

**MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting December 9, 2013 and the workshop meeting January 6, 2014 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke.

PROPOSAL FROM FRIENDS OF THE JONESVILLE GREEN

Ms. Pat Benton, Chairman of the Friends of the Jonesville greenway will be at the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Friends group using the old fire station as the funds for the improvement and promotion of the Town's greenway.

Ms. Benton addressed the Board asking to use the old fire station again (like the Halloween event) for a thrift shop to raise money for the greenway project. The friends of the greenway would help pay for utilities at the fire station which would save the Town some cost. We would like the consideration from the Town to use the building until the Town can decide what to do with it as long as were given a 60 day notice to exit.

Council Member Green agrees that the idea is within reason for the use of the fire station, but would like more time to think about the idea and also think about other buildings for the thrift store.

Council Member Green made a motion to table any decisions about using the fire department until the next meeting and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

AMENDMENT TO NOISE ORDINANCE

As discussed at last month's meeting a business owner in Town has requested that the Town place a prohibition on the use of compression release engine brakes, frequently called "Jake brakes" or "Jacobs brakes." This ordinance would not prohibit the use of the brakes in the

case of an emergency, nor does it ensure that every truck driver will comply, but it does provide a mechanism for addressing citizen concerns. The proposed prohibition would be achieved by adding a new Section §130.11 (J.) to the list of unnecessary noises prohibited. (See the underlined section of page four of Chapter 130 of the Town of Jonesville Code of Ordinances included behind Tab 2.) Underline section enclosed in the minute book for reading.

Council Member Wall made a motion to approve the new section 130.11 (J) and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

As discussed at our workshop meeting on January 6, 2014 the Town has a number of foreclosed properties. The Town Council will need to declare the properties surplus and authorize the Town staff to advertise them for bid. The Council will have the option to accept the high bid on each property or not at the March meeting. The resolution declaring the properties surplus is included behind Tab 3.

Note: The bidder needs to realize that the Town requires the structure on the properties to be demolished, if the structure is not able to be repaired. Example: 416 West Main Street cannot be repaired.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the resolution to declare the foreclosed properties surplus and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

The Town Manager reports that the final check \$320,894.64 arrived today from the Rural Center that had been frozen for months from the water plant project grant. After paying the final invoices to the engineer \$66,931.32 out of these funds the balance \$253,963.32 will be put back to the Town's (cushion) account which was closed in order to pay the contractor, because of the frozen funds. In March, we will be starting our budget workshops, so check your calendar for some dates that will be good for you. We reopened Mineral Springs Drive and the Town will be doing some cleaning on the hillside and drainage cleaning. During our budget workshops we can discuss speed bumps and get some quotes. On the greenway, if the houses cannot be burned down we can get bids to knock them down. Motor cycles have been on the greenway and messed up the grass the Town established, so we need to talk about chains and signage at our workshop meetings.

Arlington Fire Chief, Kevin Macemore reported 711 calls for the year. Averaged 62 calls the last 3 months over the 4th quarter. They had 13,000 training hours for the year. Have not heard a

(yes) on burning the houses down on the greenway. It is a very lengthy process to have a house burned down and still waiting on the answer. Note: You cannot just go and burn a house down because it needs it.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Green made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette