***Dungannon Town Council Minutes*** November 2, 2015

**PRESENT:**  Debra Horne, Jordan Nickels, James Lane, George Hensley, Melissa Hunt, Larry Beavers, Greg Puckett, Norma Hensley, Beth Hensley

Debra called the meeting to order and led the Pledge, Larry Beavers led in Prayer. Tarese read the October 5th minutes. With no corrections or amendments James made a motion to approve the minutes as read,George seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: Larry Beavers reminded everyone that the Santa train would be same time, same place as last year. He wanted to know if there was any grant money available to help with the clean up of the train area, Debra advised him that it was mainly volunteer, but those hours could be used toward match money . There will be a volunteer clean up in that area on the 14th of Nov. Larry Beavers also invited every one to the Thanksgiving Dinner held at the First Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day at 12pm.

**MAYOR’S UPDATES:** Webinar Class on Board and Staff Communications to be held on Nov. 3rd.

Water works Business Operation Plan needs to be completed by years end or there will be no grant money. Anthony Hess has sent a check list that will need to be completed with the help of Ray, Jordan, and Debra gathering information and reporting back to him.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**  After council reviewed the October 2015 financial report, Jordan made a motion to approve the report, Melissa seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**: Fire Hydrant grants and repairs, James is meeting Thursday Nov. 5th to get the approval needed to fix the hydrants. George is going to discuss getting James Lane to help with the lifting of the hydrant to help with those repairs.

Debra suggested that we have Frank Kibler to come and explain the options and cost for the water project to get water to Kay Kinkead.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Debra told the council that Jerrys Signs had quoted her a price of $800-1000 to install the sign, James made a motion to have him come look at the sign and George seconded the motion, all council in favor.

Motion was made to approve the release of Fire Grant Funds. George made the motion and Jordan seconded the motion. All council in favor. James did not vote.

Old Post office: Money is available to purchase but it is going to have to be researched as to who actually owns the property, and who has authority to sell or make decisions about the property. We also need to have documentation on the permission to use Phil and Ann Osborne’s property.

Adoption of resolutions for Grant money:

1st resolution: Melissa made a motion to adopt the resolution, Jordan seconded the motion, and all council in favor.

2nd Resolution: Employment Plan: Jordan made a motion to adopt the resolution and James seconded the motion, and all council in favor.

3rd Resolution: Anti Displacement and relocation: George made a motion to adopt the resolution and James seconded the motion, all council in favor

4th Resolution: Fair Housing: James made a motion to adopt resolution and Jordan seconded the motion, all council in favor.

5th Resolution: Non-Discrimination: George made a motion to adopt resolution and James seconded the motion, all council in favor.

6th Resolution: Grievance Procedure: George made a motion to adopt resolution and James seconded the motion, all council in favor.

Jordan advised council of local communities water rates, we are one of the lowest and this affects Water and Sewer’s abilities to operate. Jordan made a motion to hold a public hearing on the issue of raising water rates, Melissa seconded the motion. All council in favor. The first meeting will be held on December 7th at 5:45 pm.

Debra brought up the auction for a possible purchase of a backhoe. Council agreed that all avenues need to be researched as to the best option for the town. Once this is done if there is a need to go to the auction James has the approval to go and purchase a backhoe with a top price of being $8000.00. Jordan made a motion to approve this and George seconded the motion, all council in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:** Blueberry Hill, we need to find out what the future plans are as far as water bills are concerned and also the destruction of the property since there are new owners.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**: NONE.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:12pm, James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, George second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

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