

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council Of Drakes Branch was held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building located at 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch Virginia.

Mayor Phillip Jackson called the meeting to order and Mary Sands, Clerk recorded the minutes. Members present were as follows: Debra Kennedy, James K. Gregory, Vice-Mayor Peery Wells Sr., Thomas Pettus, Eugene Wells and Charles Errickson. Peery Wells Sr. delivered the invocation and Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Debora Kennedy, seconded by Eugene Wells Sr. to approve the minutes to the last Regular Meeting was passed by voice 6-0.

Account Balances with the bank of Charlotte County were as follows:

General Fund-95,521.98

Water/Sewer-77,385.96

State LGIP-467,606.36

Total 640,514.30

On a motion by Eugene Wells, Second by Debra Kennedy, to pay the bills, passed 6-0, roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

. Finance-nothing to report

Water /Sewer-Line collapsed on Isbella St. causing back up and overflow, contractor replaced with new line. Sewer Plant needs SCBA to be compliant because of chlorine. Mayor recommends buying unit for F.D and having a Memo of understanding in event of leak, Fire Dept. will respond.

Streets- Jet-Rodder parked in street with no lights-needs to be more visible.

Museum- Materials purchased to repair back and soffit.

Buildings and Grounds-Eugene Wells inquired as to when A/c units will be removed from buildings? Mayor stated not sure but will be in summer before we get to that point.

Personnel-Everyone remarked they liked their job and want to do more.

Grant- Almost all buildings have asbestos in them, expect to finish roofs soon and then receive report on what must be abated. Would like to have done by June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Southern Corrosion Maintenance proposal for Water Tank, Motion by Thomas Pettus, second by Peery Wells Sr. to reject proposal. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to use bldg.by Janice Williams. Motion by Eugene Wells, second by Debra Kennedy, motion carried 6-0.

Request by Ladies Club for 1 yr. renew on lease. Motion by Peery Wells Sr., second by James Gregory Motion carried 6-0

Request to pay \$30.00 each for 3 employees for on line class. Motion by Charles Errickson, Second by Debra Kennedy. Motion carried 6-0

Update water billing to every month under new meters. Motion by Debra Kennedy, second by Peery Wells Sr. motion carried 6-0

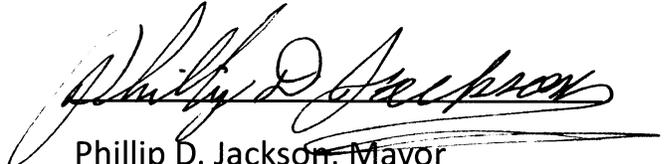
Purchase Mulch 1 load \$400.00. Motion by Debra Kennedy, second by J. Gregory. Motion carried 6-0

Purchase Gravely 60 in zero-turn mower, better warrenty,12,323.78, old mower has more than 5,000 hours. Motion made by C. Errickson, second by Debra Kennedy. Motion carried 6-0

Purchase 4-wheel dr. vehicle for lake inspection. Motion by Thomas Pettus, second By J Gregory. Motion carried 6-0

Debra Kennedy reminded every one CRC has emergency planning activities-see if can get for town.

Motion to adjourn by Debra Kennedy, second by J. Gregory. Motion carried 6-0, adjourned at 8:20.P.M.



Phillip D. Jackson, Mayor