

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
November 14, 2016
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 14, 2016. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Dave Kelley, Vice Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel & Diana Dolan-Beulah.

Staff: Town Manager Rebecca Greene and Town Clerk Amy Thomas.

Public: Aaron Gordy and Anita Yapsuga.

Citizens Concerns:

There were no Citizens Concerns.

Police Report:

Rebecca stated that Chief Brown is out of Town and will present the October 2016 Police Report at next month's meeting.

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated the runway project at the Air Force Base is almost completed and the new phone system will be installed tomorrow. So far we have \$979 left to collect in taxes and letters have been sent to two property owners about their houses going up for Sheriff Sale.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked who is responsible for checking the Police overtime for payroll during the audit. Rebecca replied that she wanted to discuss it with the Chief and she will gather all the information for the next meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to accept the October 2016 budget report. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the October 17, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the October 17, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Skateboard Ordinance:

Rebecca stated that this Ordinance was supposed to come back as the first reading but the Attorney had some concerns and she wanted them to come before Council. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that he spoke to a Doctor about skateboarding and he suggested that I do some research on findlaw.com. I also looked on other Towns websites and they don't allow skateboarding in their Towns.

Rebecca stated the Attorney had two concerns. The first concern is that we can't say that we will have the skateboarders follow the bicycle laws because some of the bicycle laws don't apply to skateboarders. The other concern is we can't tell them that they can use the skateboard for transportation purposes only because when they are doing tricks it is considered transportation.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked if skateboards are a problem in other areas of the Town and Councilmember Clendaniel stated it is a problem on her street. Mayor Kelley stated that he doesn't want to over regulate stuff in the Town and Councilmember Clendaniel stated she doesn't think he is over regulating anything he is just looking out for the safety of the Town.

Mr. Gordy stated that he is very disappointed to hear all of this information but these have also been topics that we have discussed in the meetings. Rebecca stated that she understands he is upset but our Attorney is doing his job and looking out for the Town legally. I submitted this Ordinance to him with the changes and he sent it back to me with concerns. Mr. Gordy asked where he stood right now with skateboarding. Mayor Kelley asked Councilmember's what their thoughts were. Councilmember Dolan Beulah stated that she was all for it at the last meeting but after reading the Attorney's concerns she thinks it may be too much of a liability for the Town. Councilmember Clendaniel stated that she is against skateboarding in the Town. Mayor Kelley asked if any other Town's have had this problem and Rebecca stated that she could send out a survey and get that information. Councilmember Clendaniel stated that she thinks we should table the Ordinance until Rebecca gets information from her survey and Mayor Kelley agreed.

Mayor Kelley suggested we leave the Ordinance the way it is right now and have a meeting with the Officers and see if they have had any problems with skateboarders. If they have not been having problems with skateboarders then we can leave the Ordinance the way it stands now.

First Reading of the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance:

Rebecca stated as we were enforcing this Ordinance she noticed that some changes needed to be made so she and Officer Guild worked together to make the changes. I attached the red line copy and also the final copy and Rebecca explained the Ordinance to Council.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the first Reading of the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel –yes and Councilman Dolan-Beulah-yes.

Discuss Police Directive Regarding Annual Physical :

Rebecca stated Chief Brown recommend that Council approves that an Officer is allowed to get an annual physical while on duty. The new directives will require each Officer to have an annual physical.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapsuaga made a motion to allow an Officer to go get an annual physical while on duty with no overtime. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lot 12 – West Street Dedicated to the Town as a park from Myers Family:

Rebecca stated Ryan Myers came in and said that he would like to donate this property to the Town as long as he can put a memorial on it for his family. He said that he would pay for the Memorial and we would just have to get the deed transferred.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the gift from the Myers Family contingent on the Town's approval of the memorial. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel –yes and Councilman Dolan-Beulah-yes.

Christmas Activity at Town Hall:

Rebecca stated we are going to plan to have Santa here on December 6, 7 and 8 and we are predicting there will be about 250 kids. We will have a onetime expense of \$138.20 for the stuff for Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Christmas backdrop. We will also buy stuff to put in the kids goodie bags. The total estimated cost is about \$400 and I would like to take the money from the Christmas line. Mayor Kelley asked what we normally do with that money and Rebecca stated that we use it for Christmas bonuses but we already eliminated \$1000 of bonuses. It was decided that the Mayor and Libby Kelley would dress up on December 6 and 7 and Vice-Mayor Yapsuga and Anita would dress up on December 8 and times will be 6pm to 7:30pm.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapsuaga made a motion to take \$400 from the Christmas line to sponsor the Christmas events at Town Hall. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

AT&T Rent for Antennas on the Water Tower:

Rebecca stated AT&T contacted her about wanting to reduce their rate. They sent the letter in October but when we received their payment in November it included their rate increase. If they come off the Tower T-Mobile wants to come on the Tower but we can't throw AT&T off because of their contract. Rebecca is going to tell them at this point we are not lowering the price.

Building Security Project:

Rebecca stated the total cost for the project to increase security will be \$30,000 and we calculated \$10,000 for the cameras and keyless entry and \$20,000 for the construction. Mayor Kelley asked how much of that will be coming out of the Town's budget and Rebecca replied it depends on how much she can get from Grants. Mayor Kelley asked what types of Grants and Rebecca stated she is working with a guy that may be able to get

us a Homeland Security Grant. If we cannot get any grants then we can start the project at the end of this fiscal year and have some come from this year's budget and the remainder comes from next year's budget.

The Council Meeting recessed at 7:47pm for an Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:49pm.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas, Town Clerk

Date