Regular Council Meeting

February 25, 2013

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Council Room of the Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall at 127 Center Street, South in Vienna, Virginia. Mayor M. Jane Seeman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the following members of Council present: Laurie Genevro Cole, Laurie A. DiRocco, Edythe Frankel Kelleher, Michael J. Polychrones, Carey J. Sienicki and Howard J. Springsteen. Also present were Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager, Steven D. Briglia, Town Attorney and Melanie J. Clark, Town Clerk.

Reverend Mary Katherine Morn of the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation opened the meeting with an invocation. The meeting continued with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and one Public Hearing of January 28, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Councilmember Cole
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried - No Poll Vote

SWEARING IN OF THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Mayor Seeman swore in the Officers of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department for 2013.

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Greg Bernhardt, 609 Delano Drive addressed Council regarding the issue of a Split Feeder with the Fairfax County Schools. Mr. Bernhardt explained the situation and is asking Council for any support that they may be able to lend to help them get this changed with the school board. Jeff Midili, 505 Alma St., SE also spoke on the split feeder and would like the Town to write a letter and have a position of some sort, they want to make sure the southeast quadrant of Vienna is in line with the Madison Pyramid.

Local Boy Scouts from Troop 987 and Troop 152 introduced themselves to Council; they are working on their Communications Merit Badge and the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.
REPORT AND INQUIRIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember DiRocco reported that Thoreau Middle School had Town of Vienna Day for the eighth grade students. She attended as a representative for Town Council to talk about and answer questions about local government. She thanked Mr. Payton, Town Manager, Leon Evans, Parks and Recreation, Dennis Johnson, Department of Public Works, Greg Hembree from Planning & Zoning, Karen Spence from Finance and Gary Lose from the Police Department. She thought it was very well done; there were a lot of really good questions asked.

Councilmember DiRocco also reported that Supervisor Hudgins will have a budget meeting at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday April 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting is for the public to give feedback to the County on the budget.

Councilmember Sienicki thanked the Fairfax County NAACP for a wonderful presentation for the Black History Month celebration that was held on Saturday February 23rd.

Councilmember Springsteen announced that he has filed with Fairfax County Board of Elections for his reelection. He also reported that the issue with the house on Tazwell is being resolved. Mr. Briglia stated that he has spoken to the daughter in law of the property owner and they were not aware there were zoning violations, they were very concerned and have already started taking steps to resolve them. He did impress that the tree on the back of the house be removed as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Payton acknowledge the Department of Parks & Recreation for receiving a letter from the Community for Helping Others thanking them for a job well done with the Club Phoenix Teen Center food drive, they collected quite a bit of food for the program. He thanked all those who participated.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Seeman thanked everyone for sending in their nominations for outstanding volunteers. The deadline is March 1st for all submissions.

Mayor Seeman reported that the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks & Recreation were recognized in December for their role in helping the Town achieve a dramatic decrease in work related injuries. Claim costs were down dramatically which has decreased our insurance premiums by $50,000 for the upcoming policy year.
CLOSED SESSION

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the Closed Session convened this date, Monday February 25, 2013, the Town Council met for purposes of discussion of personnel matters, specifically the interviewing of a candidate interested in re-appointment to Town Boards and commissions.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and that the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

It was further moved that the Closed Session be continued to later this date, February 25, 2013 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A(1), for purposes of discussion of personnel matters, specifically performance reviews and salary consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen, Mayor Seeman

It was moved that Robert Dowler be recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for re-appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term of office.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember Polychrones
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen, Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #5

Louise Archer Elementary School Travel Plan and VDOT Safe Routes to School Grant.

It was moved for approval and authorization for the Mayor to execute the attached Resolution endorsing the 2012 Louise Archer Elementary School Travel Plan. It was further moved to grant the Town Manager authority to sign Safe
Routes to School Grant Applications and other documents implementing infrastructure improvement projects suggested in the Plan.

Motion: Mayor Seeman  
Second: Councilmember Cole  
Carried Unanimously - Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen, Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #6

Consideration of a request from Mr. Robert L. Thompson, Jr. to purchase the unopened alley at the rear of 130 Wilmar Place NW.

It was moved to defer this item to the Work Session of April 8, 2013 for consideration.

Motion: Mayor Seeman  
Second: Councilmember Cole  
Carried Unanimously – No Poll vote

AGENDA ITEM #7

Request to transfer funds and increase contract with Superior Paving.

It was moved for approval of a $7,600 increase in contract with Superior Paving Corporation contract under IFB 12-03 from account number 50111-46032 and a budget transfer of funds from account # 50111-46007, Repair/Maintenance Supplies account.

Motion: Councilmember Cole  
Second: Councilmember Sienicki  
Carried Unanimously - Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen, Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #8

W.H.O. Manufacturing tubgrinder emergency repair parts.
It was moved for approval of a $17,089.60 emergency tubgrinder parts purchase after the fact from W.H.O. Manufacturing from account number 10413-46015.

Motion: Councilmember Cole  
Second: Councilmember Sienicki  
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye:  Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen,  
Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #9

Federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, which started operating in 2003, will cease August 31, 2012. The governing bodies of the participating jurisdictions have appropriated an equal share of funds necessary to acquire, maintain and operate the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. The gang task force funding agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority conferred on Virginia localities through the Code of Virginia § 15.2-1726.

It was moved that the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force funding agreement be deferred to the meeting of May 20, 2013.

Motion: Mayor Seeman  
Second: Councilmember Polychrones  
Carried – No Poll vote

It was moved to recess into closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Seeman called the regular meeting back to order at 9:10 p.m., all members of Council were present.

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the second Closed Session convened this date, Monday February 25, 2013, the Town Council met for purposes of discussion of personnel matters.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and that the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

It was further moved that the Closed Session be continued to Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-
3711A(1), for purposes of discussion of matters of personnel, specifically the introduction of the new police chief.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember Polychrones
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen, Mayor Seeman

It was moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting February 25, 2013 at 9:11 p.m.

Signed / Dated: __________________

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M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Attest:

Melanie J. Clark, CMC
Town Clerk