

**TOWN OF SALEM
TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
5:30PM**

Opening: The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 5:35 pm on September 12, 2011 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Tony Moore, Tony Grogan, Kevin Talley, Lorenia Lee, Town Attorney Brad Norton, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Utilities Office Mgr. Marti Jennings, Police Chief David Poulson. See attached sign in sheet for public attendance.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Moore.

A. Public Comment

Mr. Gene Rochester came before council to discuss the need for more tables at the community center. The Council listened and discussed the need presented. Tony Grogan made a motion to purchase a total of six tables for the community center. Second by Kevin Talley, motion carried.

B. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the July 26, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Moore, All in favor.

C. Police Report

Police Chief David Poulson presented the police report to the town council. The Chief informed the council that the police department was moving forward with a number of projects for compliance with SLED. There have been 3 felony arrest and 3summonses for court. Chief Poulson requested line item change for computer and equipment purchase. Tony Gorgan made the motion to accept the line item changes, seconded by Tony Moore motion carried.

D. Utilities Report

Mr. Warren Harris presented his report to town council. Mr. Harris reported to council the SC drought committee met via conference call and the status was raised to moderate. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions and or comments.

E. Fire Report

Kevin Wilbanks- Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council please refer to the report in the council packs. Town will be contacting the county administrator Mr. Scott Moulder to finalize the county fire contract.

F. Recreation Report

Brad Norton – Presented the Recreation Department report to council. The soccer season is under way. The tennis and basketball courts are being resurfaced and pressure washed. Town Council requested the clerk find new backboards and goals for the courts. This will upgrade the basketball courts. The work should be completed by the middle of October.

G. Clerk/ Treasurer – Report

Bills paid sheet in council packs

Kim Alexander presented a request for a computer software upgrade for all departments. Tony Grogan made the motion to approve the Southern Software update for a total of \$19,650.00 to be made in four equal payments seconded Kevin Talley motion carried.

The Town will host a Cruise In on October 8, 2011 from 4pm-8pm. The Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers will perform and provide sound and power for the performers. A motion to donate to the competition team to help cover expense was made by Tony Grogan seconded by Tony Moore motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Talley to go into executive session to discuss a fire department personnel matter and a water department contractual legal advice. Seconded by Tony Moore all in favor.

Tony Grogan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Tony Moore all in favor.

Kevin Talley made motion to authorize Fire Chief Kevin Wilbanks to hire two or three part-time fire fighters at the fire chief discretion.

Tony Grogan mad a motion to authorize Attorney Brad Norton to act on behalf of the town to finalize the contract for water service with Issaquena Point.

No further business at this time motion to adjourn by Kevin Talley second by Tony Moore. Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm, by Mayor Diane Head.

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Alexander Town Clerk/Tres.