

**Town of Felton  
Town Council Meeting  
June 9, 2014  
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 9, 2014. Present at the meeting were:

**Council Members:** Mayor Dave Kelley; Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga; Michael Routh; Joanne Clendaniel and Anthony Carroll.

**Staff:** Town Manager; Rebecca Greene, Chief; Levi Brown and Town Clerk; Amy Lupinetti.

**Public:** Residents; Bill & Sandra Wood and William Brittingham.

**Citizen's Concerns:**

Councilman Routh stated that he contacted a gentlemen at the fire school regarding the self administered drug kit for heroin overdoses. This has been passed so it is halfway there and will be administered as an inhalant. He stated that he did follow-up with Mrs. Hobbs and explained to her why the Felton Fire Company does not administer the drug. He also did find out that Magnolia does administer it and apparently it is based on the environment and the amount of incidents involving heroin.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked if the Police have contacted the guy with the utility truck on Green Court. Rebecca replied that Albert did make contact with the owner of the truck.

Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that the boat is back in the road and Levi replied that the trailer does have a flat and he thought that Mr. Shamburger had three days until it had to be removed. Rebecca stated that with our new ordinance it cannot be there and needs to be removed.

**Police Report:**

| <b>Officer</b> | <b>Reg</b> | <b>SEU</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>9451</b>    | 153        | 51         | 204          |
| <b>9452</b>    | 117        | 109        | 226          |
| <b>9453</b>    | 114        | 35         | 149          |
| <b>9454</b>    | 26         | 0          | 26           |
| <b>9455</b>    | 8          | 22         | 30           |

Chief Brown presented the May 2014 Police Report and stated that the Voluntary Assessment number is down since last year because they did a distracted driving campaign last year.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to approve the April 2014 Police Report. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Budget Report:**

Rebecca stated that we received the reimbursement for the generator of \$42,000.

Councilman Routh asked if we purchased the new copier and Rebecca replied yes we did purchase the copier and we do have the new copier.

Councilman Routh wanted to know why there was not enough budgeted last year for the engineer line and Rebecca replied that we had to do the Comprehensive Plan which was unexpected.

Councilwoman Clendaniel asked what we are doing about the engineer issue. Rebecca stated that she is waiting until after July 1 and we will have a meeting with Dan String. The prices for this engineer are about \$10 more than what we are paying now.

**Motion:** Councilman Routh made a motion to approve the May 2014 Budget Report. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Minutes:**

**Public Hearing Minutes**

Mayor Kelley presented the May 12, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

**Motion:** Councilman Routh made a motion to accept the May 12, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes:**

Mayor Kelley presented the May 12, 2014 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions.

Councilman Carroll asked if anyone has heard from Billy Myers and Rebecca replied that we have not heard from Mr. Myers. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked who is doing the patch work and Rebecca replied that Mr. Myers must be doing it because she told Ralph not to do any of the patch work.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor made a motion to accept the May 12, 2014 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes:**

Mayor Kelley presented the June 3, 2014 Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. Rebecca stated that she has contacted the attorney and he is doing an ordinance so when a developer goes to Planning & Zoning for new construction they will have

to submit \$200. If the developer does show up for the meeting then we can put the \$200 towards the compliance letter fees but if they don't show we will keep the money.

**Motion:** Councilman Carroll made a motion to accept the June 3, 2014 Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Comcast Agreement:**

Mayor Kelley stated that the agreement basically authorizes residents to purchase Comcast without a franchise fee.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the Comcast Agreement. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley - yes; Councilman Routh – yes; Vice Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilwoman Clendaniel – yes and Councilman Carroll – yes.

**Request for Abatement for 11 Nile St:**

Rebecca stated that this property is owned by Mr. Brittingham. Mr. Brittingham stated that he is looking for some leniency on the \$25 late fee. He stated that he overlooked the original bill. Rebecca stated that she did look over the account and he has never been late in the past. Mayor Kelley asked him if he received his late notice and he said he did receive it and paid it the next day. Council agreed that they would abate the late fee.

**Motion:** Councilman Carroll made a motion to abate the \$25 late fee for 11 Nile Street. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Request abatement for 210W Main St:**

Rebecca stated that this property is a rental. There were two people living in the house and the one whose name the account was in moved out of the house. The renters came into Town Hall and paid the bill with no problem.

Mr. Brittingham stated that he does not recall ever receiving the delinquent letter for this property. Rebecca stated that we did send a copy because she recalled having a conversation with Amy regarding both of his accounts being delinquent.

Mr. Brittingham stated that he is just looking out for the renters because \$75 is a lot of money for young adults. Council agreed that they did not want to abate these fees.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion not to abate the \$75 fees at 210 W Main St. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Home Sprinklers for New Construction:**

Councilman Routh presented Home Sprinkler Coalition and a Fifteen Year study packet to Council (see attached). He stated that he could not find any information that stated why people would not want a sprinkler system in their home.

Mayor Kelley asked what it would cost and Councilman Routh stated that it would be about \$1 per square foot so the average home would cost about \$1500-\$2000.

Councilwoman Clendaniel asked Mr. Wood if he is installing sprinklers in his home and he stated that he is not installing a sprinkler system in his home. Councilman Routh asked him if he would explain his reasons for not installing a sprinkler system. Mr. Wood stated that it is just his personal preference and he felt like Councilman Routh was going off of statistics and he feels like the older homes are more susceptible to fires.

Councilman Routh stated that Sussex County has an ordinance stating it is required for three story homes, apartments and townhouses and maybe this is something that we should consider. Mr. Routh stated that he just wanted to give Council an idea and if we do decide to do this we would have to get some people together and have some workshops.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion not to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Lupinetti, Town Clerk.

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Date