in court 5NOV06. Allegheny Power has added 13 new lights and replaced 6 with an additional 27 on the list for replacement. Colonial Nursery is to replace trees on Main Street with female Bradford pears. HOME Consortium will appoint board members for the program to process future grants on 13NOV

IV. Recorder's report—Magistrate case of Chambers v Hedgesville for unpaid fees and B&O taxes resulted in postponement in favor of an agreed judgment to be paid over six months for the full amount. The new B&O ordinance has been forwarded to the public utilities.

V. Finance Committee—Mayor reads resolution honoring Hedgesville Volunteer Fire Department for its contributions to the community and Senator Unger for his support of Hedgesville. Senator Unger presents a \$10,000 Governor's Community Partnership Grant to the Town so that the HVFD can purchase a second "Jaws of Life". Senator Unger will introduce new legislation to establish a funding mechanism for volunteer fire departments similar to the School Building Authority recognizing the important part volunteer departments play in West Virginia. Senator Unger congratulates Mayor Catlett on her recent appointment. While it will not be addressed in the special session, he believes there will be a future workshop to address municipal revenue and local powers issues.

Treasurer Small—General Fund beginning balance 30SEP06 \$283,549.55. Deposits total \$14,313.32 including \$6,370.98 Ad Valorem and \$7,526.49 Wine & Liquor Tax. Total expenses are \$4,954.11 including ~~and~~ \$756.90 Parks and \$2,987.02 Beautification. Ending balance as of 31OCT06 \$292,908.76. Coal Severance Fund as of 30SEP06 \$512.99 Deposit of \$217.99. Ending balance 31OCT06 \$718.98 due to bank charges adjustments.

Mayor Catlett will require that in the future, invoices be presented within 10 days of the end of each month for audit purposes. After three estimates under \$1000, the mayor selected Bryant Electrical to do electrical work inside Town Spring, as it was a danger. Wiring is not in compliance with NEC and Bryant has provided a proposal for \$1963 for outside work. Motion to accept bid made by Poisal and seconded by Gano. Motion passes 5-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals—Meeting is set for 13 November to organize board and set hearing date for Nelson/Izes property at ²⁰¹210 North Mary Street special exception request.

Planning Commission—none

VI. Street Maintenance/Public Works—Councilor Young—One bid received for snow removal from All Seasons. Plowing for each 4 inches \$225, shovel walk at Naylor \$40, spread salt \$60 + \$12/bag, used of dump truck \$50/hr and used of other heavy equipment \$75/hr. Motion to accept bid made by Young and seconded by Poisal. Motion passes 5-0. New estimate requested for terraced retaining wall on side of Parlor Street.

Ordinance/Trees—Councilor Gano—Letters to be sent identifying property owners previously identified with unlicensed vehicles minus Dittman without any mention of fines.

Community Activities/Special Projects—Councilor Gano—Heritage Day was a big success. Winners of decorating contest are 1st place Brad Kneirnam, 2nd place Jeff Heacock, 3rd place Anna Meyers. . Banners for Main Street are in and LCS will directly pay Ambassador Flag. Sheriff Reserves were valuable at Halloween at the east end and should be requested on west end also.

Economic Development/Business Committee—Ken Barney—Meeting 8NOV cancelled. Next meeting 13DEC.

VII. Unfinished Business—none

VIII. New Business— Motion to accept first reading of AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE TOWN OF HEDGESVILLE PART OF AN UNINCORPORATED PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND IDENTIFIED AS PART OF PARCEL 1 ON BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA TAX ASSESSOR MAP HC1 made by Young and seconded by Poisal. Motion passes 5-0.

Citizen Concerns—Rick Everhart will be closing on property on North Mary Street and wants to open an antique shop. He is advised the first step is to go to the Planning Commission, but that since the building is in the Historic Preservation District a Special Exception from the Board of Appeals will also be needed.

Appointments for Common Council—Letters will go out asking for citizens interested in filling the two council vacancies before the next meeting. Research the idea of residents electing one business owner to council.

Mayor Catlett will meet with building inspector John Dick about inspections done in Town with respect to Joseph Cordell. Transportation Enhancement Grant intent to apply are due 15NOV. Councilor Gano will be do one for historic renovation at Town Spring, and Recorder Miskovsky will do one for sidewalk project similar to last year's.

Councilor Poisal motions to adjourn, and receives a second from Councilor Gano. Mayor Catlett adjourns meeting at 9:20PM with no objections.

Submitted Recorder Miskovsky

Approved Mayor Catlett




