

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Michelle D. Miner, Assistant Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Lieutenant Wayne Wathen , La Plata Police Department; Detective Sergeant William Brooks;

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the September 13 special meeting, September 13 work session, September 20 work session, and September 27 business meeting. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Beautification Grant Presentations:

Quailwood HOA, Grace Lutheran School, Matula Elementary School, and Hickory Ridge HOA

Beautification Commission members: Judy Norris, Chair; Helen Lucas; Margaret Boggs; Rose Goldsmith; and Councilwoman Paddy Mudd, presented the Beautification Grants and thanked the recipients for improving our Town.

Mayor Hale thanked the recipients for being involved in the community.

2. Crime Watch Signs Presentation: Hawthorne Greene Homeowners Association

Det. Sgt. Brooks presented representatives of the Hawthorne Green Homeowners Association with the Crime Watch Neighborhood signs, for completing the requirements to become a Crime Watch Neighborhood.

Mayor Hale thanked the residents for their community participation.

3. Public Forum

Bill Borza, 131 West Quail Lane, spoke regarding the need to extend the sidewalk from Route 301 to Quailwood Parkway along Port Tobacco Road.

Michael Runfola, 113 Morris Drive, spoke regarding his support for a Super Walmart, however the Petition for should go to Referendum for the voters to decide, and applauded Councilwoman Mudd for her support for a Referendum.

4. Proclamation: Municipal Government Works Month, November 2011

Mayor Hale briefly discussed what Municipal Government Works Month is about, and explained that the “If I were Mayor” essay contest is about “facing a challenge”, and read the proclamation recognizing November as Municipal Government Works Month.

5. La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Chief Gittings

Lt. Wathen reported on the department’s activities during the month of September 2011

Lt. Wathen also reported on the Explorer Post recruitment meeting, and that 14 officers will be on patrol for Halloween.

6. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Fire Chief Matt Gilroy reported on the activities of the department during the month of September 2011, and submitted a written report.

► **Legislation** [None]

► **Unfinished Business** [None]

► **New Business**

- Commission Reports

Councilman Winkler reported that there was no Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, and that the Commission has had discussions regarding a possible request for budge funds in the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilman Back report that the Planning Commission discussed a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Report, and possible education topics.

Councilwoman Mudd reported on the success of the Beautification Commission Grant program, fall plantings at Town Hall, and recognized the member of the Commission for doing a tremendous job.

Councilman Norris reported on the Design Review Boards review and approval of new paint color for the Deluxe Inn.

Mayor Hale discussed the events survey, the purpose of the special events is an effort to maintain a small town feel, the Fall Festival had a great turn out, the Halloween Party will be Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., November 6 is the Salute to Veterans Parade, and the upcoming 10th Anniversary of the Tornado.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Norris moved to adjourn the business meeting. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk