Town of Dungannon
***Town Council Minutes***June 2nd , 2014

**PRESENT:**  Debra Horne, Melissa Hunt, Wes Adams, Andy Lawson, George Hensley, Greg Baker, Jordan Nickels, James Lane, Larry Beavers, Greg Puckett, Judy Blevins and Renee Adams.

Debra called the meeting to order and led the Pledge, Larry Beavers led in prayer.
The approval of the April 7th minutes was tabled at the May meeting due to absence of council members. With all council present, Wes made a motion to approve the April minutes as read at the May meeting. Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Debra asked Renee to read the May 5th minutes, Melissa asked for an amendment to the Public Comments regarding the 2014-2015 FY Budget, when Jordan Nickels asked if employee raises were reflected in the budget, Melissa stated that they were not reflected in the current proposed budget, however, the past 2 years employee raises were reflected in the budget, but had never been done so before that. Melissa made a motion to approve the May minutes with the amendment to the public comments of the FY Budget. Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Larry Beavers introduced Greg Puckett as First Baptist Church’s new Community Needs Minister. One project is to feed the community children this summer. Larry also said how much he liked meeting at the new Town Hall. The church has plans for the 4th of July to serve hot dogs, have a youth yard sale, and music. Larry wanted to make sure these plans did not interfere with the Town’s plans for the 4th.

Jordan Nickels wanted to make council aware of violations found in the July 2012 minutes, which were stated, Wes made a motion to give employee’s a 2% raise and Melissa second the motion, due to Wes & Melissa both being related to employees they should not have voted. In the January 2014 minutes a motion was made by George to appoint Debra to fill in the vacant Mayor position until the end of the term. Jordan said the Town’s charter does not allow for a council member to be appointed to Mayor. Debra said she spoke with Mike Edwards regarding her position of president of the council. Mr. Edwards told Debra that with the general election in November, and the time it takes to get a special election set up, we would be close to the May election. Debra also stated that as far back as she could research the Vice Mayor for Dungannon has filled any vacancy in the office of Mayor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** After several months of discussing an audit for the Town, and checking with other auditors on prices and what is required, Wes made a motion to hire Hicok, Fern, Brown & Garcia to conduct the Town’s audit. George second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Melissa asked if Greg had any information regarding having Nina Daugherty evicted due to the living conditions of her residence. Greg said he had tried to get in touch with the Dept. of Social Services, Melissa asked Greg if he would contact her with any information before the next meeting.

Debra talked with the Scotty Hall’s boys about cleaning the water tank and digging the “horse shoe” soon. The water plant was scheduled to be painted the end of May; however, the rainy weather interfered. As soon as DDC has another group and the weather permits, the plant will be painted. Melissa asked if the plant needs to be clean first, Debra has spoken with Travis, he assured her that it would be clean before any painting.

Melissa will take the Town’s camera and get pictures of properties that need to be cleaned. Grant Deahl has too many “old” cars on the property, some on both sides of the street.

**NEW BUSINESS** Blountville Septic Tank Service that the Town has used for the past few years has steadily increased their price to 600.00 a load. M & M out of Big Stone Gap will do it for 540.00. With 10-12 loads a year that would save the Town around 600.00. George made a motion to go with M & M, Melissa second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

John King with Fairway Ford and Courtesy Chevrolet has donated 1,000.00 for the 4th of July fireworks, in the past the Town has given 500.00 for fireworks. Wes made a motion for the Town to add 500.00 to John King’s 1000.00 for the fireworks. Renee will contact Ft. Blackmore’s fire dept. to see if they will set off the fireworks for us again this year. Debra asked all council to come out on July 5th to help pick up the debris left from the fireworks.

 Debra informed Council that she had written another letter to Cathy Hall about her dog’s that bark excessively and the smell from the dog lot. In the letter Debra asked her to put the dogs in the house at night so as not to disturb neighbors with the barking, and to clean the feces from the lot and put down something to neutralize the odor. Ms. Hall has until Friday June 6th to comply or the Town will have the dogs picked up and the lot cleaned. Ms. Hall will be billed for any such action.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
New committees will be assigned when new council takes office in July.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**
Melissa suggested that the council needs to know in advance when the Town Hall will be closed.

Melissa asked about the flower boxes, and if flowers would be planted before the 4th of July.

Melissa asked if the area between Clifford’s old store and Nina’s would be mowed before the 4th of July.
 Larry Beavers said he would take care of that.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**
Wes made a motion to approve May’s Financial Report, Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**
At 7:19pm George made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melissa second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Minutes Taken and Submitted by