

Joint Public Hearing and Special Meeting
of the Lebanon Town Council
Town Hall, Lebanon, VA
Thursday, October 29, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor
J. C. Boyd, Vice Mayor
Hassel Kegley, Council Member
A. Doyle Fields, Council Member
DeAnna C. Jackson, Council Member
A. G. Griffith, Jr., Council Member
Scott J. Gilmer, Council Member

Staff Members Present: Michael L. Duty, Town Manager
Jackie L. Hubbard, Controller
Stephanie Burke, Clerk of Council
Kevin Tiller, Town Attorney

Staff Members Absent: Mark Mitchell, Chief of Police

I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodi.

II. Prayer: Mayor Dodi

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Hearing to consider:

Public comments on downtown streetscape projects

A. The Town Council recessed from regular session, 6:02 P.M.

B. Mayor Dodi opened the public hearing, 6:02 P.M.

C. Mayor Dodi explained the crosswalk/sidewalk enhancement project for the downtown area that was being considered for VDOT MAP-21 funding, advising that the project would span from the Russell County Courthouse to the Calvert Corner building. Mayor Dodi explained that, if the Town's funding application was approved, no funds would be received until the following October.

D. Mr. Duty explained that the application for the crosswalk/sidewalk enhancement project had been completed but that a complete crosswalk and sidewalk replacement would be a difficult and expensive undertaking given that the grant terms are 80/20, with the Town being responsible for 20% of the total project cost.

E. Mr. Duty proposed that, instead of using MAP-21 funding, the Town allocate a portion of their existing VDOT maintenance funds for the project. He explained that, by using these existing funds, work could begin on the project much sooner and the project would be as cost-effective since more economical materials/methods could be used as opposed to those

required by the MAP-21 program of which 20% of the project cost would be the Town's responsibility.

F. Mayor Dodi expressed that he would like for work to begin on the project as soon as possible so that it could be used as leverage when applying for downtown revitalization grants since an initiative toward downtown revitalization would be seen.

G. Public attendance: Steve Givens; Shane Farmer

V. Mayor Dodi closed the public hearing, 6:25 P.M.

VI. The Town Council returned to regular session, 6:25 P.M.

VII. Upon motion made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Council unanimously voted to table the VDOT MAP-21 funding application and to authorize Mr. Duty to proceed with the crosswalk/sidewalk enhancements project and a streetlight enhancement project utilizing existing VDOT maintenance funds, with sidewalk work to be completed by the Town and crosswalk work to be completed by a contractor. The vote was as follows: Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye.

VIII. Recess: 6:30 P.M.

IX. Resume: 6:35 P.M.

X. Enter closed session: 6:35 P.M.

A. Upon motion made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, the Town Council unanimously voted to go into closed session under Code Section 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussing (7) legal issues. The vote was as follows: Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye.

B. Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Town Council unanimously voted to return to regular session. The vote was as follows: Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye.

C. Stephanie Burke, Clerk of Council, presented the Roll Call Vote:

Do you certify that to the best of your knowledge, the Town Council in its' closed session; only discussed business matters lawfully exempted from the public meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act; and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mayor Dodi, Aye; Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Hubbard, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Tiller, Aye.

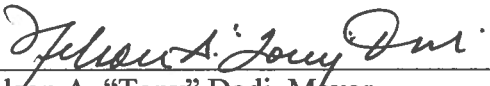
XI. Adjourn closed session: 7:25 P.M.

XII. Upon motion made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Council unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Tiller to settle the lawsuit brought by Reynolds Wheels International Virginia, Inc. (RWIV) on the terms set forth in the settlement letter received from RWIV's attorney, contingent

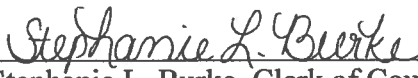
upon Russell County's agreement to do the same. The vote was as follows: Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye.

XIII. Upon motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Mr. Boyd, Aye; Mr. Kegley, Aye; Ms. Jackson, Aye; Mr. Fields, Aye; Mr. Griffith, Aye; Mr. Gilmer, Aye.

Adjourn special meeting: 7:27 P.M.



Nelson A. "Tony" Dodi, Mayor



Stephanie L. Burke, Clerk of Council

Minutes recorded by: Stephanie L. Burke, Clerk of Council

Minutes prepared by: Stephanie L. Burke, Clerk of Council

Minutes approved by: Michael L. Duty, Town Manager