

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Drakes Branch was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7P.M. in the Municipal Building located at 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, Virginia.

Vice Mayor Peery Wells, presiding in the absence of Mayor Phil Jackson, called the meeting to order, and Vickie Cliborne, Deputy Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Members present were as follows: Deborah Kennedy, Charles Errickson, Eugene Wells, And Thomas Pettus. James K. Gregor was absent. Peery Wells, Sr. delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson, to approve the minutes to the last Regular Meeting was passed on a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 absent.

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

General Fund: \$55,587.02

Water/Sewer: \$27,008.70

Payments Receivable: \$3,904.01

After all bills and balances were reviewed, a motion by Eugene Wells, seconded by Charles Errickson was made to pay all listed bills, and motion was passed on a roll Call vote with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: No Report

Water/Sewer: No report, but a complaint by Deborah on the timeliness of repairs.

Streets: No Report

Museum: Water still coming in between old and new section and attic closure is missing. Deborah said she will try to find something to cover it so heat doesn't go up into the attic. Charles said he would help if needed.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No Report

PERSONNEL: No Report; Charles Errickson asked to be added back to this committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leaks on White Street and Proctor Streets have been repaired.

Street light on Isabella Street is fixed.

The trees across from St. Michael's have not been limbed or cut. VDOT will wait until more damage is seen.

The street light on School/Proctor Street is still out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Room Rental applications: DBVFD kitchen use on March 8th and 29th, 2025

Jeannie Pogue birthday party January 25, 2025

Southside SWCD: Table Top Exercise January 29, 2025

Lisa Traynham: Baby shower March 1, 2025

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Eugene Wells to approve room rentals passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson that the Drakes Branch Town Council convene in Closed Session under Section Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (Chapter A-Paragraph 1) to discuss Personnel matters passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

On a motion by Charles Errickson, seconded by Deborah Kennedy to return to Open Session was passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

On a motion by Thomas Pettus, seconded by Eugene Wells to have Peery Wells, Sr. and Charles Errickson take care of Personnel matters passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 absent.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson to advertise For Lead Clerk position by usual means passed on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Council also recommended accepting applications even if there are no open positions.

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Charles Errickson to adjourn the meeting passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8.35 P.M.