

**MINUTES OF THE STRASBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE STRASBURG TOWN HALL.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Boies called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Council Member Stover led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** Rev. Dr. Keith Warren, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, offered the invocation.

**Roll Call:**

**ROLL Called with the following members present: Mayor Boies, Vice Mayor Reynolds, and Council Members Carter, Hooser, Kimmons, Lowder (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Monahan, and Stover. Absent: Council Member Ricard.**

**Public Hearings:** None

**Introduction and Recognition of Visitors and Guests:**

- **Monthly Employee Update**

<b><u>New Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	
Aaron Haines	Public Works	06/05/2023	
Kiersten Wilson	Finance	Summer Intern	
Liam Fazzini	Public Works	Summer Tech.	
D.J. Henderson	Public Works	Summer Tech.	
<b><u>Promotions/Transfers</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	
<b><u>Resignations/Terminations</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	
Jason Ford	Public Safety	06/30/2023	
<b><u>Milestones</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Years/Date</u></b>	
Angela Fletcher	Finance	5 years	

**Mayor's Comments:**

**Mayor Boies** said she received a letter and gift from **Pamela Solanca** from Maine regarding the geo-tour coin made for the 2011 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. One of the coins was held back so it could be launched at all the pieces that founder Peter Stover visited. It has visited Europe and several places in the United States. The coin traveled more than 67,000 miles. A map was included showing where the coin traveled.

**Mayor Boies** reminded all that **Council Member Ricard** will be resigning from Council on July 31. She will be recognized at the July 31<sup>st</sup> Work Session.

**Mayor Boies** thanked the Police Department for all the hard work they put in during the past week. She thanked all for the work that took place for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

The Strasburg Lions Club has disbanded (July 1<sup>st</sup>). **Mayor Boies** recognized them for all the work

they have done throughout the years. **Vice Mayor Reynolds** was a member of the Lions Club and added that they had 81 years of service. They concentrated on doing the hearing and vision tests out of the bus. They sponsored a carnival for many years and were a joy to the community. It was a privilege for the community to have this organization.

**Mayor Boies** encouraged all to volunteer in our non-profits. She said the Rotary Club has been working with the Town to install a Sensory Garden. These are impressive musical instruments. There will be a workday on July 22 to help beautify the park.

The Strasburg Night at the Express game will be on Wednesday, July 12. All are invited to attend and there is free admission to those attending.

**Mayor Boies** acknowledged **Olivia Hilton** who recently resigned. She has an amazing opportunity to serve another town and we wish her well. We appreciate all she has done for the town.

### Citizen Comments:

### Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Work Session and Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting.
- 2) Election of Town Officers – Mayor Boies announced who all the officers were.

**Council Member Kimmons moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Council Member Carter. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Old Business (Discussion and/or Action Items):

**Mayor Boies** said the preliminary agenda showed a SUP application for FIDUM, LLC. This has been removed from the agenda due to an advertisement error. It will be brought back at a later time.

#### **1.) Special Use Permit application SUP2023-0006, TRI-J DRD LLC**

*Description: Special Use Permit application SUP2023-0006 requested by TRI-J DRD LLC, owner, for property identified as Tax Map Numbers (025A201B052 010; 025A201B052 012; 025A201B052 014; 025A201B052 016; 025A201B052 018; 025A201B052 020; 025A201B052 022; 025A201B052 024; 025A201B052 026; 025A201B052 028; 025A201B052 030; 025A201B052 032; 025A201B055 011; 025A201B055 013; 025A201B055 015; 025A201B055 017; 025A201B055 019; 025A201B055 021; 025A201B055 023; 025A201B055 026) located along the unimproved portion of Mineral Street from John Marshall Highway to Pendleton Lane, approximately 430 feet west of North Massanutten Street on John Marshall Highway. The property is within the Medium Density Residential District and contains 3.68 acres. The request is to increase the density from 8 dwelling units per acre to 16 dwelling units per acre and increase the number of units per building from 4 units per building to 8 units per building for a townhouse development.*

**Council Member Lowder** said he has been thinking about this and he wonders if it will add to traffic. It seems crowded now so will this negatively affect this? **Mayor Boies** asked if it will be connecting to Pendleton Lane or just to Mineral Street.

**P&Z Administrator Otis** said the development will be on Mineral Street and connecting to Route 55 and it will also connect to Pendleton Lane. VDOT figures about 10 trips per day per dwelling so this will be adding about 400 trips. It is hard to calculate the impact because of the number that will be using Pendleton Lane; it will be sharing some of that load and alleviate some of the traffic from Mineral Street.

**Council Member Kimmons** asked if VDOT could do a study to add a traffic light at Massanutten

Street and Route 55. **P&Z Administrator Otis** said a traffic study is required and this would be addressed in this.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** said it is her understanding that if we don't include the eight dwelling units per acre to the 16 units per acre in the approval, it will not really affect the plan. **P&Z Administrator Otis** said it is not an increase in the number that is allowed by right; it is not an increase in density.

**Council Member Hooser** said in looking at the aerial view, all the townhouses in Hupps Ridge are eight units.

**Council Member Monahan** asked that with the approval, will the proffers come in. **P&Z Administrator Otis** said they are not putting in any conditions. The only condition that was carried over was a shared use path.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** moved for approval of Special Use Permit (SUP2023-006) for an increase to the number of units per building from 4 units to 8 units for the townhouse development; second by **Council Member Hooser**.

The motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

<b>Vice Mayor Reynolds</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Hooser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Kimmons</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Council Member Lowder</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Monahan</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Council Member Ricard</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Council Member Stover</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**2.) FY2024 Budget Amendment - Skate Park Funding Request**

*Description: Consideration of Skate Park funding through ARPA funds.*

**Council Member Kimmons** moved for approval of Budget Amendment (BA FY2024-01) in the amount of up to \$145,000 for the skatepark construction as outlined in the budget amendment; second by **Council Member Lowder**.

The motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

<b>Council Member Kimmons</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Ricard</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Reynolds</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Monahan</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Council Member Stover</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Hooser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Council Member Lowder</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3.) Village at Cedar Spings Planned Development Proffers and Commercial Development Discussion**

*Description: Consideration of existing proffers and commercial development.*

**Mayor Boies** thanked the ad-hoc committee who has put much time into this item.

**Council Member Monahan** asked if **Town Manager Coggsdale** had spoken to **Town Attorney**

**Helm** about the discussion held at the Work Session, and he had not.

In questioning **Town Attorney Helm**, **Council Member Monahan** asked about the 8.1 proffer “The Elijah Pifer House shall be preserved on the site.” What does preserved mean from a legal standing? **Town Attorney Helm** said if it is not defined, it does not really mean anything. The commonsense interpretation means it will be preserved but it does not mean the interior is preserved. It would have to be defined. **Council Member Monahan** asked if it would have to be proven what that previous Council meant when the proffers were given. **Town Attorney Helm** said it is a meeting of the mind as to what the parties meant by the wording. If it is clear as to what was meant, then you proceed; if not, then the interpretation is different.

**Council Member Monahan** asked if preserved means forever and **Town Attorney Helm** said generally, it does, but if you mean for it to be for perpetuity, it should be stated.

**Council Member Monahan** asked about a conservation easement and if it would protect it more. How can it be worded so it can't switch hands? **Town Attorney Helm** asked if there is a purchase agreement taking place and there is not. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said in 2004, Council accepted the proffers with the approval of a Planned Development. The applicant proffered this as part of the project. This particular proffer, 8.1 (Elijah Pifer House), has some architectural features. The questions have been what preservation means and will it be forever. The property is owned by the developers, Clayton-Aikens.

**Town Attorney Helm** would like to speak further with **Town Manager Coggsdale** and get additional facts on this. If there is a dispute going on with what is meant, he would like to discuss it further.

**Council Member Monahan** said in looking at 8.2, “*A Phase II architectural survey shall be completed for Vesper Hall.*” This means that the Phase II study must be done, and we need to figure out what “*Opportunities for the adaptive reuse of the structure for commercial purposes shall be explored and pursued to the extent feasible as determined by the Applicant*” means.

**Town Attorney Helm** said the key words is how aggressively they will pursue any adaptive uses. Is it something actionable that needs to be done? (*Could not hear all the details on the recording*).

**Robert Claytor**, owner, said he sent a letter to Council that listed their association with Strasburg for many, many years. He appreciates that relationship. His real reason for being here is to build a convenience store on the six acres. He said that land was the land the town used to design their zoning plan more than 20 years ago when **Chuck Maddox** worked with the town on this. The land was bought to build a hotel and convenience store on it. In 2014, they found out that those two things were not by-right any longer which is concerning to him. History is not something he takes lightly. He lives in a house built by the first settlers, built in 1753. He has served on the Belle Grove Board for over 25 years, two years as president. He has served on the Stone House Foundation in Stephens City for 15 to 20 years. He understands historical preservation. One of his favorite quotes from Belle Grove is, “History is something you can read about, but preservation you can save right here.”

It was asked what was meant by the Elijah Pifer House being preserved. A lot of discussion took place on this 15 to 20 years ago. It meant to them that they would not tear it down. There had been talk originally of having them move the house someplace. Leaving it in place seems much more sensible. He hasn't had a chance to look over the notes given to him from the committee. What he would like to know is if a convenience store is approved, what Council would like to see. The proposed area is much like where their store is on Warrior Drive in Stephens City. It is a grocery store, a wine shop, and a Dunkin Donut. They have six rental properties in a separate building there. He thinks the area in Strasburg needs a grocery store of sorts and they could meet that need. Their stores are all different. Their intent is to build the convenience store with lots of different reasons for people to come to the location and they want gasoline sales. Gasoline sales make up about 60

percent of the sales in a convenience store. He understands **Mr. Holtzman** is getting ready to build something across I81. They hope they have been a good neighbor to Strasburg and would like to continue this. He doesn't have an agenda but would like to build a convenience store. He will look through the materials. The Elijah Pifer House is a done deal and "we are going to preserve that. I have some structural people looking at that." He asked **Town Manager Coggsdale** what color the roof should be. He has had people drive by and tell him the roof is rusty, but not rusted. He isn't sure if the roof can be painted or needs to be replaced. Vesper Hall is an issue. He thought it was in bad shape. He has not been in it for about 15 years and the last time he was in it, there were swarms of termites on the back porch that concerned him. This was treated. Their insurance company did not think it should be inhabited anymore and they gave the Sullivans a four-month notice. They have been in the house for many years. They will take things into consideration that has been given to him by the committee.

**Mayor Boies** said there are a lot of different ways to use this. She asked about the zoning and if we wanted to talk about that now or in the future. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said this is a discussion that needs to be had and is a logical next step in the process.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** asked how many Council Members sent ideas to **Town Manager Coggsdale** and only two had.

**Mr. Claytor** said some have said when asked what they would like to see in the type of building they are proposing are a laundry mat, and ABC store, or a post office. He said these are examples of things they can incorporate. They would like to know how they can serve that end of town.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** asked if the suggestions had been forwarded to **Mr. Claytor** and **Town Manager Coggsdale** said they had been emailed. **Vice Mayor Reynolds** would like to know what he meant by a convenience store. **Mr. Claytor** said it would be a convenience to the community. The one in Stephens City has a small strip mall with it.

**Council Member Lowder** said there is a good store at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 340, and it has a great layout. He would also like to see new life breathed into Vesper Hall as lawyer offices or dentist offices. **Mr. Claytor** said **Mr. Aikens** had thought about using the entrance as the entrance of a hotel but they couldn't make that work. If he can preserve the house and make money from it and get the footprint of the convenience store right...in retail, it is the visual acceptance of the public as they drive past and makes them turn into your business. He hasn't looked into how he can work with Vesper Hall and the convenience store. They never intended to preserve Vesper Hall, but to do the Phase II. **Maral Kalbian**, an architectural historian, has not given him a price on the study. He would like to have a structural engineer do a study of the house. He said the real question is if a convenience store would be allowed.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** said she doesn't think there will be any opposition in putting in a convenience store. **Council Member Monahan** said she doesn't think gasoline pumps are allowed there. She will not vote to put a convenience store if Vesper Hall is torn down.

**Council Member Lowder** asked why you couldn't put a convenience store there and **Mayor Boies** said she believes it is just because of the zoning.

**P&Z Administrator Otis** said the original zoning in 2002 allowed hotels/motels, convenience stores, and fuel sales. In 2014, the UDO took out the fuel sales. He said the only way to have fuel sales would be to do a rezoning. You could then condition the rezoning. A plan could be presented, and they would move forward with that plan.

**Mayor Boies** asked if the convenience store would be where Vesper Hall is located. A map showed where the convenience store could be located.

**Mr. Claytor** asked what the next step would be. **Mayor Boies** said it sounds like we need some answers from **Town Attorney Helm**.

**Council Member Carter** would like to have a study done to see how much it would cost to move the structures.

**Mayor Boies** said she can visualize the thought of making Vesper Hall a hotel. **Mr. Claytor** said his partners had the zoning written for the town and the very two things they wanted to put there were taken off the table.

**Council Member Carter** said he could still see the property turned into something.

**Mr. Claytor** asked if they could get a conditional permit use. **P&Z Administrator Otis** said they could do a text amendment to the ordinance.

**Mayor Boies** said they want to figure this out and not drag it out.

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** asked if the rest of Council feels as strongly about Vesper Hall as **Council Member Monahan**. If allowing gasoline to go into the development and Vesper Hall being done away with, would they not vote in favor of the convenience store?

**Mr. Claytor** said when this was first discussed, it was asked which was most valuable and it was decided it was Pifer House. **Council Member Monahan** said the committee thought it was the pair of historic homes. She reviewed some of the features.

**Mayor Boies** said she feels **Vice Mayor Reynolds** is asking if there is a compromise that could be reached.

**Council Member Monahan** likes the idea of having a restaurant and offices and then connecting the convenience store to it.

**Mr. Claytor** said there will not be a hotel on that property.

**Council Member Monahan** asked if they did any rentals in his business. **Mr. Claytor** said they rent space in commercial strip centers. **Council Member Monahan** would like both dwellings to be preserved.

**Consensus was that all were in favor of having a convenience store if Vesper Hall and Pifer House could remain and to not allow this if Vesper Hall is not kept.**

**Mr. Claytor** asked if they would allow a convenience store with gasoline and then follow along with the proffers. Phase II will have to be done.

**Mayor Boies** said Council has work to do in outlining what the preservation will look like. She asked if there is an option to keep Vesper Hall and do the convenience store. **Council Member Monahan** asked if **Mr. Claytor** could ask someone if they could do both. **Mr. Claytor** said it will be into August before he can get an answer on this.

**Mayor Boies** said there is no opposition to a convenience store with gas sales, but the Vesper Hall part is what is in question. This will be discussed further at the Work Session on July 31.

**P&Z Administrator Otis** recommended the rezoning and he thinks it can move very quickly. He said it will be hard to give a solid answer for the plan without rezoning.

**Council Member Monahan** said they had someone who does historic renovation on their committee, and they found out that Vesper Hall is not in as bad of shape as she believes **Mr. Claytor** thinks it is.

**Town Manager Coggsdale** said the original conversation was to access the proffers and now it sounds like it is negotiations. He asked what is being asked and **Council Member Monahan** said she believes we still need to assess the proffers. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said the proffers are

what governs. The first states the Pifer House will be preserved and the second states a Phase II architectural study shall be completed for Vesper Hall. **Mr. Claytor** has said he is getting prices for that. We need to know what the remaining words mean. **Town Attorney Helm** said this is his first look at this and he is playing catch-up.

**Council Member Kimmons** said on the Pifer House, some of the siding has been removed. He would like no other siding to be removed as it is causing more damage to the logs.

**Mr. Claytor** said when they were trimming the trees, siding was falling off.

**New Business:**

1) **South Loudon Street Nuisance Property**

*Description: Vacant property at South Loudoun Street which is currently a nuisance due to overgrowth and safety concerns of trees on the property.*

**P&Z Administrator Otis** said there is a vacant property on South Loudon Street, and he has received complaints about overgrowth. It also has dead trees that are now falling on fences. The issue is that the last property owner passed away with no next of kin. We have sent letters to the last address and have tried to find any related people. The last time taxes were paid was in 2005. Staff is looking for direction on how we should move forward. His thought was to remove the dead trees and clear the property. He can get a price and then move forward.

**Mayor Boies** asked what happens with properties like this. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said you would think there would be a will, but it doesn't always work like that. This is not like tall grass; this is cutting trees down with the possibility of spending thousands of dollars to clear the land. There is also the tax issue. Can we sell the property?

**Council Member Monahan** asked what the possibility is of doing the work and charging the property and then selling the property to recoup the money.

**Town Attorney Helm** said there are several ways to look at this. The Code has several provisions and he explained these. It is doable to do something.

**Council Member Stover** said the neighbor has legitimate concerns. There are ways to take possession of the property, but he thinks we need to take care of the liability issue.

**Mayor Boies** asked if it would be possible to just clear up the side areas to keep the trees off other properties. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said he isn't sure if it would remove the nuisance. This is not just grass we are talking about.

**Council Member Carter** asked if this would be considered an attractive nuisance and **P&Z Administrator Otis** said it would. He can get a quote for just the trees or clearing the entire property.

**Council Member Kimmons** said he thought he heard the town had already removed some trees, and he asked who paid for that. **P&Z Administrator Otis** said he would have to look into that. **Council Member Kimmons** asked how many other properties have delinquent taxes on them for more than 10 years; this information was not known at this meeting. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said we need to see what our options are for this property.

**Council Member Hooser** likes the idea of recouping the cost, but he would also like to see it be used as green space that is accessible. It would give people a place to go outside.

**Town Manager Coggsdale** said the adjoining property is Charles Street Station II and maybe something could be worked out with that property owner.

**Consensus was to move forward with getting a quote on the work.**

**Reports:**

**Departmental Reports:**

**\*\*\*Complete reports are provided in the Council packet which is available on the town's website at [www.strasburgva.com](http://www.strasburgva.com). Reports are also found on the "Meetings" page of the website (<https://www.strasburgva.com/meetings>).\*\*\***

**Mayor Boies** thanked the town and the Strasburg Museum for the partnership and the grand opening of the new museum at the Visitor Center. A lot of work was done in getting the Visitor Center ready for this partnership.

**Chief Sager** said we had a tragic incident in town on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He just wanted to give a brief description of how he works through things such as this as the Chief of Police. He looks at comments and all on Facebook and tries to see where we can do better.

The number one priority for him is public safety. Is there a concern or a direct threat to our community? If there is, immediate action will be taken. Reverse 911 would be implemented. All social media platforms would be utilized. They made that assessment of the incident and determined there was not a threat to the community, so they moved to the next step which is to never compromise the investigation. He consults with the Commonwealth Attorney on what information can be released. He then consults with his staff and gets their opinions, advice, and expertise. He notifies **Town Manager Coggsdale, Mayor Boies,** and Town Council as soon as he can. He thinks this is the best process for our community. He really cares about the community, and he knows he will never make all happy, but his door is always open.

**Chief Sager** also discussed the camera system. Someone came to him about the cameras. We do not have AI cameras. Would he like to use more technology? Absolutely, and he will be bringing requests before Council this calendar year. Technology solves crimes. If we had had more technology, it would have helped in the investigation. This is the world we live in. He will never do anything without going through **Town Manager Coggsdale** and he knows he will say to bring it before Council. He will be working through these things. He has a team of five officers that has worked around the clock on this. There will be limited information that he will release. He does not want to compromise anything.

**Mayor Boies** said they have no doubt that the Police Department has our safety at hand. You can't prevent the comments on Facebook as they will always be there.

**Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton:** The Music/Sensory Garden will be installed by Monday, July 17. The Riverwalk 2.0 project has a technical advisory team that will be working on this. She wants to make sure this project is seen through. She is busy wrapping up projects. She is excited to see the museum partnership come to fruition and the skatepark get funded.

Strasburg is a special place, and she hopes to make Mt. Jackson succeed. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time in Strasburg. Her department has grown, and they are ready to move forward. She concluded by saying that this is the strongest Council she has worked with.

**Mayor Boies** said maybe they can collaborate with Mt. Jackson. She said that four Rotary clubs have come together and have received a grant to establish a learning/tutoring center in Shenandoah County. This will be located in Mt. Jackson. **Chief Sager** explained how this came about and said one of the goals of the group who was instrumental in getting this is to help youth in education.

**Chief Sager** said they were approved for ARPA funds for vehicles. It has been found out that Ford is not even making new police vehicles yet. He has found a location that has some Chevrolet Tahoes that are police vehicles that he would like to purchase instead of the Ford vehicles. He is making sure we are working under procurement. We can have these vehicles within 10 to 12 weeks.



The amount is less than \$5,000 more than what we were allotted. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said you used to work toward a fleet of certain vehicles. Times have changed. **Chief Sager** has a good plan to coordinate this. If we wait, we might not ever spend the money. **Chief Sager** said the money must be spent by June 30, 2024.

**The consensus of Council was to comingle the fleet.**

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** thanked **Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton** for her work. She has had the opportunity of working with her on the signage and the museum. She wished her luck in Mt. Jackson.

**P&Z Administrator Otis** said there is a public workshop regarding the UDO at Strasburg High School. A joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Town Council will begin at 7 p.m. Stakeholders were also invited to the meeting. Both meetings will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**P&Z Administrator Otis** has received information from Council on chickens and he is waiting to get the survey back from the Berkley Group.

**Town Manager Coggsdale** said he has been in local government for 32 years. As far as he is concerned, with people like **Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton** moving forward, the profession is in good hands. He wished her well.

**Special Committee Reports:**

**Council Member Kimmons** said the NSVRC did not meet.

**Council Member Items:**

**Mayor Boies** said she had a meeting with a citizen regarding general concerns with noise levels at the park. It wasn't a complaint about bands, etc.; it was more of should we have a noise ordinance in the park as far as respect of those using the park.

**Mayor Boies** also had an experience with a person "jamming" at the boat landing and she wondered what the others were thinking. There needs to be a respect level.

**Chief Sager** said they are trying to get their officers to bridge the gaps. We need to have some enforcement with our rules.

**Council Member Carter** thanked the staff for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. For those that attended, it was enjoyable.

**Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton** said she is meeting with **Mark Hensell** who has done the fireworks for years. He thinks he has some long-term solutions. This event was a wake-up call for **Brian McKee**, our events coordinator.

**Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton** said **Council Member Kimmons** and **Parks and Recreation Manager Varley** have scheduled meetings regarding the park. Get any ideas for the park to **Council Member Kimmons**.

**Council Member Carter** said he has noticed some tent camping. Is there any verbiage about this? The only sign is the park is closed at dusk. **Director of Strategic Initiatives Hilton** said we have posted rules but do not any enforcement.

Closed meeting:

**Vice Mayor Reynolds** moved to enter into a closed meeting Pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-2711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the public body. The subject is for discussion of town owned property; second by Council Member

**Kimmons. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and Council adjourned to a closed meeting at 9:03 p.m.; reconvened at 9:14 p.m.**

**Mayor Boies said, “The Council of the Town of Strasburg hereby certifies by Roll Call vote that to the best of each member’s knowledge (1)only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (2)only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council of the Town of Strasburg.”**

**Each member should respond “I so certify” by Roll Call vote.**

<b>Vice Mayor Reynolds</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Carter</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Hooser</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Kimmons</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Lowder</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Monahan</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Council Member Ricard</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Council Member Stover</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Boies</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

**Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**