

## Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Drakes Branch was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2024 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 Peery Wells, Sr., Eugene Wells, Charles Errickson, Deborah Kennedy arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Thomas Pettus was absent. Peery Wells Sr. delivered the invocation and Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Eugene Wells, to approve the minutes to the last Regular Meeting was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

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

General Fund:	\$66,982.54
Water/Sewer	\$92,525.95
Account Balance with State LGIP Program:	\$482,946.33
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$642,454.82</b>

After all bills and balances were reviewed, a motion by Peery Wells Sr., second by Deborah Kennedy was made to pay all listed town bills, and motion was passed on a roll call vote with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, by a unanimous vote.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance- No report

Water/Sewer- No report

Streets- Charles Errickson bought up at the sink hole at the end of Isabella Street and Main Street. That the hole is caving in more. Mr. Errickson wanted to know who is responsible for fixing it. Mayor Jackson stated he would contact VDOT via email.

Museum- No Report

Buildings & Grounds- Deborah Kennedy bought up the pile of brush that has been left at the Monument when area was cleaned up. Mayor Jackson stated he would get it cleaned up.

Personnel- Perry Wells stated no report, but will discuss personnel issue during Closed Session. Errickson asked about the supervisory position for Water/Sewer, advised will discuss during Closed Session also.

Grant- FEMA project getting paperwork taken to lawyer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

FEMA Project-roofing companies will come by on October 8, 2024 to look at buildings for lead and asbestos tearing down. The bid request for destruction is due by October 15, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Saxkey Pump Station- work will start on October 14, 2024.

Move Water Lines- from parking lot of Griffith and Post office to the back of the building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, second by Peery Wells, Sr. to approve the Municipal Building room rental for the Virginia Rural Water Association Training on December 10 & 11 was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

On a motion by Charles Errickson, second by Deborah Kennedy to approve the Municipal Building room rental as per written request, was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Peery Wells Sr., to increase Grass Cutting Fees, was passed on a voice vote, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

On a motion by Charles Errickson, seconded by Deborah Kennedy to donate \$10,000 to the Drakes Branch Volunteer Fire Department, was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Peery Wells, Sr., to adopt the Resolution to acknowledge October as fire prevention month and whereas the Town of Drakes Branch hereby recommends that smoke detectors be installed and batteries be changed in the month of October, was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mayor Jackson presented the Town will be taking over the Veteran's Day Parade, he will inform Council members at next Town meeting the cost for the rental of a bounce house for the day.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Request by the mayor, a motion to go into closed session to discuss the hiring of new Sewer/Maintenance worker and salary of employee as allowed by VA code 2-2-3711 (A)(1) and to discuss and consideration of real property allowed by code 2-2-3711 (A)(3). On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson that the Drakes Branch Town Council, passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:**

On a motion by Peery Wells Sr., seconded by Deborah Kennedy to return to Open Session, was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Request by the mayor to okay the certificate of resolution of closed session. Motion by Peery Wells Sr., seconded by Deborah Kennedy. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

On a motion to assign Cary Brazil Supervisor/Lead and give a \$2.00 raise. Peery Wells, Sr., seconded by Deborah Kennedy, passed on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

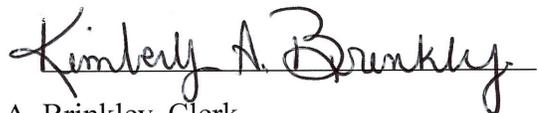
On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson, to move forward on the purchase Mittleman property, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

On a motion by Charles Errickson, seconded by Deborah Kennedy, that after reviewing the records, it is determined that none of the applicants meet the requirements for employment of Drakes Branch, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Charles Errickson, and passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Phillip D. Jackson, Mayor



Kimberly A. Brinkley, Clerk