PRESENT: Mayor Horne, George Hensley, James Lane, Nina Begley, Jordan Nickels and Terrina Ward.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mathew Stidham, Melody Reeves, Jeff Stapleton, Melissa Gillenwater, Larry Beavers, Beth Bingman, Rich Kirby, and Barbara Hubbard.

Debra called the meeting to order and led the Pledge, Larry lead in prayer. Terrina read the minutes from the last meeting. Nina made a motion to approve the minutes, James second, all in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Mayor read the rules for public comment and opened the floor. Beth who is on the playground committee talked about the report from Apogee. Matt Wood with the Army Corp of engineers in Abingdon could give us a scientific explanation for the wet lands. Beth said the samples were taken on September the 12th and came back last Friday. The report stated there is a small wetlands on the other side of the ditch. Beth also stated the town should decide if they want to fill it in or file for a permit that costs $150.00 to $1500.00. Nina asked if the Lowe’s grant can be used for site preparation, Melody stated the grant was for $10,000 and can be used for preparation. Beth also said the grant money for site preparation has to be spent by the end of November. Nina said that at any time during rainy weather the whole town could be classified as a wet land. George asked if the grant could be used for hauling dirt and mulch and purchasing tile. Melody said yes. Melody also said for the Mayor to work with Jeff the landscaper for the best way to place the drain tiles. Beth stated the top layer has to be mulch or rubber. Jeff suggested wooden mulch. Jordan made a motion to continue with the prep, Nina second all in favor and the motion carried. Larry said the First Baptist Church will be having trunk or treat this year for Halloween. Larry wanted to know when the parade was and the Mayor stated that it is always on Santa Train day at 5:00 pm. Nina suggested checking with Black Diamond on parking for the parade. Larry stated the town needs to maintain the sidewalks they have. Mathew stated there is a pellet you can purchase that will kill the grass at the roots for the cracks in the sidewalk.

MAYOR’S UPDATES: The Mayor discussed the pump at the water plant that Boggs wanted to replace without checking anything else. The Mayor also let everyone know that she contacted Jeff Butler and had him come by and check the plant. Jeff stated it was nothing more than a starter capacitor and replaced it for $448.26. Butler also let her know that you don’t have to change the whole pipe when you change the pump just the bad part. The Mayor asked the council if it was alright to go with Funk Drilling for the water and sewer plants instead of Boggs. Jordan made a motion to accept Funk Drilling, George second, all in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jordan made a motion to approve the financial report, James second, all in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Mayor stated that Nina and her are going to check with David Gilmer on the building permits the town is getting charged for.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor discussed getting long distance at the Depot with a pin number so when they have meetings there with conference calls they won’t have to leave and come to the Town Hall. Jordan made a motion to put long distance on the phone, Nina second all in favor and the motion carried. The Mayor stated that we need to get a computer for the water plant. Nina asked what kind of computer. The Mayor stated it is a computer that if something goes wrong while Aneshia isn’t there it would signal her and she can tweak it from home. Aneshia is also checking with Nate on how many gigs the computer will need to have. Nina suggested checking on the price of the
computer and the program. George stated that Coeburn building supply has the drain tile we will need for the playground.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 6:50, George made a motion to adjourn, James second, all in favor and the motion carried.

Taken and written by Terrina Ward