

Narrows Town Council Meeting
September 12, 2022

Mayor Tom Spangler called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Sara Bowles (arrived late), George Conley, John Mills, and Joe Goorskey.

Staff members present were Lindsey Caudill, Terry Nicholson, Landon Patteson, Benji Ratcliffe, and Debbie Thomas.

Attorney present was Mike Bedsaul.

Councilman Mills gave the invocation.

Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Mayor Spangler opened the public hearing concerning the weed/trash/clutter ordinance. Are there any questions or concerns concerning the ordinance from council or the public?

Councilman Goorskey asked if anyone wanted to speak to please come to the microphone so their statements can be incorporated into the meeting minutes.

Richard Ratcliffe said he and his wife Cindy were present tonight to speak about properties around their residence at 903 Westview Street with weeds, trash, and clutter. These properties are a nuisance and they have pictures for council to look at.

Cindy Ratcliffe said they just wanted council to see what they have to look at every day.

Mayor Spangler said unfortunately they are not by themselves. The purpose of this ordinance is to put a little teeth into it and determine what they can and can't do.

Councilman Mills said they are presenting this at the right time because council is being asked to approve an ordinance that deals with these very things.

Richard Ratcliffe said there is trash everywhere on these properties. He keeps his yard nice.

Councilman Mills said he believes in an individual's rights until their rights infringe upon someone else's rights.

Cindy Ratcliffe said they tried to sell their home but couldn't because of the properties around them. They have had snakes and rats.

Richard Ratcliffe said they appreciate anything council can do to help them.

Mayor Spangler said these things didn't happen overnight so they can't get them fixed overnight but they are working on it.

Councilman Mills said Mike Bedsaul and Councilman Conley have worked hard on this ordinance and it will give them the legal tool to address these issues.

Councilman Conley said he was glad Richard and Cindy Ratcliffe attended the council meeting tonight. Mike Bedsaul has worked hard on this ordinance and he gave him some input.

Cindy Ratcliffe said she and her husband want to help in any way they can.

Councilman Conley said they now have Town Manager Terry Nicholson and that will be where the buck stops.

John Hale Jr. said he lives at 504 Scenic Drive and wanted to thank council for their courage and leadership associated with this initiative and making Narrows a better place to live for every resident here.

Mayor Spangler asked if there were any other comments concerning the ordinance. Hearing none he declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Spangler said he hoped Clyde Turner got back on his feet soon and is back for the next council meeting. He also hopes John Davis is feeling better.

Mayor Spangler said council is presenting the Narrows High School class of 1972 a proclamation for their 50th reunion. It reads as follows:

***Whereas**, the members of the 1972 graduating class from Narrows High School have gathered together for a gala evening to celebrate their 50th class reunion; and*

***Whereas**, the members of the class of 1972 who live in Narrows will be joined by fellow classmates from around the country who have made a special effort to be part of this celebration; and*

***Whereas**, for the past 50 years, the members of this class have been outstanding examples of community minded citizens who have served as important role models to the young men and women in their communities; and*

***Whereas**, while the reunion will be a time of joy in seeing old friends and remembering good times, it will also be an opportunity to recall the past friendships of the members of the class who are deceased; and*

***Whereas**, the Town of Narrows hopes that this 50-year reunion of the Narrows High School Class of 1972 will be memorable and enjoyable for the members and their families.*

Now, therefore, I Tom Spangler, Mayor of the Town of Narrows, do hereby proclaim, September 30, 2022:

“Narrows High School Class of 1972 Reunion Day in the Town of Narrows, Virginia”

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Narrows, this 30th day of September AD, 2022.

Mayor Spangler asked members of the Class of 1972 to come forward so the proclamation can be presented to them.

Approval of August 8th and August 22nd Meeting Minutes

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to approve the August 8th and August 22nd meeting minutes.

Councilman Mills said the August 22nd meeting minutes need a correction on page 3. It states he made a motion and the second. This needs to be changed.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the August 8th and August 22nd meeting minutes with a correction to the August 22nd minutes. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Consent Agenda

Library Report

There was no library report.

Mayor Spangler said they wished Cindy Laws a speedy recovery from her illness.

Parks & Recreation Report

Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the parks and rec report.

Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Police Report

Councilman Mills said he has been looking at the police reports for several months and he has yet to see a speeding ticket for less than 15mph over the speed limit.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the police report. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Financial Report/Treasurer's Report

Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the financial report/treasurer's report. Councilman Mills seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Town Manager's Report

Terry Nicholson said he wanted council to clarify whether they wanted to include part-time employees in the AirMedCare coverage. One of the town's part-time police officers only works 20 hours a week and was interested in participating. There are four other employees that would meet the 20 hours a week threshold. No other benefits are offered to part-time employees and council could say this isn't a benefit but a membership program.

Mayor Spangler said he spoke with Terry Nicholson concerning this and they have 60-65% participation from full-time employees so the budgeted amount of money has not been met. He feels they should open it up to all employees if they want to participate.

Councilman Mills said he agrees with that.

Councilman Conley said the part-time officer they are speaking of works year-round. Are the other part-time employees seasonal?

Terry Nicholson said one of them is but the other three are not.

Councilman Goorskey said the seasonal aspect of that really doesn't matter because the town retains that slot. If the employee accepts it they would pay their portion but would lose their slot if they leave employment. That slot could be filled with a new employee.

Terry Nicholson said this can be stopped and started at any time. They would just pay their portion which is \$32.50/year.

Councilman Goorskey said that is why part-time employees aren't offered a lot of benefits because there is a higher turnover. Any benefits they can offer to keep employees around might be good.

Terry Nicholson said they had 16 employees sign up on sign-up day and a couple more wanted to sign up but weren't able to come on sign-up day. There will be a total of around 20 employees so the town's portion will be around \$650 which is well below the \$975 they talked about.

Councilmember Bowles asked if there was an open-enrollment period.

Terry Nicholson said no, that it's open year-round.

Councilman Mills made a motion to allow part-time employees to participate in the AirMedCare program. Councilman Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the town manager's report.

Councilman Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Works Director's Report

Councilman Goorskey asked what 2,924,317 gallons of water cost the town?

Terry Nicholson said the percentage water loss showing is his fault. They read meters earlier than they had been. Tasha Riddle read meters on August 26th which resulted in an additional five days of water sales that were not accounted for in the loss. If you subtract the five days of water sales it brings the loss down to 34% which is around where they had been. This is going to be an ongoing problem because of the fact they are ending up with around 150 meter rereads they have to do because of the equipment, which is around 10%. It takes from 1-2 days to get the rereads depending on public works availability.

Councilman Goorskey said he does want to know what the dollar amount is for the water they lost.

Mayor Spangler said a resident had a water leak at their meter and called the sheriff's department to report it. Public works employees were there in around an hour to fix the leak. That is commendable.

Terry Nicholson said there were 11 leaks like that in the month of August alone and water meters were the culprit in about half of those. This is an ongoing problem.

Mayor Spangler said it sounds like the new meters will be a Godsend.

Terry Nicholson said it will simplify the work for office staff and public works.

Councilman Mills asked Terry Nicholson when the new meters would begin to be installed?

Terry Nicholson said they will talk about the contract tonight and once it is approved the replacement should take about 8 months.

Debbie Thomas said the town pays the PSA \$4.16/1,000 gallons of water.

Mike Bedsaul said the issue with the water meters occurs more frequently during the hotter months than the cooler months.

Councilman Goorskey said in the last 6 months they have had a water loss of around 40% every month and haven't been receiving reports that it's the water meters. He remembers a few months it was stated they didn't have any meters rupture. The town is losing \$12,000/month. They have to do more leak detection and there was a time they did it better than they are doing it now.

Terry Nicholson said if council recalls they have been talking to the Giles County PSA and they are willing to help with leak detection and help isolate where some of those leaks may be. Kevin Belcher is the one directing that and he has had some health problems in the last month so this has gone to the wayside for a little bit but should get back on track. The town installed a meter at the north tank so they should be able to read

water coming out of the tank while pieces of the system are isolated. They want to do this in the early morning hours when they are at the lowest flow they can possibly have. They will shut valves within the system that are already installed and will be creating a smaller piece of the system and will be able to determine the flow in a particular section.

Councilman Mills said until Kevin Belcher had health issues the town was being very aggressive in looking for leaks. He feels strongly that when they get started back they will have some success locating leaks.

Councilman Goorskey said he has agreed for years in the town and the PSA working together but they have done a better job in the past at doing our own leak detection. The town can do more than what they are doing because that is a lot of money they are pumping out in the ground somewhere. That money could be paying salaries, bonuses, and numerous other things. They have talked about this every month and they need to make something happen.

Councilman Mills said they are talking about around \$144,000/year.

Councilman Goorskey said he doesn't want to come back next month and hear they are waiting for something else to happen. They know there are leaks in the ground and they have people that know how to find them. These people need to be asked to help find the leaks. It can't keep going on like this.

Councilman Goorskey made a motion to approve the public works director's report. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Communications, Concerns and Requests from the Public

Lindsey Caudill said she was contacted by Debbie Burton and Kenneth Hamilton. They have reserved a shelter at the park every year for as long as she has worked for the town. They are unable to have their family reunion this year due to family illness and some family members not being able to travel. She told Debbie Burton that policy states council is to be asked for a refund so she is asking for the \$65 shelter rental be refunded to Debbie Burton.

Mayor Spangler asked if this is something they may want to carry over until next year?

Lindsey Caudill said she can ask her. The town usually doesn't start taking shelter rentals until the first of the year.

Councilman Goorskey said he doesn't have a problem either way because there has been no harm to the town and they told Lindsey Caudill as soon as they could. He also has no issue in carrying it over until next year.

Lindsey Caudill said she will check with Debbie Burton to see if she wants to carry it over until next year.

Councilman Conley said he doesn't have a problem with the refund but he does believe council should continue having the last word in what happens in this situation.

Lindsey Caudill said they may want to put a time limit on rescheduling the shelter rental.

Leea Smith said she and Dave Lloyd are part of the old-time string band every Thursday at MacArthur Inn and really enjoy playing. She put together a brochure and she and Dave Lloyd thought they would approach council and see if they wanted to fund having more of the brochures printed and distributed in different areas. She goes to a lot of different jams and is asked where she plays at. She has some updated ones she brought for council to look at.

Councilman Goorskey said there is a wonderful lady named Audre Roberts who would love to have some of this stuff in her shop next door. Leea Smith is promoting their town

and doing council's job and they love it. He would like to know anything they can do to assist her.

Leea Smith said if council could get some brochures printed that would be a big help.

Terry Nicholson said he did some research and they can get 1,000 brochures printed for \$300 and it can be taken out of the town's miscellaneous budget. He spoke with the mayor today and one of the things they would like to do with this is to promote it through the Virginia Tourism Association. They have marketing grants for this type of thing.

Councilman Conley made a motion to appropriate \$300 to get 1,000 'Live Old-Time String Music' brochures printed. Councilman Mills seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Communications from Mayor and Council

Councilman Mills said there was no PSA meeting this month because of Kevin Belcher's absence. At the last meeting they were being more aggressive in collecting delinquent trash bills. He asked that they have a public hearing and was discouraged by several members about doing that. He believes it is their job to communicate with their customers and maybe head off some problems. They have tried to locate tenants that left the property they were renting and owe a garbage bill to get their money and have been extremely unsuccessful in doing so. There is one place that owes an \$8,000 trash bill and that means they have never paid one since its inception. It's not fair to people that do the right thing and pay their bill to let all of these other people slide. They are going to announce that they are going to bill the landlords for the trash bill and they can get the money from their renters.

Audre Roberts said there is animal excrement on the sidewalks in front of the town office and in front of the apartments. She would like to see something added to the town code that if people are going to be walking their pets in town they need to clean up their excrement. If people have animals they need to take care of them. She walked to work the other day and there was horse excrement on the sidewalk. There are other places in town where this is taking place. This needs to be worked on.

Councilman Conley said he would like for Mike Bedsaul to adopt a draft ordinance concerning this.

Mike Bedsaul said he could draft an ordinance to require that excrement be cleaned up and if it's not someone would be subject to a fine.

Councilman Mills said it's incumbent upon council to get excrement off of the sidewalks.

Councilman Conley said he has seen several people walking their dogs that carry the doggie bags for excrement pickup.

Councilmember Bowles said when she was planting flowers at the pocket park she stepped where she shouldn't have and knows what Audre Roberts is talking about. They could put some bag dispensers at the pocket park.

Councilman Mills said they can do that but still need an ordinance with some teeth if people refuse to pick up after their pets.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve that an ordinance be drafted concerning the public picking up after their pets. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Mayor Spangler said as everyone probably knows the school consolidation is first and foremost. The town needs to be involved in that process and he doesn't know if anyone

has had any input from a business standpoint. This affects everyone in the county. Mike Bedsaul suggested having a couple of people to attend the school board meeting. Mayor Spangler intends to be there but doesn't believe he will be speaking. If anyone else on council wants to attend they are more than welcome to as long as there are not any more than 2 council members. Mike Bedsaul said if anyone wants to attend on a personal level that was fine.

Mike Bedsaul said there was nothing saying they all couldn't attend the school board meeting like any other citizen. If they're in a group and discussing public business of the town that would be considered a meeting for FOIA purposes. If they wanted to say they were addressing the school board directly on behalf of town council or the town that is when 2 people should be identified. If they just want to go to the meeting and participate during the public comment section to speak their personal opinion they can do that even if all of council is there.

Councilman Mills said he is going to tell the school board that Narrows doesn't want any more buildings. Narrows is a rural community and that high school is the lifeblood of this community. In his tenure with Giles County, he has been involved in 7 building projects and has never had the first citizen complain about spending money on kids.

Councilman Goorskey said he is on the list to speak at Thursday night's meeting and will introduce himself as a parent, a citizen of the county, and a member of town council. One of the statements he is prepared to make is that the town has no interest in an empty decaying building of that size in their township.

Councilmember Bowles said she is also on the list to speak and will be representing as a mother. She has a whole lot of horses in this race. She is also a taxpayer and representative of the town. Her stance will be that if Narrows High School closes it will be detrimental to Narrows in the form of taxes, livelihood, and other things. They may not be able to recover from the economic impact.

Mayor Spangler said a lot of questions have been raised by Councilman Goorskey and others which are legitimate questions. As far as he understands, very few school board members have an answer. He believes before they can move forward with consolidation all of those questions need to have answers. The town needs to have a voice and do impact studies that council and town staff feel are necessary. The town needs to make their position known and do whatever they have to when they get an opportunity to address that.

Councilman Goorskey said he believes the town should undertake their own economic impact studies and show what effect that projection would have on the town. He doesn't hear anything coming from the school board itself on what their actual plan is. If he understands correctly, the Giles County Board of Supervisors also has to approve the consolidation. That is the area where the town can go to the board of supervisors and show them the potential negative impact on the town and ask them to take that into consideration before making any approvals for this. He has heard that they want this vote to take place in the next 6-8 months. He would like to know council's thoughts on these things.

Terry Nicholson said he spoke to Kevin Byrd at the New River Valley Regional Commission about this and because it is a 'regional' commission they would shy away from doing a study for the Town of Narrows. However, Kevin Byrd said the town needs to get Giles County and the Town of Narrows to ask for an economic impact study together. By doing that, the regional commission can get involved and would be an impartial party. He would encourage any council member that is going to be at the school board meeting to voice the opinion that the county and the town need to work together to get this kind of information.

Councilman Goorskey said the county would be asking for that but not the school board so that needs to be presented at a board of supervisors meeting.

Councilman Mills said they need to have facts and those would support the town's position on this.

Councilman Conley said the school board are their elected officials and he has no idea why there is such an urgency for this. It's very clear how Narrows Town Council feels about this consolidation.

Mayor Spangler said Councilmember Bowles and Councilman Goorskey will be attending the school board meeting and speaking on behalf of themselves as parents and the town.

Councilman Goorskey said he doesn't feel like council has given them direction to go there with a particular type of statement. He is going to tell them that he is a member of town council and Narrows wouldn't like to have a big empty building in their town. He doesn't feel like the town will be represented with a statement at the meeting. He will let them know that he is a parent, a taxpayer, and a member of council and explain how he feels. They could ask Mayor Spangler to represent the town at a school board meeting if need be.

Councilman Mills said he believes Councilmember Bowles and Councilman Goorskey can speak for the town but he really wants to be included in talks with the board of supervisors because he worked for them for 27 years and he could be more effective in that arena rather than talking to the school board.

Mayor Spangler said the school board meeting is Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone that wants to express their concerns is welcome to attend.

New Business

Mayor Spangler said there is a request from Gary Fields to approve the installation of Narrows Green Wave banners.

Terry Nicholson said Gary Fields is not asking for money. There is a group of people that want to purchase 3 banners to place on light poles going up high school hill near where they repainted the railing. There is a picture of the banner in council's packet. The town will need to install the banners and the brackets for them are already on the light poles.

Councilmember Bowles said she would like for Allen Neely, Matt Bowles, and Gary Fields to be recognized for this achievement. Allen Neely spearheaded this venture and helped paint the rails going up high school hill.

Councilman Mills said he would like for a plaque to be presented to these folks at the next council meeting if they're able to attend.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to discuss the contract for water meter replacement. They can discuss the contract now but Mike Bedsaul has asked that a vote concerning this not be held until after closed session.

Councilman Goorskey said they could bring this back up after closed session.

Matters for Consideration by Council

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to approve the weed/trash/clutter ordinance.

Mike Bedsaul said he is asking council to amend one part of the draft ordinance. Sec. 10-88 subsection D states *'the general penalties contained in this section shall be available in addition to the town's authority to compel abatement of the violation as provided in section 10-89'*. This needs to be amended to state, *'The general penalties contained in this section shall be available in addition to the town's authority to compel abatement of the violation as provided in this article and the Code of Virginia, including, without limitation, the authority to initiate a civil action to compel abatement'*.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the weed/trash/clutter ordinance, including the amendment to Section 10-88, subsection D. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to consider scheduling a joint public hearing on October 10th, 2022, concerning an Airbnb at 106 Spring Street.

Terry Nicholson said the town received a request for a special exception for the operation of an Airbnb at 106 Spring Street. The planning commission will meet tomorrow night concerning this and a joint public hearing will be held with council on October 10th.

Councilman Mills made a motion to schedule a joint public hearing with council at the October 10th, 2022, council meeting concerning an Airbnb at 106 Spring Street. Councilman Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to consider a donation to the Giles County Homeless Shelter.

Terry Nicholson said the town received a request from the Giles County Homeless Shelter. The town mows the grass for the Hope House during the summer and he considers this a donation from the town. He will draft a letter to them stating that the mowing of the grass will be their donation.

Councilman Goorskey asked Debbie Thomas if the town had donated to them in the past? If something has been given to them in the past he would like to know.

Debbie Thomas said the last donation to them was in 2020 in the amount of \$200.

Councilman Mills made a motion to continue cutting grass at the Hope House and to give a monetary donation of \$200. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to consider publishing the 2021 delinquent tax list.

Debbie Thomas said she has provided two detailed listings. The first list shows everyone that owes and the second list only shows people that owe \$75 or greater.

Councilmember Bowles asked Debbie Thomas how many notices these people receive?

Debbie Thomas said they receive the original tax tickets in early/mid-November and a delinquent notice is sent around the last of February.

Councilman Mills asked how effective it was to publish this list?

Debbie Thomas said she puts a notice on the second notice that tells the customer if they owe 2 or more years of real estate taxes they can pay in full, make a payment arrangement with the town, or they will be turned over to the attorney. This past March she only received one call about a payment arrangement and the person never showed up. She turned them over to the attorney for the third time.

Mayor Spangler said it would seem to him that a DMV stop would be the most effective on someone owing personal property taxes.

Debbie Thomas said he wouldn't believe the people that owe no tax on their vehicles and only owe a \$20 decal fee. They will place a DMV stop on them, which means they have to pay an additional \$40 on top of the \$20.

Mike Bedsaul said legally the town isn't required to publish this list in the paper but do so because they hope it encourages people to come in and pay their taxes. He has identified 5 people on the list that have a payment plan with Sands Anderson that need to be removed.

Councilman Goorskey made a motion to publish the 2021 delinquent tax list limiting the amount owed to \$75 or greater. Councilman Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Mayor Spangler said council is being asked to consider the observance of Halloween on Sunday, October 30th instead of Monday, October 31st. The trunk or treat with the rec department is on Saturday night. Historically it's been moved to Sunday night if it fell on a Monday.

Councilman Goorskey said historically Halloween is on October 31st and they don't have any control over that.

Council agreed to leave the observance of Halloween on Monday, October 31st.

Councilman Conley made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real property concerning the Wheeler property and the discussion of real estate purchase (Sec. 2.2-3711.A.3). They also need to add consultation with legal counsel (Sec. 2.2-3711.A.8). Councilman Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Councilman Conley made a motion to return to open session. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Certification

WHEREAS, the Town of Narrows, has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative-recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification of the Town Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Town of Narrows hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies: and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

ATTEST: _____

Councilman Goorskey made a motion to accept the certification. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Councilman Goorskey made a motion to approve the conveyance of real property from Wheeler Associates to the Town of Narrows. Councilman Mills seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the contract with Fortiline for the purchase of water meters. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Councilman Mills said he had provided information to council on a proposal to have a county-wide sewer system. He has been asked to go to Richmond, Virginia, to speak with DEQ. He isn't asking for money but would like permission from council to do that.

Council was unanimous in their approval for Councilman Mills to go to Richmond.

Councilman Conley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mills seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bowles, Conley, Mills, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Clerk, Debbie Thomas

Mayor, Tom Spangler