

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Edinburg Town Council met in regular session on February 8, 2011. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present. Town Attorney, Kevin Black was also present. Visitors included: Town Police Chief, Michael Clem, Town Police Officer John Custer, Town Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Ross, Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Leslie Hollar and Boy Scout Troop 54 and the parents of the Scouts.

Mr. Harshman welcomed the visitors and asked Mr. Hollar if he would like to speak. Mr. Hollar stated that he has been the Fire Chief of the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department for the past nine years, and that he has been a member of the Fire Department since 1975. Mr. Hollar reported that the Fire Department ran 259 calls in 2010 and has run 42 calls so far in 2011. Mr. Hollar also reported on the equipment that the Fire Department has. The equipment includes: a 1989 Pumper which holds 1,500 gallons of water, a 2004 Wagon, which holds 1,000 gallons, a 2009 Engine, which holds 750 gallons and a 2004 Brush Truck, which holds 300 gallons. Mr. Hollar stated that he appreciated the \$5,000 donation that the Town gave the Fire Department last year. Mr. Hollar also stated that the Fire Department members appreciate being able to get a Town sticker at no charge.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee Chairman, Councilwoman Minnick called attention to the EEMA report and to Ron Ross's Maintenance Department report. Mr. Harshman reported that EEMA has submitted the Town's renewal for the WWTP discharge permit to DEQ. Mr. Harshman also reported that there will be some additional required testing for the discharge permit the Town has for backwash water from the WTP. The Town is also going to need to install a flow meter on the discharge line to monitor the amount of water that the Town discharges to Spring Hollow. Mr. Harshman reported that this will involve the purchase of a 4" meter at a cost of around \$1,200. The Town plans to hold off as long as possible on the meter, but Mr. Harshman would like to have Council's approval to purchase the 4" meter when it is necessary. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the purchase of a 4" meter when necessary. Motion carried.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town has billed VDOT for \$768 for snow removal in January. With the sign up fee, the Town is now at \$1,902 this year to date.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that work will begin on the budget after the February numbers are available. Mr. Harshman asked Council to let him know if they have anything that should be discussed for the upcoming year's budget.

Health & Safety Committee Chairman, Councilman Wood called attention to Chief Clem's report. Councilman Wood mentioned that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. and that the Town decals are due on vehicles by March 1st. Councilman Hite stated that he thought that a better job needs to be done with the people that do not have decals. Mr. Harshman stated that the Town does follow up on the decals and that the

Chief does stay on top of this. Chief Clem stated that if the cars are not registered in Town, the Police Department can't enforce anything. Councilman Hite asked that if people are required to pay personal property taxes, shouldn't they be required to have a sticker. Chief Clem stated that yes, if they are registered in the Town; they are required to have a sticker. Councilman Hite recommended that a reminder be put in with the 2011 personal property tax bills for residents that have not yet purchased a town decal. Mr. Harshman also stated that the Town receives a large number of personal property tax bills for people that aren't actually in Town.

Mr. Harshman reported that costs at the Training Academy for the police officers have gone up to \$620 per trainee per year.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Mr. Harshman reported that all of the County Town Managers and County Administrator, Douglas Walker had another breakfast meeting on January 18th. County Planner, Brandon Davis gave a power point presentation on the "Rails to Trails" project. Mr. Harshman reported that this will be part of the presentation at the next Town and County Dinner on April 6th in Toms Brook.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended the January Travel Council meeting. This was the first meeting with the new Director of Tourism and Marketing, Natalie Wills. Ms. Wills is working on a marketing plan that she expects to have in place in March or April. Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Wills complimented the new County Tourism website and said that she has gotten permission to use the "Virginia is for Lovers" logo on the website. Ms. Wills is also working with a number of travel writers to assist in getting the word out on the County. Mr. Harshman reported that Brad Foster from North Mountain Vineyards has been appointed as the new Agri-Tourism representative on the Travel Council. Mr. Harshman also reported that there is still discussion about a regional Farmers Market. The Travel Council also learned that Wholesome Foods is interested in being a clearing house for local food and produce if there is interest. Mr. Harshman is not sure how this would work, but he will keep Council informed of any developments.

Mr. Harshman reported that after the Travel Council meeting, he met with Natalie Wills and County Administrator, Doug Walker to give them a tour of the Mill. Mr. Harshman has been trying to get Mr. Walker to the Mill since he became the County Administrator. Ms. Wills agreed that it was important for Mr. Walker to see what the Town has been doing at the Mill. Ms. Wills thinks there is potential for the Mill to be a part of the Agri-Tourism marketing in the County. Mr. Harshman reported that there has been discussion of a self-guided tour that could showcase the various vineyards, wineries, farms and other attractions like the Mill and the Yellow Barn. The Mill's centralized location would make it a perfect starting point for such a tour.

Mr. Harshman also reported that his meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in January went well. Mr. Harshman reported that a number of things were discussed and that he will be including more Chamber information in the Town's Newsletters in the future. Mr. Harshman thinks the Chamber now has a better understanding of the Town's limited budget and how the Mill project could potentially impact the Town's Heritage-Tourism efforts. One Chamber member was asked to put together additional ideas of how the Town might help area businesses and to bring it to the next Chamber meeting in February. Mr. Harshman reported that he plans on attending future Chamber meetings when he is able to.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town received a request from the Central “After Prom Party” committee for a donation. The Town has given a \$100 in past years, but was not able to donate last year. Mr. Harshman does not think the Town is able to donate this year either. Council agreed.

Councilman Hite asked Mr. Harshman if the Town had received the census figures yet. Mr. Harshman stated that the Town had not received them yet.

Mr. Harshman reported that the ARB did not meet this month.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Planning Commission did not meet last month. The Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Administrator had no report.

The Town Attorney had no report.

Councilman Dellinger thanked Ron Ross and his crew for doing a wonderful job on the last snow. Mr. Harshman also thanked two of the Council members for helping to clean sidewalks.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Hite to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk