

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 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; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;
David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Guests: See Roster

Minutes:

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

Treasurers Report

Mayor Hale acknowledge receipt of the March Treasurers Report.

Approval of March Minutes

Councilman Back moved to approve the minutes of the March 13 special meeting, March 13 work session, March 13 Closed Session, March 20 work session and March 27 business meeting. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum

John Knisely, 1370 Redwood Circle, Town Resident, spoke regarding his desire to hold someone accountable for damages to his home that occurred while a fire company used the fire hydrants in the Clarks Run neighborhood while battling the Burch's Garage fire. Mr. Knisely questioned the actions of the Town and the need for more advanced training for the local fire company's.

Following Mr. Knisely's comments, Mayor Hale offered to provide a written response.

2. Proclamation – Ten Year Anniversary of the Tornado.

Mayor Hale read the proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2012 as Celebrate La Plata Day and a day of remembrance of the Ten Year Anniversary of the Tornado of 2002.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of March 2012, which included information regarding the number of crime reports, the success of the bike patrol, the ongoing traffic enforcement details and the tornado siren testing scheduled for May 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

4. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Fire Chief Matt Gilroy reported on the activities of the department during the month of March 2012.

5. Presentation – Stormwater Management

Mr. Mears provided a power point presentation related to the stormwater management utility, which outlined several scenarios for the State mandated program.

► Legislation [None]

► Unfinished Business

Councilwoman Mudd spoke regarding a letter she received from Joseph Barbour regarding a claim for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole on Willow Lane that was submitted and denied by LGIT.

► New Business

1. Commission Reports

Councilman Winkler reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission did not have a meeting in April and that discussions are limited until there is a Parks budget or the GP Homes annexation agreement is amended.

Councilman Back reported on the Planning Commission review and approval of the preliminary Plat Extension for the La Grange Subdivision and the review of the Edelen Station Phase 5 preliminary plat.

Councilwoman Mudd reported on the Beautification Commission's efforts to finalize the gateway signs and the completion of the spring plantings.

Councilman Norris reported on the Design Review Boards review and approval of the paint color for the La Plata Waste Water Treatment Plant, the review of a revised master sign plan for Rosewick Crossing, and the approval of the design for the Town's gateway signs.

Mayor Hale reported that the La Plata Business Association did not meet in April and the work of the La Plata Town Center Corporation as they concentrate on the Vision Plan and the possibility of entering into a contract with the Mainstreet Corporation.

2. Upcoming Events – Mayor Hale

- April 25th -27th – Maryland City County Management Association
- April 28th, Noon to 5PM – Celebrate La Plata and Tornado 10 year Anniversary
- May 5th – Community Yard Sale
- May 25th, 7PM to 9PM – 25th Hour Band
- May 28th, 11AM – Memorial Day Ceremony

Mayor Hale announced the upcoming Town Events and outlined the details of the events scheduled for Celebrate La Plata and the Tornado 10 year Anniversary.

There being no other business to discuss, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the business meeting at 8:07 p.m. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk