Town of Dungannon
***Town Council Minutes***April 7th, 2014

**PRESENT:**  Debra Horne, George Hensley, Melissa Hunt, Wes Adams, Greg Baker, Judy Blevins, Jordan Nickels Barbara Hubbard, Mike Nickels, Rick Barger, Danny Mann, Eugene McClellan, Della Lane and Renee Adams.

Debra called the meeting to order and led the Pledge, George led in Prayer.
Renee read the Minutes from the March 3rd, meeting. Wes made a motion to approve the minutes as read, George seconded, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

 **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Eugene McClellan, manager of the Scott County Regional Horse Association addressed council regarding a leak at the horse park which Judy and Ray found. Melissa suggested to Mr. McClellan that the water be turned off when no one is at the park. After council reviewed a copy of the Horse Park’s water bill and the current leak adjustment policy, Wes made a motion to give the Horse Park an adjustment for this month’s water bill. After the adjustment the amount due will be 647.60. Melissa seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Jordan Nickels asked council if anything could be brought into Town for children since the basketball goal has been taken down. Melissa state that we have been working on this as part of our revitalization grants and feels this is something that can be done.

Judy asked if the problem with trash on back street and around the Dollar Store could be taken care of. Mike Nickels complained about the trailer behind his home, bags of trash have been there for a long time, as well as, an abandoned vehicle that has sat there for a year. Barbara Hubbard mentioned that there are cars parked on both of the street on Westport Ave. Since that is a State maintained street the Town should contact VDOT.
Melissa asked Greg if a letter is sent to an individual regarding a nuisance on their property and they do not comply and the Town cleans up that property can the Town fine them or take them to court, Greg said the individuals could be taken to court. Judy and Debra agreed to go out one day and take pictures of property’s that may be in violation of our nuisance ordinance.

Danny Mann asked about Clinch River Valley Initiative and the new “Clinch River State Park”. There is 2 ½ million dollars available this year and next. Dungannon will be impacted and we need to plan to take part and be ready to promote it.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Renee gave council an update on what information she had gotten from different auditors on prices. Wes made a motion to table the audit until the May meeting, Melissa seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

The 2014-2015 FY Proposed Budget was presented for council to review. Wes made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget on May 5th, 2014 at 5:45pm at the Town Hall. George seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Rick Barger, Scott County’s Animal Control Warden was present to answer any questions council might have regarding the County’s Dog Ordinance. Mr. Barger explained that there would be nothing to gain by adopting the ordinance as it is already enforced in Town. Mr. Barger’s opinion is to hire someone to enforce the Town Ordinances and write citations. If dogs are on their owner’s property and penned, not much can be done. If the Town chose to adopt the County’s Dog Ordinance, they would go through the Board of Supervisors and pay part of Mr. Barger’s salary. George thanked Mr. Barger for coming

Regarding the up-coming 4th of July event, Renee and Debra asked council to consider changing the time of the parade from 11:00 to 2:00. Melissa made a motion to change the parade time as such, Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Debra recently went to the water tank and water plant, (5) 4ft. lights are needed for the plant, as well as, an outside light. The water plant is also in need of painting. Ray Whitner with the Health Dept. requires the tank to be cleaned on the outside and re-ditched to allow for run off of excess ground water. George made a motion to purchase lights and paint for the water plant, as well as, the shed behind the Depot, and also a push mower. Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

One or two of the groups that come to DDC in the Spring and Summer will do the painting at the water plant and Depot shed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Debra explained to council that David Gilmer, Scott County’s Building Inspector and Zoning Official has informed us that the Town has been suspended from FEMA Floodplain Plan. Mr. Gilmer came by last year asking the Town to consider adopting the Floodplain Ordinance, at that time nothing was done. Debra has the necessary documents required to start the process.

*Leak Adjustment Policy*: Andy and George met on March 25th to review possible changes to the leak adjustment policy. No.3 of Leak Adjustment Policy would read; if it is determined that an adjustment is allowable, the amount due from the customer will be calculated by taking the average of the previous 12 months total bill (both water & sewer) and adding 60% of the leak to water only. One adjustment per year on accounts deemed eligible by Council. No. 4 would read; Adjustments for the filling of swimming pools will be allowed if: Customer informs the Town before and after filling the pool so meter readings can be taken. Adjustment for filling swimming pools will be determined by charging for all water used, and for the sewer minus the gallons of water added to the pool. One pool adjustment per year. Wes made a motion to hold a public hearing to adopt changes to the leak adjustment policy on May 5th at 5:45 at the Town Hall. George seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

*Litter Grant*- the deadline to spend 2013-2014 litter grant funds is in May; Renee presented council with some items to consider purchasing with the litter grant funds. Melissa made a motion to purchase a trash can, a recycle bin and trash bags for each with the littler grant funds. Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

*2014 Mowing Contract*: One stipulation added to last year’s Mowing Contract is that the Town will notify the contractor when it’s is necessary for him to mow. Wes made a motion to contact Scotty Hall to have him come to the Town Hall to review and sign the current year’s mowing contract. George seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

*Scott County Virginia Star*: Occasionally the Town places ads in the county paper or sponsors special event ads. Some of the upcoming ads are the Spring Sports preview and the High School Graduation Edition. Wes made a motion for the Town to place an ad in both of these editions. George seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**Council Recommendations**: Wes asked the attending public if they had learned anything from tonight’s meeting. Barbara Hubbard and Mike Nickels both commented that they felt more welcome than in the past and felt they could address the council openly. Wes encouraged them to spread the word and invite others to come see what is going on in the Town.

**Committee Reports**: Melissa asked if the wooden sign at the Depot that reads “Dungannon Town Hall” be taken down.

**Financial Report**: Once council reviewed the March financial report Wes made a motion to approve it, George seconded the motion, all Council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**Adjournment**: At 8:34pm George made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by;

Renee Adams