

**Mechanic Falls Town Council**  
**July 20, 2020**  
**Public Via Zoom**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tarsha Downing, Vice Chair  
John Emery II  
Kieth Bennett, Chair  
Rose Aikman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Zakk Maher – Town Manager  
Julie Ward – Town Clerk  
Alan Plummer- Code Enforcement Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**

Rudy Kyllonen	Melanie Judd
Alan Shepard	Paula Stotts
Tyler Monahan	

**1.0** Councilor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:28pm

**2.0** We stood and saluted the flag.

**3.0** Roll Call complete

**3.1 Swearing in of New Council Members**

Town Clerk Julie Ward swore in Kieth Bennett and Rose Aikman for 3-year term and Tarsha Downing for 1-year term.

**3.2 Election of Council Officers/ Liaison Positions**

Councilor Emery motioned to make Councilor Bennett Chair, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor so voted.

Councilor Emery motioned to Councilor Downing to be Vice Chair, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor so voted.

Councilor Emery motioned to table Liaison positions until next meeting, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor so voted.

**3.3 Call for applications for Interim Council seat (Term exp 2021)**

Town Manager Zakk Maher wanted to open up accepting applications for Council seat which will set to expire June 30, 2021. He recommended the applicants come in person so who ever is appointed can be sworn in and join the meeting immediately.

## **4.0 General Reports**

### **4.1 Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2020**

Councilor Downing motioned to accept meeting minutes for June 1st, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor so voted.

### **4.2 Department Reports as submitted**

Councilor Downing motioned to accept the Department reports as submitted, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor unanimous.

## **5.0 Public Hearing**

### **5.1 Silver Spur Liquor License**

Public Hearing opened up at 6:35 and closed at 6:39pm with no comments

## **6.0 Public Comments**

None

## **7.0 Old Business**

### **7.1 22 Pleasant Street Update**

No interests, Town Manager Zakk Maher there is some scheduling issues and will reach out to the Realtor to see if he could meet via Zoom. There was one showing over a month ago but nothing came of it.

### **7.2 Council Discussion Topics**

Councilor Downing asked if there was any update on Salley's Auto. CEO Alan Plummer went through the files to see what happened in the past. He was not prepared to give a permit. He recommended the Planning Board listen to Gloria Pelletier's plan. The property is located in a 100-year Flood plain. When a property burns it does not remain grandfathered. The only thing that is grandfathered is the usage. The owner would have to build up where the garage was going or have a water tight building. As for the cleanup, the property owner is responsible for clean up and she is aware. CEO Alan Plummer also stated that Salley's was issued a recycling permit through the state and the Property owner does not wish to have the extra cars there. Councilor Aikman asked who determines the Flood Plain. FEMA has a map. Town Manager Zakk Maher stated the owner can challenge the lines and have it surveyed, but it is pretty clear that she is well within the Flood Plain.

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 MF Community Day Account**

Councilor Downing motioned to remove Fred Collins from the Community Day account and add Julie Ward as cosigner, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, unanimous.

Councilor Downing motioned to remove Ashley Cleaves from the rec account and add Julie Ward, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor unanimous

### **8.2 Workers Comp Incentive Program**

Town Manager explained the program details offered by MMA. Councilor Downing motioned to accept, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor so voted.

### **8.3 Anglican Church Release deed**

Town Manager Zakk Maher explained since the Historical Society has moved everything to the Municipal Building the Anglican Church is looking to have the Town release their interest. Town Manager spoke to the Historical Society has no intentions of using the space. Councilor Downing and Bennett both thought it should be released.

Councilor Emery motioned to table, seconded by Councilor Bennett all in favor so voted.

### **8.4 Planning Board Applicant**

Councilor Downing motioned to appoint Melanie Judd as a Planning Board member, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor so voted.

### **8.5 Committee Reappointments**

#### **Planning Board**

Paula Stotts

Walter Goss

#### **Budget Committee**

Peter Ford

## **Development Commission**

Michael Baird

Tim Dean

## **Rec Committee**

Robyn Coleman

Jessica Cummings

Jill Starbird

Councilor Aikman motioned to re appoint all members, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor so voted.

## **9.0 Ordinances, Resolves Policy & Licenses**

### **9.1 Proposed changes to FOAA policy**

Councilor Aikman wanted the FOAA go back to the Town Clerk, given everything that happened last year. Councilor Bennett asked what added work load would it give the Clerk. Town Manager Zakk stated it depends on what time of year, elections, and tax season is tough, currently the FOAA has been pretty quiet. Councilor Emery had asked what the reasoning was to change it from the Clerk to the Town Manager. Town Manager Zakk Maher explained that in October 2018 when the Informational Security Policy was updated.

Councilor Bennett motioned to accept the FOAA as written, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor 2 yes Councilor Emery and Bennett 2 no Councilor Downing and Aikman.

Councilor Aikman motioned to revert back to the Town Clerk as FOAA officer, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor 2 yes Councilor Aikman and Councilor Downing 2 No Councilor Bennett and Emery.

Councilor Bennett motioned to table until the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted.

### **9.2 Silver Spur Liquor License**

Councilor Downing motioned to approve Silver Spurs liquor license, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor so voted.

### **9.3 Marijuana Business Moratorium**

Planning Board approved it to move to council for Land use changes in December 2019 and it was in effect as on January 1, 2020. The Town opted in 2012.

Attorney Alan Shepard spoke in regards to his client and feels that it would be rewarding to certain people in Town if the council approved the Moratorium. He explained that he has been in contact with the Code Enforcement officer and has read through the ordinance.

Councilor Downing said she would like information about this. The letter that was presented to the council had just come in and she wanted more details before making any comfortable decision.

Councilor Downing motioned to table, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor, unanimous

### **10.0 Executive Session**

#### ***11.0 Adjourn:***

Councilor Emery motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor, unanimous. Adjourned at 7:56pm

Next Meeting August 3, 2020 @ 6:30pm