

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Drakes Branch was held on Tuesday August 3rd and started at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located at 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, Virginia.

Mayor Phillip D. Jackson called the meeting to order and Kimberly Brinkley, Clerk recorded the minutes. Members present were as follows James K. Gregory, Vice-Mayor Perry Wells, Sr., Eugene Wells and Thomas Pettus; Deborah Kennedy arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Charles Errickson was absent.

Perry Wells, Sr. delivered the invocation.

Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by vice-mayor Perry Wells, seconded by Deborah Kennedy to hire Kimberly Brinkley as town clerk and bestow on her the authority to co-sign checks and attest to sign other documents as related to town business. Members present 5, absent 1 vote 5-0 passed motion passed.

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

General Fund	\$55,828.75
Water/Sewer	\$86,691.08
Account Balance with State's LGIP Program	\$288,358.45
Account Balance with State's LGIP EM Program	\$192,180.30

After clerk reviewed all bills received to Town Office and account balances, motion was made by Eugene Wells, seconded by Deborah Kennedy to pay all listed town bills, and motion was passed on roll call vote with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Eugene Wells – no report

Water/Sewer – Perry Wells, Sr. – Repair of pump station on Saxkey Road. Mayor gave a bid from Falwell of \$18,962.00 for repair. Perry Wells made motion and Deborah Kennedy seconded, to have pump station fixed. 5 Ayes 0 Nays by a unanimous vote. Eugene Wells had a question on the meters. Check on readings for James White on Marshall Street. Mayor stated there would be no late charges this month on water bills.

Streets – Deborah brought up the streets lights that burn all the time and ones that don't come on at night on Proctor Street and School Street.

Mayor contacted VDOT on cave in.

Museum – Deborah stated work had been done.

Building and Grounds – Eugene Wells said there was nothing to report

Personal – Perry Wells said there was no problems

Grants – CRC, Town and DHCD are working on housing. Council voted to allow mayor to represent the town in discussions with CRC and DHCD on vacant properties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grass cutting letters that were sent out seem to be effective.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOSED SESSION

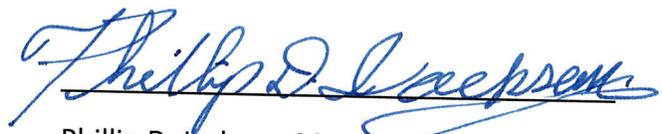
Request by mayor, a motion to go into closed session to interview candidates for public works position as allowed by Va code 2-2-3711 (A) (1) Deborah Kennedy made motion, Perry Wells seconded, 5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 absent

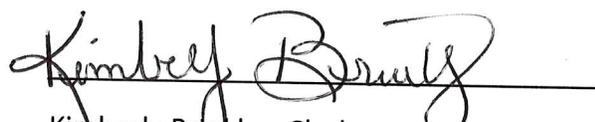
OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy seconded by vice-mayor Perry Wells, to return to open session. 5 ayes 0 Nays 1 absent, motion passed.

Request by mayor to okay the certificate of resolution of closed session. Motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by vice-mayor Perry Wells. Ayes 5, nays 0, 1 absent motion carried.

On a motion by Eugene Wells seconded by Deborah Kennedy and passed to adjourn on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned.


Phillip D. Jackson, Mayor


Kimberly Brinkley, Clerk