

Present at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland held at 5:00 PM were the following:

Kathy Shaffer	Mayor
Jay Moyer	Council President
Fred Gregg	
Sherwin Teagarden	
Dave Bruffy	

Terry Helbig and Dave Beard were not present for the meeting.

Also present were: Executive Coordinator, Gwen Evans, Town Clerk, Cindy Coddington, Trevor King, Lillia Rose, Dave Arnold, Anthony Wroten, Emily Elmlinger, Michael Knoll, Tonya Helbig, Autumn Newcomb-Shay, Patrick Hudnall, Krysta Huxford, Cindy Stacy, Jarred McKenzie, Mikey Virtz, Hailey Gillespie, Angie Sincell, Chip Lee, Oliva O'Brien, Brady O'Brien, Lynn Byrne-Deitch, Kendall Ludwig, Mark Ludwig, Margo Ludwig and Juliet Ludwig.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Jay Moyer at which time Mr. Moyer led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with Gwen Evans informing the Council that Nicole McCullough, Anthony Wroten of the Arts Council and Chief Bill Thomas have submitted updates/reports with information for the Council's review in the agenda packets.

Jay Moyer advised the Council there will possibly be a 6-month delay with the Town of Oakland having a Police Officer on duty under the new contract with the Garrett County Sheriff Department due to a new hire being in the academy and their department is short staffed. There was a brief discussion regarding the status of Officer Dave Marsh as part time officer in the interim since he turned down the offer of employment as Chief of Police. The Town is currently advertising and accepting applications for this position.

Dave Bruffy advised the Council and attendees of all the events happening downtown during the next couple of weekends for the Christmas holiday. Anthony Wroten asked about the possibility of the street department using their bucket truck to assist with hanging the Christmas lights over Banker's Alley. Mayor Shaffer replied that the guys are very busy at this time of year but would see what could be done. Cindy Coddington made a note to contact Dave Shaffer with the street department to ask about the availability of his crew to assist Mr. Wroten.

Jay Moyer asked to have Randy Bittinger follow up on the utility adjustment for Mark Fazenbaker as the Council believes the owner of the property should be responsible for the additional expense of the water leak. The Council does not want Mr. Fazenbaker to use his one-time adjustment request on a small dollar amount in case of a possible future need.

A motion was made by Sherwin Teagarden at 5:15 PM to close the regular meeting and move into the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Dave Bruffy and carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was reconvened from the Public Hearing at approximately 5:30 PM.

Jay Moyer led the Council members in reviewing the retirement letter from the Executive Coordinator, Gwen Evans. There was discussion by Council members on the employment of Gwen Evans over her 35 years with the Town of Oakland. Jay More made a motion to accept Gwen's retirement resignation letter with a second from Sherwin Teagarden. The motion carried unanimously.

An emailed resignation letter was received from Terry Helbig regarding his seat on the Council. A motion was made by Dave Bruffy to accept the resignation with a second by Mayor Kathy Shaffer. Sherwin Teagarden mentioned that Terry Helbig will still be on the B&O Museum Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Pat Hudnall questioned why there was nothing explained to Kendall Ludwig while her building was being painted. Autumn Newcomb-Shay also stated "Shame on the Council" for not removing the fine for Kendall Ludwig. Mayor Kathy Shaffer tried to explain the situation but was interrupted by Autumn who also expressed her concerns about the lack of communication with the town. Cindy Coddington reminded Autumn and Pat to reach out to Nicole McCullough as this is her job as the Main Street Manager and Town Business Coordinator. In addition, if they cannot reach Nicole, they are very welcome to contact Town Hall.

At approximately 5:25 PM a motion was made by Sherwin Teagarden to leave the public session and move to Executive Session in accordance with 3-305(b)(1) to discuss personnel issues. Dave Bruffy seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at approximately 5:45PM

A motion to close the regular meeting was made by Dave Bruffy with a second by Jay Moyer. The motion carried unanimously.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk