

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Glanden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Maddox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: Chick Glanden - present  
 Council Members: Virginia Simpler - present  
 Poncho Davila - present  
 Ricky Maddox - present  
 Town Solicitor: William Pepper - present

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the minutes of the regular meeting for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**WATER DEPT./ CODE ENFORCEMENT/ TREASURER'S / POLICE REPORT:**

**Treasurer Report:** Councilmember Virginia Simpler presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

| <u>January 2018</u> | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund        | \$ 136 795.76            | \$ 161,620.53         |
| Special Water       | \$ 74,967.74             | \$ 74,548.22          |
| Police Dept.        | \$ 72,854.41             | \$ 71,070.38          |
| Street Aid          | \$ 6,324.75              | \$ 4,744.53           |

**Delinquent Monies owed:**

|                 |    |           |
|-----------------|----|-----------|
| Trash:          | \$ | 17,664.52 |
| Water:          | \$ | 54,376.09 |
| Property taxes: | \$ | 11,512.04 |
| Fines:          | \$ | 61,981.45 |
| Vacant Building | \$ | 6,500.00  |
| Grass Cutting:  | \$ | 1,425.00  |
| Property Maint. | \$ | 1,590.10  |
| Rental License: | \$ | 400.00    |
| Other Fees      | \$ | 3,050.50  |
| Court Costs     | \$ | 566.55    |

Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept the report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Police:** Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept the report for January. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Water Department:** No Water Department Report.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the final report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

- 10-2 Front Street, Volkomer- Permit for Fence.

Councilmember Simpler made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- 89 Hightide Drive, Nealy - Permit for Deck.

Councilmember Davila made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- 116 S. Market Street, Glanden – Permit for Siding Repairs.

Councilmember Simpler made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointing Council Member:** Councilmember Simpler made motion and to table appointment until the re-organizational meeting after the March 3, 2018 election. Councilmember Davila seconded motion. Councilmember Maddox opposed the motion. Mayor Glanden opposed the motion. Motion did not pass with a 2 to 2 vote. Mayor Glanden presented letter of intent for Council seat from Tiffany McPhatter. Councilmember Maddox stated that he wished she was present for the meeting, but that he has worked with her for some time on Crime Watch and would like to make the motion to appoint her to the position. Councilmember Simpler and Councilmember Davila both stated that they would have preferred McPhatter to be present if she wanted to be appointed to the seat. Motion to appoint failed for lack of a second.

**Police Officer:** Tabled until next meeting. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to table the topic. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Town Election:** Reminder that Town Election is coming up March 3, 2018. Will remain on the agenda until the Election.

**Vacant Building Fines – 108 Lowber:** Nelly Haro asked Council for a break on the vacant building fines on 108 Lowber Street. She stated that the property has been well maintained and she would like to move in within two weeks. Haro agreed to make arrangements with the Town Clerk to sign a \$150.00 per month payment plan for approximately 18 months to pay off the current balance. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Simpler to accept the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**DNREC Brownfields Program:** Bethany updated Council on the progress of the properties under contract with the Brownfields Program. The initial site investigation has started. Mrs. Crouse has been contacted regarding entrance to the existing structures to test for lead paint and asbestos, and investigation is scheduled to be finished the following week. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to table Brownfields Program updates discussion until following meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Sidewalk Improvement:** Councilmember Maddox stated that he had not had a chance to make the call to follow up on the program. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to table Sidewalk Improvements. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **OPEN FLOOR:**

Unnamed gentleman from Water's Edge spoke on behalf of and in favor of Tiffany McPhatter, who was not present during Council's earlier appointment decision. He asked for Council to re-open the topic. He stated that her military background and employment as a teacher and mother would make her an excellent fit for council. She has been involved with the community for five years. Tiffany McPhatter apologized for the delay due to parent teacher conferences. Mayor Glanden suggested asking Council again. Mr. Pepper stated that the decision has already been made for this meeting, and that it could be revisited at the next Council meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Glanden announced the need to adjourn to executive session.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to adjourn to an Executive Session. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the executive session at 7:39 PM and returned to regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Simpler with a second by Councilmember Maddox to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy

Town Clerk

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