

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
November 14, 2022
6:30 pm**

Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 14, 2022. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice Mayor David Kelley, Bill Brittingham, Anthony Carroll and Diana Dolan-Beulah.

Staff: Chief Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

Public: Comcast representative Chris Comer.

Citizen's Concerns:

There were no questions or concerns.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the October 2022 police report. Chief announced the new black Durango is on the road and we are hoping the white Durango will be following suit in the next couple of weeks. There was discussion on body cameras and switching to Axon. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to accept the October 2022 Police Report. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

Mr. Brittingham presented the October 2022 fire company report. They had a total of 29 alarms for the month of October. He mentioned that the ice cream truck will be open for the Christmas parade. They will be selling hot chocolate and sundaes.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the October 2022 Budget report. Amy stated that we received two donations which were from Bill Brittingham and Mark Todd. These donations were to help buy t-shirt inventory so we have shirts on hand to sell to help raise more funds for community events. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the October 2022 Budget Report. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Report:

Amy presented the October 2022 Public Works Report. There were no questions or concerns.

Minutes:

Mayor Clendaniel presented the October 10, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes, October 10, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes and November 9, 2022 Planning and Zoning Minutes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the October 10, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes, and Council Meeting Minutes and the November 9, 2022 Planning and Zoning Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Comcast Franchise Agreement- Chris Comer:

Amy introduced Chris Comer, Comcast representative. Chris stated the Town currently has a non-exclusive cable franchise agreement with the Town that allows Comcast to use the town's right of way to provide cable service. The agreement is up for renewal in 2024 and Chris wanted introduce himself. There was discussion on a new internet essentials program for low-income households.

Verizon Wireless Agreement:

Amy stated that our lease agreement with Verizon Wireless expires in 2027 and she was contacted by a representative offering the town two options for renewal (see attached). She went over the two options with Council and provided them with a spreadsheet of numbers reflecting the two options. After much discussion the town would like to counter offer with 2.75% accelerator sticking with the \$3115.93 per month which is what we are currently receiving.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to make a counteroffer to Verizon Wireless. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Town Seal:

Amy stated that she contacted a company to do the Town's seal and had them do a mockup of the Historical Society Building. Council would like to see train tracks on each side of the building in the seal and also flip the building so the front is showing. Amy will get the changes completed and present to Council when it is ready.

Handicap Parking Spot at Town Hall:

Vice Mayor Kelley approached Amy about the handicap spot on Church Street last month. The spot is not visible and Church Street is a busy road which sparks a concern for safety. There was much discussion on the location of the Handicap spot. Before a decision can be made Amy stated that she will find out the actual State requirements of a handicap spot so they can make the best choice on location.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm for Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:57pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

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

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date