

July 9, 2019

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on July 9, 2019. All council members and Attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge was recited, and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved.

Wayne and Beverly Miller, 561 S. Tanglewood Rd, were in attendance to address several issues. Mrs. Miller expressed concern that someone had been taking pictures of her property and making complaints about the condition of their yard. Mrs. Miller read a letter to the council explaining that each item under the "memory tree" in their yard hold precious memories and sentimental value. In addition to the "memory tree", Mrs. Miller explained that the lawnmowers on their property were being worked on by her husband, who has experienced health issues and has been unable to work on them. The Millers also brought attention to the fact that the speed limit on Tanglewood Road was not being observed, and the speed bump by Pangburn Park is broken. In addition, the Millers wanted to address the condition of Pangburn Park. Mrs. Miller stated that the concession building showed evidence of mice, and there were cigarette butts and trash littering the park. Mrs. Miller also expressed concern that the park was not being monitored properly, especially at night.

Council President Steve Mathes said that the council would consider installing stop signs at Horton, Tanglewood and West streets to try to slow the traffic down. Regarding the Miller property, Steve stated that the town has problems with several properties in town, and it is hard to draw a distinction as to what is of sentimental value to someone. Steve further stated that he did not see anything about the Miller's property as a health nuisance, and asked Mr. Miller to give the council some time to talk about it. The Millers agreed that was fair. Steve stated that the park was the Town's responsibility to keep the park clean and well monitored. Marshal Joe Mann stated that he would take care of the park. Steve added that maybe the council should look into beefing up the security cameras to deter littering and vandalism.

Calvin Daugherty was in attendance to address several citations he was issued for failing to keep his properties in Harvest Ridge mowed. Mr. Daugherty stated that all of the lots have been mowed except three, and those lots were too wet making it impossible to mow them. Mr. Daugherty did not feel it was fair that citations were issued and repeatedly told the council "All you had to do was call me". Steve explained that the town has ordinances to ensure that all properties are handled equally. Mr. Daugherty stated that he is a developer, and he will not be keeping his undeveloped lots mowed like a golf course. Mr. Daugherty insisted that council member Roxanne Meyer was against him, and that at one point she had confronted him about his property. Roxanne stated that she had never met Mr. Daugherty, and had never confronted him. Mr. Daugherty became confrontational, and threatened legal action on the town. Marshal Mann said that the lawyers would handle the situation and Mr. Daugherty left the meeting.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 89 calls since the April meeting, 53 calls in the month of June alone. The fire department will start testing the fire siren at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. Ben reminded everyone that the siren is only set off in the event of a tornado warning, or if there is a severe thunderstorm warning with tornado watch and a spotter sees what appears to be a tornado. Shelters in town include the Versailles Church of Christ and the Tyson Methodist Church basement. The VVFD received a RSRF grant for a little over \$9,000 to update communications. The department also received a grant for a little over \$6,000 from Homeland Security. Ben is planning live fire training in a house if IDEM approves. The rescue truck is becoming an issue, and Ben is looking at options for replacement.

Melinda Hunger thanked the VVFD for fixing the tornado siren. Ms. Hunger also commented that she like the new bill format. Ms. Hunger addressed the issues with the property next door to hers. She stated that she hadn't seen anyone at the residence in two weeks. Attorney Eaton said that he would send Mr. Dougherty a letter requesting his presence at the next town council meeting. Mr. Dougherty will be asked to present an actual plan for renovations to the property.

Shannon Schmaltz and Amy Cornett from TAC were in attendance to follow up on the plumbing situation at the activity center. Attorney Eaton explained that the property owner is responsible for installing a grinder pump. Steve stated that the town is willing to have Superintendent Kevin Hensley advise and provide some of the labor to help cut the cost to TAC. Steve clarified that if something went wrong with the line in the future, Kevin and the town would not be responsible for fixing the issue. The town would provide digging, backfill and material to prepare for installation, and Kevin will consult. Kevin will not be responsible for installation. TAC will be responsible for electric, wiring, and purchasing the station.

Kevin stated that the new storage building at the complex was almost done. The sewer project is going well, and the Washington Street paving project is progressing.

Marshal Joe Mann presented the Spillman report. Marshal Mann expressed a need for more police coverage on night shift. Steve said the council would discuss that.

Ordinance 2019-02 regarding Backflow and cross-connections to the municipal potable water systems was passed unanimously. The 2020 budget was presented for it's first reading.

Roxanne reported that the town received a grant from the RSRF for \$9,000 for upgrades to Pangburn Park. Roxanne also gave an update on the mainstreet committee. They are preparing paperwork to declare the town square a historical district.

Attorney Eaton mentioned that the town should consider passing a UTV ordinance. Joe said he does not think there is a problem with UTVs in town.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Steve Mathes

Council Member, Matt McNew

Council Member, Roxanne Meyer