

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 26, 1999

At a regular meeting of Council held this evening at 7:30 p.m., there were present: Mayor Rodney Eagle; City Manager Steven E. Stewart; Assistant City Manager Roger Baker; City Attorney Earl Q. Thumma, Jr.; Vice-Mayor Hugh J. Lantz, Council Member John H. Byrd, Jr., Walter F. Green, III, and Larry M. Rogers; City Clerk Yvonne Bonnie Ryan, CMC, and Police Captain Malcolm Wilfong. Absent: Chief of Police Donald Harper.

Council Member Green delivered the invocation and Mayor Eagle led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of the minutes, and the second reading of an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 7-2-19 of the Harrisonburg City Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Green, and approved with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Vote: Yes - Council Member Green

Council Member Rogers

Council Member Byrd

Vice-Mayor Lantz

Mayor Eagle

No - None

The agenda item authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract for the City's financial audit was approved at an earlier meeting.

Fire Chief Shifflett presented a request to appoint members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He explained that the City needs to re-organize its Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which is required by the Superfund Amendments Re-authorization Act (SARA) of 1986. In the past, the City had a functioning LEPC; however, it has not functioned as a committee or group for several years. By Federal law, the committee is supposed to be active and he suggested that the committee be reformed with Rockingham County. Fire Chief Shifflett recommended that the following people be appointed to the committee: Roger Baker, Assistant City Manager; Larry Shifflett, Fire Chief; Arthur Miller, Fire Department Haz Mat Officer; Robert Atkins, JMU Chemistry Professor; Daniel Clayton, Police Department Captain; Ken McNulty, Daily News-Record; Paul Hawes, Wampler Foods; and Nelson Bourne, WHSV-TV. Council Member Green offered a motion to appoint these people to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

City Manager Stewart presented a request to transfer budgeted funds. He explained that these funds will be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for professional services to have the NGF consulting group update its previous study and have the Williamsburg Environmental Group perform a preliminary environmental study on the Lineweaver-Strate property. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve the transfer of these funds:

\$16,500.00 chge. to: 1000-940111-49310 Reserve for contingencies

\$16,500.00 approp. to: 1000-710171-43100 Professional services

The motion was seconded by Council Member Green, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

City Manager Stewart presented a request for a supplemental appropriation for the Police Department. He explained that this money comes from drug forfeiture funds which will be used to purchase a replacement vehicle for CID, replace office equipment, and complete remodeling work in the Police Department. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve this request for a first reading, and that:

\$31,000.00 1000-31010 Amount from fund balance (drug forfeiture)

\$12,000.00 1000-310131-48151 Motor vehicles & equipment

5,000.00 1000-310131-48121 Furniture

14,000.00 1000-310131-48181 Building and grounds

The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd, and approved with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Vote: Yes - Council Member Green

Council Member Rogers

Council Member Byrd

Vice-Mayor Lantz

Mayor Eagle

No - None

City Manager Stewart presented a request for a supplemental appropriation for the Public Works Department. He explained that these funds will be used to purchase road salt and grit for snow/ice removal operations. Vice-Mayor Lantz offered a motion to approve this request for a first reading, and that:

\$25,000.00 chge. to: 1000-31010 Amount from fund balance

\$25,000.00 approp. to 1000-410541-46070 Repair & Maintenance Supplies

The motion was seconded by Council Member Green, and approved with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Vote: Yes - Council Member Green

Council Member Rogers

Council Member Byrd

Vice-Mayor Lantz

Mayor Eagle

No - None

City Manager Stewart announced that a parade previously approved by Council will be held on May 15 rather than May 1, 1999. This parade will include the 50th anniversary of the Rescue Squad, public television affiliate, WVPT, honoring outstanding local youths, and coordinating a Children's Parade sponsored by Wal-Mart. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve changing the date of this parade. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lantz, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

Council Member Green offered a motion that W. Russell Smith, Jr., 1548 Hawthorn Circle, be appointed to another term on the Blue Ridge Disability Services Board to expire on February 1, 2002. The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

At 7:45 p.m., there being no further business and on motion adopted the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR

CLERK