

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
James N. Houff Conference Room

Mayor Brinkley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Mayor Carl Brinkley, Vice Mayor Hillert, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Irvine, and Councilman Umstead

Also present: Darlene Burcham, Town Manager and LeeAnna Tyler, Finance Director

LeeAnna Tyler passed out the revenue and expenditure summaries for FY16 and noted where revenues are improving.

Town Manager passed out copies of the final Water Agreement which will be placed on the September 27, 2016 agenda for adoption, followed by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors action on October 4, 2016. Mr. Irvine asked about the number of times the County exceeded the trigger for the second tier rate and the Town Manager agreed to get that information.

The Town Manager mentioned the growing use of Airbnb options, including here in Clifton Forge and asked if Council would consider adopting an ordinance to collect the lodging tax from these establishments. Council indicated a willingness to consider at a future meeting.

At 7:45 PM, Rob Catlin, Lars Lemburg, and Bob Kidd joined the meeting and presented an option agreement to purchase the turntable at the old railyard. The C & O Historical Society wants to apply for VDOT funding of a second phase of track improvement to include moving the turntable, establishing a new concrete pit with drainage, and attaching to some existing track. VDOT funding will not be sufficient to fund the entire project so they are looking at donated materials and perhaps some joint procurement with the Virginia Transportation Museum. Representatives of the C & O Historical Society expressed a desire to develop in the future an excursion train. Lars also mentioned an interest in the past with some of the materials and bricks from the maintenance shop to build new replica buildings at the Heritage Center in the future.

Council members asked a number of questions and indicated while they felt the offer of \$15,000 was acceptable, they wanted to determine what impact this potential sale would have on our plans to demolish the structures at no cost to the Town other than asbestos removal. Mr. Catlin indicated a revised option agreement would be prepared and reiterated the need for Council action before

October 15, 2016. The Town Manager advised that action could be taken at the first meeting in October.

The Town Manager then provided information on the Event Board project, showing sketches of the proposed boards, as well as their location as replacements to the white lattice boards which belong to Main Street. She reported that Main Street is supportive of the project and that they will be contacting organizations displaying their logos on the current signs, explaining our future plans. Funding is not currently available to construct the new boards and will have to be addressed in the future.

Due to time, the Town Manager passed out a copy of a resolution of support for health care that the Virginia Municipal League members were sent for their possible adoption. The Town Manager will place this item on the agenda for the next work session.

Motion to adjourn

Time: 9:43 PM

Motion made by: Councilwoman Roberts

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Hillert

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Umstead	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Mayor Brinkley	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0