

Mayor and Council Meeting
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
January 22, 2002, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor William F. Eckman, Councilman Wayne Winkler, Councilman Thomas W. Fritz, Councilman Gene Ambrogio, Councilman Roy G. Hale; Douglas R. Miller, Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier

Guests: (See attached roster)

Minutes:

Mayor Eckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Eckman acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2001.

Election - Ward I Council vacancy

Mayor Eckman advised that applications were received from Jack Salyers, who served many years on the Planning Commission, and Wayne Winkler, who is a member of the Vision Implementation Team. He explained that the Council believes the Town needs the person who is the most up to date on the Town's Vision Plan process, and that Wayne Winkler is better qualified for that reason. Mayor Eckman nominated Wayne Winkler to fill the Ward I Council vacancy. Councilman Hale moved that nominations be closed. Councilman Ambrogio seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmen Fritz, Ambrogio, Hale and Mayor Eckman voted aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Eckman administered the oath of office to Wayne Winkler.

Petitions, Communications and Appearances

Mayor Eckman presented a Town Seal to Christine Stefanides of Civista Health, congratulating Civista Health for being named the *Reed W. McDonagh Business of the Year* by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Eckman presented a Town Seal to Paul Bales of The Crossing at Casey Jones, congratulating them for being named to *Washingtonian's* 2002 100 Very Best Restaurants.

Legislation (none)

Unfinished Business

Councilman Ambrogio advised that the Town's second attempt to hold a blood drive on Saturday, January 19, had to be cancelled due to snow, and noted that plans are underway to schedule a blood drive some time in the spring or summer. Councilman Fritz thanked Councilman Ambrogio for his efforts and offered to help at a future blood drive.

New Business

Trash truck RFP award

Mr. Miller reported that we advertised in the MML bulletin and in the Maryland Independent for local vendors to present systems. Five submittals were received from two vendors. Mr. Miller recommended accepting the RFP from GranTurk for two trash trucks at \$96,377 each, plus containers, to be leased/financed for six years. He noted that this was provided for in the budget.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Fritz offered a motion to approve the RFP from GranTurk. Councilman Hale seconded the motion. In discussion prior to the vote, Mr. Miller responded to a question from Councilman Ambrogio regarding the number of trucks, advising that two trucks are recommended. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilman Winkler remarked he had been a friend of Bill Hilleary and that it was difficult to replace him in this way. He noted that his father had served on the Town Board of Commissioners and his mother had served on the Town Council. Councilman Winkler concluded by saying he hoped to do as good a job on the Town Council as his parents and Bill Hilleary had done.

Public Forum

Joe Harrison asked when the caboose would arrive. Mayor Eckman advised we are waiting for a signature at the Navy Yard, and we expect to get the caboose in mid- to late February. Councilman Winkler advised that CSX will move it here at no charge, then Gene Coffman will have a crane move it onto our tracks.

In response to Councilman Hale's question, Mr. Harrison advised he is waiting for SHA to give their approval of the Town's plan to install the street poles with brackets before he orders 20 of them.

There being no further business, Councilman Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Councilman Hale seconded the motion and it carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith T. Frazier