

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
May 8, 2023
6:15 pm**

Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:15 pm on Monday, May 8, 2023. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice-Mayor Dave Kelley, Anthony Carroll, and Bill Brittingham.

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

Public: Resident's Pam and Paul Hudson, Wade and Shellie Williams, and Patty Eccles

Public Comments:

There were no questions or concerns.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the April 2023 police report. He mentioned the officers had their spring firearms training in April. Total calls for the month of April were 234, and 945 for the calendar year. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the April 2023 Police Report. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

Councilmember Brittingham discussed some upcoming dates of events that the Felton Fire Company will be hosting.

Public Works Report:

Amy presented the April 2023 Public Works Report. Along with their daily operations they held the fire hydrant flow testing class, put up flags and veteran banners on Main St, cleaned drainage basins of debris, trimmed trees at Odd Fellows Park, patch work on Nile Street, replaced the water valve on the filtration system and met with Kent Conservation to discuss drainage in Hidden Pond Development. There was discussion on possible drainage issues with the ditch line that travels to the southern parts of town limits. There were no questions or concerns.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the April 2023 Budget Report. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to accept the April 2023 Budget Report. Vice-Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Clendaniel presented the April 10, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes, the April 10, 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the May 3, 2023 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the April 10, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes, the April 10, 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the May 3, 2023 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Conditional Use Request- 410 Ryan Court- In Home Daycare:

There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to approve the conditional use request for an in-home daycare at 410 Ryan Ct. Vice-Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, and Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

Approval of FY24 Budget:

Amy presented the FY24 Budget. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, and Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

Resolution- 23- FY24 Tax Rate:

Amy presented FY24 Tax Rate. She confirmed the rate has not changed from last year. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept-23- FY24 Tax Rate. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, and Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

Verizon Wireless Lease:

Amy presented the Verizon wireless lease. There was discussion on the lease agreement from Verizon.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to deny agreement as written, and have Verizon remove paragraph #39 from the lease agreement. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

End of Summer Bash Date- August 22, 2023:

Amy presented the date for the annual End of Summer Bash will be on Tuesday, August 22nd this year. Tracey spoke on some ideas for entertainment during the End of Summer Bash.

Christmas Parade Date- December 15, 2023:

Amy presented the date for the annual Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 15th.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date