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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015**  
**TOWN HALL – 6:00 P.M.**

Council Members:

Kyle Fletcher-Mayor  
Kenneth Holbrook  
Greg Bailey  
Tim Boardwine  
Harry Kelly  
Jason Kilgore  
Monty Salyer

Debora Baca – Clerk/Treasurer  
Julie Hensley – Town Attorney  
Earl Carter – Public Works Director  
Bo Phillips - Police Chief  
Randy Beckner – Mattern & Craig  
Bob Harrison –IDA  
Kathy Stewart – Lyric Project

Allen Gregory-CVTimes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fletcher at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Fletcher asked to add “Eastside Request” to the agenda under New Business. A motion was made by Councilman Salyer to approve the agenda with the addition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boardwine and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Kathy Stewart thanked the Council for the installation of air conditioners at the pool building and for putting up the door at the top of the steps. However, she reported that the air conditioners did not work properly and asked that this problem be addressed. Councilman Salyer said the parking lots between the old high school and the pool building need lighting. He also talked about the amount of trash collected at the pool, especially on the weekends, suggesting that the Town place a dumpster or larger cans.

Mayor Fletcher made the following announcements:

- 1) Events are being planned for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- 2) Contractor Wayne Fields is back to work on the Lyric building project
- 3) Mayor Fletcher reminded everyone of the Special Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to adopt the budget.

Councilman Salyer asked the mayor if a thank you letter was written to Power Fuels for sweeping the town streets. Mayor Fletcher said he spoke with him and thanked him for using his equipment and manpower to clean our streets. He further stated that he will send a formal thank you letter.

Councilman Bailey informed the Council that the St. Paul police assisted with a matter near Hanging Rock, which is outside the town in Russell County. He explained that 911 was called several times regarding a vehicle stopped in the road facing the wrong direction. The driver was passed out. After several calls to 911, Councilman Bailey called back advising that it had been over an hour since the first call was placed and asked that St. Paul Police be dispatched to the

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scene until a Russell County officer could get there. The St. Paul officer arrived, and a Russell County deputy arrived one hour and forty-five minutes after the first 911 call. Councilman Bailey said he just wanted everyone to be informed in case they received complaints that the St. Paul police were working outside their jurisdiction. Mayor Fletcher commented that our officers should help in that situation, and Chief Phillips said he instructs his officers to assist outside town limits if they are dispatched to assist.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardwine, seconded by Councilman Kilgore, to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Councilman Holbrook moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Salyer told Chief Phillips that he has noticed we have several pull trailers parking in car spaces. It was eliminated for a while, but is now reoccurring. He also asked Chief Phillips to remove the speed sign if it is not working. Chief Phillips said he would check it out and have it moved if it isn't working. Mayor Fletcher also noted that he has received complaints about the Russell County Lifesaving Crew coming through town at a very high rate of speed. Chief Phillips said emergency vehicles are asking for the right-of-way; it is not just a given. He said he will take care of this matter. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Councilman Boardwine and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Bailey asked if bids have been received on the old sewer plant generator. Earl Carter said it was sent to the paper to be advertised this week.

IDA Chairman Bob Harrison gave an update on the Willis Building Project. He reported that the Wise County IDA did a resolution recommending a one million dollar loan from their VCEDA allocation. The VCEDA board will hear requests and make decisions at their meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harrison stressed how important the VCEDA application is to the complicated financial package that is being put together for the project funding. Mr. Harrison, Rob Jones, and members of the Creative Boutique Hotels (CBH) will be meeting with VCEDA board member Mike Quillen beforehand because they will only be allowed about 10 minutes at the full board meeting. Mr. Harrison also emphasized that this is an economic revitalization project, not just a hotel. Once the outcome of the VCEDA application is known, the Willis Building Committee will work with CBH to determine the next steps in putting together this funding package. Councilman Salyer suggested if any council members know VCEDA board members, they should contact them. Mr. Harrison agreed, completely funding the project is still a long way off, and there will be other funding applications and presentations. Mayor Fletcher said he has made contact with people that may be able to talk with some VCEDA board members about the importance of this project to our region.

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**New Business:**

The Treasurer provided a list of recommended tax exonerations totaling \$451.93. She explained that most property owners on the list have been exonerated by the County throughout the tax year, usually because they had either moved or no longer owned the personal property on January 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Councilman Holbrook to approve the list of 2014-15 tax exonerations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kilgore and carried unanimously. Ms. Baca said the town has been paying 44.5 cents mileage rate for at least the past seven years. She is submitting to the Council a recommendation that this be increased to keep up with the cost of fuel and vehicle maintenance, advising that the current federal rate is 57.5 cents per mile. Councilman Holbrook moved to increase the mileage rate to 57.5 cents per mile. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kilgore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardwine, seconded by Councilman Holbrook, to adopt the Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: Kelly-Aye; Kilgore-Aye; Boardwine-Aye; Holbrook-Aye; Bailey-Aye; Salyer-Aye. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardwine, seconded by Councilman Kilgore, to adopt the Ordinance to Eliminate Auto Decals. A roll call vote was taken: Kelly-Aye; Kilgore-Aye; Boardwine-Aye; Holbrook-Aye; Bailey-Aye; Salyer-Aye. The motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Holbrook made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Mandatory Hookups Language in the Sewer Use Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kilgore and a roll call vote was taken: Kelly-Aye; Kilgore-Aye; Boardwine-Aye; Holbrook-Aye; Bailey-Aye; Salyer-Aye. The motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Boardwine discussed the lack of lighting at the skate park and one end of the basketball court at the park. He asked that Council consider placing additional lighting for these two areas. Mayor Fletcher noted that there has been issues with lighting at the basketball court before and asked Councilman Kilgore for comment. Councilman Kilgore said he would like to have adequate light on both ends of the court and to make sure that the lights stay on at night. There was discussion about directional lighting and setting new lights. Mayor Fletcher asked Earl Carter to look into this issue. Mr. Carter said it will not be a problem to get more lighting in the park if the Council is willing to purchase the lights. He also said providing light at the skate park could be more difficult since we do not own the building where it is located. Councilman Holbrook said it may be possible to get a light connected from the Little League lights. There was further discussion about the Little League light situation and the possibility of Larry Hicks helping with that. Mr. Carter said they can run conduit if necessary. A motion was offered by Councilman Salyer to appropriate funding for proper lighting at the skate park, the basketball court, and the swimming pool building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boardwine. There was further discussion about where the lighting is needed at the pool building and how it should be done. Councilman Salyer suggested that ODP be contacted to see what can be done.

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Mayor Fletcher called for a roll call vote: Kelly-Aye; Kilgore-Aye; Boardwine-Aye; Holbrook-Aye; Bailey-Aye; Salyer-Aye. The motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Bailey referred to a previous discussion about whether or not Blevins Septic is dumping sewer into our system. He recalled that Mr. Carter said Blevins was supposed to have stopped dumping. Mr. Carter said that Blevins may still be dumping sewer from Virginia City Stop & Go because they are in a bind right now. Councilman Bailey said an employee told him that Blevins is only dumping on Saturdays and he no longer services Stop & Go. It was later confirmed that Y&Y is servicing the Stop & Go. Councilman Bailey provided a picture taken on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, showing that Blevins was still dumping. He said Mayor Fletcher told him there was an agreement with Blevins that he helps the town with free services when needed and we allow him to dump into our system. Mr. Carter said that Blevins has helped the town out quite a bit, but he has never seen any written agreement. Mayor Fletcher said that was his understanding since he has been mayor. There was further discussion about Blevins dumping and environmental agency requirements. Councilman Bailey said he would like to see where a sample was pulled for the week of June 6<sup>th</sup> when Mr. Blevins was seen dumping. Mr. Carter said he has not been aware of the dumping on weekends because the employee reporting to Councilman Bailey has not been reporting it to him. Councilman Bailey said this is not a good business practice and he offered a motion to table until next month to allow Mr. Carter time to investigate the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boardwine and passed unanimously.

Councilman Bailey talked about an idea to convert the sewer pond into an amphitheater once it is drained. He asked what is planned for using that area and what type of regulations might be required to convert it for this type of use. Randy Beckner said the plan was to drain it through the new sewer system and possibly use lye to treat the remaining sludge before filling the pond. Mr. Beckner said he would look at how feasible it would be to create a foundation to support an amphitheater, suggesting it could be expensive if the sludge had to be removed. A motion was made by Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Kilgore, to table the matter until Randy reports back on the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Salyer to advertise the part time position of Estonoa Director, with a deadline of July 10<sup>th</sup>. He further moved that Mayor Fletcher appoint a committee to write a job description, advertise for resumes or proposals, and select a candidate to be recommended to the Council at the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boardwine and unanimously approved.

Councilman Salyer said he plans on addressing the Planning Commission regarding a zoning issue he believes is out of control. He said there are several storage buildings now located in town and he has read the ordinances twice and still cannot find where "extended use buildings" are addressed. Ms. Hensley said very often documents lean heavily on other documents, and it could be that what Councilman Salyer is seeking is in another document. Councilman Salyer

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said he just wanted to make Council aware that he will be asking the Planning Commission to address this matter.

St. Paul and Castlewood will be hosting several district tournaments this year. Ms. Baca said Larry Hicks, representing Clinch River Little League, has asked for a donation in the amount of \$300 to set up a hospitality room for umpire and tournament officials. She suggested this come out of the annual \$1,000 to support the Little League program. A motion was made by Councilman Boardwine to fund the hospitality room as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kilgore and passed unanimously.

Mayor Fletcher made a request on behalf of Eastside Girls Basketball to help sponsor players attending a basketball camp in Ocala, FL this summer. The estimated cost is \$1,000 per student. Ms. Baca advised that there is \$419.00 remaining in "Donations". A motion was made by Councilman Kilgore to donate \$419.00 to Eastside Basketball to help with the cost of the basketball camp. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holbrook and unanimously approved.

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Salyer, to adjourn. The motion passed and Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk