

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
September 9, 2024
6:30 pm**

Vice Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 9, 2024. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Marquise Broom, Diana Dolan-Beulah and Bill Brittingham.

Staff: Chief Guild and Town Manager, Amy Thomas.

Public: Lake Forest Superintendent – Steven Lucas, BW Electric – Bryan Warren and Gene Grubb, Felton Little League – Aaron Forkum, Julie Brooks, Jake Martinez and Earl Burgess, President of the Historical Society – Debbie Virdin and Residents – Rick and Sandy Jones.

Installation of Lights at Little League Field:

- Felton Little League received Bond Bill funding to install led lights on the 3 fields.
- Dr. Lucas is ok with the project.
- Lighting will be directed on the playing fields.
- Lights will only be lit on the fields when there are games.
- BW Electric will be installing the lights.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to support the installation of the LED Lights on the Little League Field. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the August 2024 police report.

- 11.5 hours patrolling at Hidden Pond.
- 20 hours patrolling Main Street.
- 268 calls of service to total 1,854 for the year so far.
- O'Hern will be back to work on 9/26.
- Dollar General skimmer case – Secret Service still has the case and Montgomery County still has the skimmer.
- Still working on Accreditation, would like to have it completed by the end of the year.
- Willis Ford is requiring \$1000 deposit to order the F-150 police vehicle.

- SLEAF Meeting is tomorrow (9/10) and hoping to be approved for the equipment for the new police vehicle.
- Requesting \$800 for cell block upgrades which are required for accreditation. Equipment line in the budget has been expended so I am requesting to use ARPA Funds or Capital Improvements Line in the budget.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to use ARPA Funds or Capital Improvement Funds for the \$800 Cell Block Upgrades required for accreditation. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. Roll Call: Vice Mayor Clendaniel- yes, Councilmember Broom- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes and Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to approve the August 2024 Police Report. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

- Total Alarms for the month - 25

Budget Report:

Amy presented the August 2024 Budget Report.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to accept the August 2024 Budget Report. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Vice -Mayor Clendaniel presented the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the September 4, 2024 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the September 4, 2024 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Historical Society Lease Agreement:

Debbie Viridin stated that herself and the Treasurer, Billy Brittingham reviewed the agreement but had a couple questions.

- Requesting to change the Term date to the month of August.
- Are the contents in the museum covered under the Town's insurance or do they need to get insurance on those items?
- Amy stated that she will update the month to August and contact the insurance company and be in touch once she gets some information.

Discussion of Homes in need of Property Maintenance:

- There was discussion of a few homes in town that need major property maintenance.
- How do the Town employees handle people’s personal items that are on the property when the residents don’t comply with the certified letter and the town has to go in and clean the property?
- Amy requested reaching out to the attorney regarding some issues that we are having with a few properties in town.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to allow Amy to reach out to the attorney for some guidance on how to handle the property maintenance issues discussed. Councilmember Dolan – Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

End of Summer Bash Wrap - Up:

- The event was a success, not as many people as last year.
- Used \$319.67 out of the Community Events line.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Manager.

Amy Thomas, Town Manager

Date