



Call to Order: Mayor *pro tem* Barbara Raimondo called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. (Technical difficulties were the cause of the late start.) In attendance were Councilors Rob Gilmore, Kriss Grisham, Peter Nagrod, Eva Patrone, and Mary Warfield. Also in attendance were Treasurer Jean Moyer and a number of residents.

Barbara Raimondo, in her role as meeting chair, noted that she would be abstaining from voting tonight.

Approval of Agenda: Peter Nagrod moved to approve the agenda. Mary seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes ready for approval.

Regular Business

Public Appearances: There were none.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jean Moyer presented the report. *Vote to accept: 5-0.*

Mayor's Report:

Kudos:

- To residents who participated in the East Woods clean up: Bob Booher, Peggy Booher, Dave Cosson, Kriss Grisham, Deb Mehlferber, Virginia Quesada, Anna Spector, Joan Mahaffey, and Patty Klein.
- To the 30 or so Town residents who attended the Town's first Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging workshop.
- Steve Werts for his continued guidance in helping educate RJ on the many unique maintenance requirements of the Town.
- Virginia Quesada and the Lighting Committee for getting TWG on track to purchase and control our streetlights.
- To Peter Nagrod for contacting MCDOT about the need for better signage on the humpback bridge.

Report:

- The Town Council will consider a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order at the January Town Council Meeting.
- The Washington Grove Shared Path Liaison Committee met with the MCDOT representative to receive an update and to provide feedback on the County's 35% plan. The plan is on track for mandatory review.

- Peter Nagrod explained that changes to the Commercial Corner ordinance to allow residential housing and flexible leases are in the process of being drafted. The changes will be presented to the Council at the January meeting.
- The next Weed Warrior event is confirmed for December 14th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- The Annual Holiday Show will be held in McCathran Hall on December 14th at 7:30 pm.
- The upcoming DEIB workshops for Councilors and chairs of commissions and committees will be scheduled soon.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Resolution: A resolution on this topic was drafted by the Town attorney. Peter Nagrod moved to approve the resolution. Eva seconded. Barbara Raimondo asked Bob Booher to explain the design/build contract process. Several questions followed.

Rob Gilmore moved to amend the resolution to include reference to state funding. Peter Nagrod seconded the motion. Vote on the proposed amendment: 5-0. Vote on the amended resolution: 5-0.

Approval of Vacant House Resolution: Mary Warfield moved to approve the Vacant House Action Plan. Peter Nagrod seconded the motion. The Council agreed to hold the record open until the January meeting to give residents time to review the proposal and to comment on it, and then the Council will vote on it in January.

Approval of Removal of Playground Jungle Jim: Eva Patrone moved to remove the broken-down jungle gym near the small ball diamond in Woodward Park. Mary Warfield seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

Approval of Meadow Restoration Plan: Peter Nagrod moved to approve Phase 1 of the Meadow Restoration Plan. Mary Warfield seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

Town Council Reports: The following was noted:

- Stadler Nurseries planted 15 new trees and four shrubs in the woods.
- RJ will clear out vegetation around Maple Spring during the week of December 9 in preparation for restoration of the area.
- Total deer harvest to date: three does and two bucks.
- Peter will organize a meeting between the Gateway members and RJ Landscaping to walk along Railroad Street to discuss ideas for improvements.

Next Meeting: The next regular Town Council meeting will be held January 13, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kathryn L. Lehman