

Regular Council Meeting—September 13, 2016

The meeting of the Council of the Town of Altavista was held in the Council Chambers of the J.R. Burgess Municipal Building, 510 Seventh Street on September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Mattox called the meeting to order and presided.
2. Pastor Nick Jones, Central Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Council members
present:

Mayor Michael Mattox
Mrs. Micki Brumfield
Mrs. Beverley Dalton
Mr. Charles Edwards
Mr. Tracy Emerson
Mr. Timothy George
Mr. Jay Higginbotham

Also present:

Mr. J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Town Manager
Mr. Daniel Witt, Assistant Town Manager
Mrs. Tobie Shelton, Finance Director
Mr. Dennis Jarvis, Economic Dev. Director
Mr. Steve Bond, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mr. John Eller, Town Attorney
Mrs. Mary Hall, Administration

3. Mayor Mattox amended the agenda (adding Consideration of a Proclamation of Constitution Week) and asked if there were any questions regarding the agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. George, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried:

VOTE:

Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
Mr. Timothy George	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

4. Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Mattox read into the minutes a proclamation proclaiming September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week. The Colonel Charles Lynch Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution presented Council with the proclamation and an “American Flag” to hang in front of Town Hall.

Proclamation

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas: September 17, 2016, marks the two hundred twenty-ninth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention;

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

Whereas: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

Now, Therefore I, Mike Mattox by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Altavista, Virginia do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution Week

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.



IN WITNESS Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Altavista to be affixed this tenth day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Signed: _____

Mike Mattox
Mayor, Altavista, Virginia

Attest: _____

Bonnie J. Rosemond

Regent, Colonel Charles Lynch Chapter, DAR

a. Recreation Committee Update/Report

Mrs. Ann Shelton, 2201 Beverly Heights and Recreation Committee Chair, addressed Council advising the Recreation Committee is in consensus to recommend to Council to consider purchasing or taking over the county section of English Park. The committee feels the benefits of this would be more positive than the property remaining under the county's responsibility. The main reason being the 20-year plan made by the county is likely not the same plan to date. She noted there were three, five year rotations along with other perks in the county; with each five-year rotation, the most money was to be put toward the third, five-year rotation. She stated only the first year rotation was reached and since then the five-year rotation has now ceased. It is now an "as needed" basis to ask for funding for any future park

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development. Mrs. Shelton stated taxpayers and others that frequent the park do not want the park to sit there undeveloped. She presented over 250 signatures in favor of the town taking over this section with anticipation that there are plans that will be followed through to make it an area that will drive tourism, help with economic growth for the new jobs that have been created and to improve the quality of life for the residences that are already here. Mrs. Shelton told Council if you are a Council member not in favor of this move, the Recreation Committee would like to know why and if so what their vision is of the park system. She asked if they felt it was acceptable to leave the County section the way it presently is. She asked if it would be a benefit to have a beautiful trail along the river. She advised the Recreation Committee is curious to know how Council will hold the County Administrators accountable for this.

Mrs. Brumfield asked how many of the petitioners are town taxpayers.

Mrs. Shelton responded she didn't know.

Mr. George asked how many signatures were there for the boat ramp.

Mrs. Shelton responded it was close to 500 signatures.

Mr. George responded it was 224.

Mayor Mattox asked if anyone would like to speak on anything not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Herb Miller, Board of Directors for Altavista on Track, addressed Council advising he has been involved with Altavista on Track for about 10 years in a variety of positions. He noted he recently received the Main Street Volunteer of the Year award. Mr. Miller thanked the Town Council, both current and past, for their support of the Virginia Main Street program and the success it has had in Altavista. The town staff has been remarkable in their support, guidance and direction. Mr. Miller thanked past executive directors for their support as well: Mrs. Judy Finch, Mrs. Jo Kelley, and Mr. Bill Smith. Mr. Miller stated he is still the treasurer and will keep that position until a new treasurer is named. He stated he had one plea and noted the great Economic Development Director and Main Street Coordinator and asked Council to continue to support them in their efforts as the town moves forward.

Mayor Mattox thanked Mr. Miller for his service to the town and stated he had truly been an asset to the community.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes- Regular Meeting August 9th; Work Session August 23rd –The Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting and work session.
- b) Monthly Finance Reports-Council approved the monthly reports
 - i. Invoices
 - ii. Revenues & Expenditures Report
 - iii. Reserve Balance/Investment Report
- c) Woodward & Curran Proposals-Council approved the Woodward & Curran Proposals as presented.
- d) FY2016 Carryover Funds-Council approved the FY2016 Carryover Funds request as presented.

Mr. Higginbotham questioned several invoices and asked if the electrical work would be covered in the consent agenda for the Water Plant under Woodward & Curran's proposal.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Emerson, to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda.

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Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

6. Public Hearings

7. New/Unfinished Business

a. County “English Park” Discussion

Mr. Coggsdale advised last month, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors approved for a public hearing to be scheduled, if the Town made a formal request, in regard to the possible conveyance of the County’s portion of English Park to the Town. The concept of potential consideration of the Town assuming control of the park had been part of a County/Town discussion between Supervisor Goldsmith, Mayor Mattox, the County Administrator and the Town Manager.

Mr. Coggsdale asked for direction from Council in regard to whether they would like to formally request Campbell County to conduct the public hearing on the possibility of conveyance of the park property to the Town.

Mayor Mattox requested a public input session be set for the September Work Session and Council will vote at the October 11th, 2016 Town Council meeting as to whether or not the park will be accepted.

b. Consideration of Resolution for Main Street Reconfiguration

Mr. Coggsdale advised at the August 23rd Town Council Work Session, VDOT officials discussed the possibility of a reconfiguration of the traffic pattern on Main Street from Pittsylvania Avenue to Wood Lane. The concept was to reduce the travel from a 4 lane (2 lanes each way) to a two lane (one each way), with a dedicated center turn lane. A Community Input Forum was conducted on Wednesday, September 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Council’s Chambers of Town Hall to seek input in regard to the concept. VDOT and Town staff were on hand to receive comments and review the conceptual design. Mr. Coggsdale presented Council with diagrams showing the proposed layout of Main Street. He mentioned the comment sheets that were submitted at or following the Community Input Meeting were provided to Town Council under separate cover.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. George to adopt a resolution supporting VDOT and reducing the travel lane from a 4 lane (2 lanes each way) to a two lane (one each way), with a dedicated center turn lane on Main Street.

Mr. Emerson advised he attended the public input session and heard from a few people who were in favor of changing the reconfiguration of Main Street. Mr. Emerson noted he spoke to the Sheriff of Campbell County and he too is in favor of the change. Mr. Emerson stated after reading all the data provided by VDOT and the safety issues, he is in favor of the change to the 7/10^{ths} of mile on Main Street.

Mr. Edwards stated he has spoken to 12 to 15 people who are opposed to the changes on Main Street referring to the proposed middle turning lane as a suicide lane. People are concerned with having the situation exist.

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Mrs. Dalton stated she was not a traffic expert but if she is attempting to turn left then she has to cross two lanes of oncoming traffic and if the person in the inside lane is turning left as well then neither can see what is in the outside lane. Mrs. Dalton stated she has listened to what the VDOT representatives have had to say and recognized this change would slow the traffic down; she is in favor of the proposal.

Mayor Mattox stated he has listened to both sides of the debate and notes there are two lanes coming into the 7/10^{ths} of a mile and two lanes coming out of the 7/10^{ths} of a mile. He stated Mr. Edwards refers to this as a suicide lane but noted it is only 7/10^{ths} of a mile and the desire is to have people drive 25 miles per hour on Main Street. He is in support of the lane change.

Mr. Higginbotham stated he has talked with 10 to 15 citizens and the majority of them oppose the change; he has received the same comments as it being a suicide lane and for that reason he is voting against the change.

Mr. George noted this topic was talked about a lot on social media and there were pros and cons noting several that were opposed came to the community input session and left believing it was a good idea to reduce the lanes. Mr. George mentioned one of those attending called other towns and they admitted it was hard to get use to at first. Mr. George stated the Police Chief, the Campbell County Sheriff and other law enforcement are for the change. He noted he has heard from more people who are for the change than against; therefore, he would be voting for the change.

Mrs. Brumfield stated she personally had not received any phone calls on this matter; she asked the Chief of Police his position on the matter and he felt it was a very good idea and very safe. She stated she is fine with the idea as long as VDOT, the Chief and the Sheriff says it is okay and that is strictly where her opinion is coming from. Mrs. Brumfield mentioned with no offense to the citizens she felt like Council has to listen to what VDOT says; they are in control of the road. She stated her concerns were with EMS being able to get down Main Street in an emergency and they are fine with the change.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	No
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	No

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Altavista, held in Town Hall, Council's Chambers, 510 7th Street, Altavista, Virginia on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PThe Honorable Michael Mattox, Mayor
The Honorable Beverley Dalton, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Charles Edwards
The Honorable Jay Higginbotham
The Honorable Tracy Emerson
The Honorable Tim George
The Honorable Micki Brumfield

IN RE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LANE RECONFIGURATION OF ROUTE 29 BUSINESS (MAIN STREET) FROM FOUR TRAVEL LANES TO TWO TRAVEL LANES AND A TWO-WAY LEFT-TURN LANE IN THE MIDDLE.

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Motion by Councilmember Dalton

WHEREAS, Rt. 29 Business (Main Street) in Altavista is a primary route of travel through the commercial areas of the Town of Altavista;

WHEREAS, the Town of Altavista has completed a water line project in the Main Street right of way and VDOT has scheduled for the section of Main Street between Pittsylvania Avenue and just north of Lola Avenue to be repaved;

WHEREAS, a previous discussion in regard to evaluation of a “road diet” on this section of Main Street was considered, in which the current four travel lanes (two each way) could be reduced to two travel lanes (one each way) and a dedicated center left-turn lane;

WHEREAS, the reconfiguration of Main Street can be accomplished through restriping the pavement;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to improve safety on the existing four-lane portion of Main Street between Pittsylvania Avenue to just north of Lola Avenue by reducing speeds, eliminating weaving around stopped/turning vehicles, and reducing the through lanes that side street vehicles and pedestrians must cross;

WHEREAS, a citizens’ information meeting was held on September 7, 2016 to provide opportunity for citizens to review and comment on the proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOVLED that the Town Council of the Town of Altavista does hereby request VDOT to consider the Town’s proposal to restripe the current four lane segment of Main Street to two lanes with a dedicated center turn lane.

Seconded by Councilmember George

VOTING ON THE ITEM:	Yes--	Emerson Dalton Mattox George Brumfield
	No--	Edwards Higginbotham

A COPY TESTE:

J. Waverly Coggsdale, Town Manager/
Clerk, Altavista Town Council

c. Housing Study Consideration

Mr. Coggsdale advised the Home Study Consideration was tabled at the August 9th Regular Town Council Meeting. At Town Council’s July 26th Work Session, individuals from Virginia Tech discussed the potential for conducting a “housing study” for the Town of Altavista. Council asked that this item be put on the agenda of the regular August meeting for additional consideration. Mr. Coggsdale noted following the August 9th Regular Town Council Meeting, staff and the Mayor met with Mrs. Agnes Dowdy to further discuss her thoughts on housing and the proposed housing study.

Mayor Mattox stated he went back and looked at the strategic plan; housing was one the items considered to be the most important five years ago. The comprehensive plan states housing needs to be evaluated. He stated there are a number of people in the community that feel we need to first look at it locally. Mayor Mattox stated he respected that and thought there should be an engaged community to move forward and try new ideas. Mayor Mattox stated he would like to form a task force of seven individuals; bankers, developers, realtors. He asked each Council member to bring someone’s name to the next work session for a closed session. He would ask this task force to evaluate the housing and the Virginia Tech study. Mayor Mattox felt there was a group in Altavista that would be very good at this; he felt committee involvement could determine if there is truly a need, if the Virginia Tech study is a worthwhile endeavor and an investment of the taxpayers’ dollars.

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Mr. Higginbotham felt this was what Council was for.

Mayor Mattox felt no one on Council was an expert in housing and would like to call upon someone that is an expert.

Mr. Higginbotham asked how this would apply to the Virginia Tech study.

Mayor Mattox stated the experts may look at the Virginia Tech study proposal and say that it has merit and is worth the investment.

Mr. Edwards stated he did not see what Council would be getting from the study saying he could possibly be for the study if he knew what Council was trying to accomplish.

Mayor Mattox responded a little research was done by Mrs. Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Region Business Alliance CEO and Chief Economic Development Officer, recognizing there are over 2,000 jobs in Altavista which creates over \$70 million in payroll. He stated there have been estimates but is unsure that 80% of these employees do not live in the town of Altavista. This is \$56 million that is going to other neighborhoods and communities. These people could help our schools and fill our churches and he would like to know why they choose not to live in town. He stated if there is something that Council could do to bring that change and have these people living in the town of Altavista we need to know. Why is the town not growing, why has the population stayed around 3,400 for the last 10 years? Mayor Mattox stated he would like to find these answers.

Mr. Edwards asked if 20% of these folks could be convinced that they should live in town where would you put them.

Mayor Mattox listed several locations that would be great to develop noting the possibility of housing for students of the growing colleges in Lynchburg. He asked Council to bring the name of one person that they feel will be valuable to the task force to the next work session.

d. November Regular Town Council Meeting Discussion

Mr. Coggsdale advised at last month's meeting, the Mayor indicated that Council's Regular Meeting in November is the same day as Election Day. He indicated that this could create some conflict in regard to candidates deciding between attending a Council meeting or campaigning. The Mayor suggested that Council may want to consider changing the meeting date to another day or combine it with the Work Session that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd. Mr. Coggsdale noted Attorney John Eller has looked into this matter and advised a resolution could be adopted if it is Council's decision to change the meeting date. A notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the community and posted on the door of the current meeting place with at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Emerson to adopt the resolution changing the regular meeting date in November to November 22nd.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes

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Mr. Timothy George	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

RESOLUTION AS TO COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

WHEREAS, the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Council for November is set for November 8 which is election day and four Council members and the Mayor are candidates in the election; and

WHEREAS, the November monthly Council Work Session is scheduled for November 22 and the business of the monthly meeting and the work session can be comfortably combined.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the date of the regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Town of Altavista be changed from November 8, 2016 to November 22, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at the Altavista Town Hall and combined with the work session presently scheduled for that date and time.

A copy of this Resolution shall be posted on the front door of the Rudy Burgess Municipal Building and published in the Altavista Journal at least seven days prior to November 8.

e. Delinquent Tax List

Mrs. Shelton advised Council they had been provided with the annual listing of delinquent taxpayers as required by Section 70-3 of the Town code. This year's outstanding taxes total \$21,232.54 (as of 9/01/16). A decrease over last year's listing by almost \$15,000. Personal Property taxpayers account for the majority of the listing totaling \$18,292.63; most of which are taxes on vehicles. She mentioned as in the past the Department of Motor Vehicles has been authorized to place stops on all active vehicles owned by these delinquent taxpayers. There is a \$40 administrative fee for a stop to be removed once taxes are paid; half of the revenue remains with the Town and half is forwarded to DMV. The remainder of the tax listing accounts for outstanding real estate taxes totaling \$2,939.91. Mrs. Shelton requested permission from Council to advertise the presented listing of delinquent taxpayers in the Altavista Journal and to prorate the cost of the ad to the delinquent taxpayers. She noted over the last ten years, staff collected on average 98.61% of taxes billed each year prior to running the ad and placing stops on vehicles. After aggressive collecting efforts, the collection rate over these ten years increased to an average of 99.7%. According to the Town's auditors, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, based on their experience auditing local governments, most localities are around the mid 90's for a percent of tax levy collected. Mrs. Shelton requested permission from Council to write-off delinquent taxes for deceased individuals in the amount of \$150.40, delinquent personal property and real estate taxes under \$20.00 in the amount of \$78.80 and uncollectible real estate taxes on one parcel in the amount of \$182.46. She noted a lien was placed on this property and the property sold but did not bring enough to pay the town all of the taxes due. Due to the statute of limitations regarding personal property taxes, the 2011 taxes in the amount of \$4,267.23 are due to be written off. She requested permission from Council to write-off the 2011 delinquent personal property taxes with collection efforts continuing thru June 2017.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Emerson to advertise the presented listing of delinquent taxpayers in the Altavista Journal and to prorate the cost of the ad to the delinquent taxpayers; to write-off delinquent taxes for deceased individuals in the amount of \$150.40, delinquent personal property and real estate taxes under \$20.00 in the amount of \$78.80 and uncollectible real estate taxes on one parcel in the amount of \$182.46; to write-off the 2011 delinquent personal property taxes in the amount of \$4,267.23.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes

Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
Mr. Timothy George	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

f. Urban Archery/Deer Management Program Follow-up

Mr. Coggsdale advised at Council's request, staff has updated the Urban Archery policy for Town owned properties within the Town limits. The goal of the update was to provide more opportunities to harvest deer, which is the primary purpose for participation in the program. Specific changes that have been made allow a specified number of hunters (12 originally with plans to expand to at least 15) to hunt any of the 4 identified Town properties, while requiring the harvest of a doe prior to a buck. This "earn-a-buck" program has already been implemented in several counties by the game department and is likely to be required next year for all municipalities participating in the Urban Archery program. This change at the state level would apply to all properties within the Town. Council also requested that the Town consider 'other options' for controlling the deer population. Staff met with Mr. Nelson Lafon, Deer Project Coordinator, for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Urban Program and Mr. Blair Smyth, District Wildlife Biologist for the Game Department, as they are the experts in this area. One of the first questions they asked was, 'how do you know you have a deer problem that exceeds the measures currently in place?' (Urban Archery). Staff reported receiving minimal complaints and reports of vehicle accidents with deer were reported by the Chief as 'minimal'. Mr. Lafon suggested that a random survey of town residents be conducted to determine if indeed a problem exists. He will be providing sample questions for the survey. Mr. Coggsdale asked Council if this survey is something viewed as beneficial and requested directions on this suggestion. He noted without this information, staff could be attempting to fix a problem that is already being managed, or not considered to be a problem by the citizens.

Mr. Coggsdale stated it was pointed out that currently there is no way to track the number of deer harvested within a town, that deer harvested in Altavista are counted in either Campbell County or Pittsylvania County. While the game department officials admitted that the number of deer harvested in Altavista is likely very small; comparatively, staff has already implemented a method to track deer harvested on town owned properties. The game department plans to have a method in place for next year's hunting season to track all deer harvested at town levels. It was pointed out that while 12 hunters for town owned properties may be considered a reasonable number expanding this number to at least 15 provides more archery hunters the opportunity to hunt and reduce deer numbers. It was suggested the use of a smartphone App that can track the number of days a hunter is in the woods, success rates, number of hours in the woods, number of and location of deer harvested, in addition to other information. All this data can be used to better manage the program and the deer population. An alternative to an App is the use of a paper survey, which is something the DGIF uses when requesting random hunters to participate. He noted this is being considered for the urban season that started September 3rd. Mr. Lafon and Mr. Smyth stated that unless private owners permit bow hunting, that deer will gravitate to 'safe havens' and if, for example, only 10% of the larger tracts of land owners allow hunting, then it will be challenging, no matter what method is used, to control the deer population. The Department oversees a Damage Control Assistance Program (DCAP) and Deer Management Assistance Programs (DMAP). Both programs are site specific deer damage management programs that increases a landowner's deer management options by allowing a more liberal kill of antlerless deer. DCAP and DMAP tags are specific to a single property and could be requested by the Town, but only for Town owned properties. Private property owners may also request participation in the program but a request does not guarantee approval. Mr. Coggsdale advised they also discussed the use of Game Department issued kill permits and this method is an option. This option is not without a cost and

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liability to the Town. If Council directed staff to pursue kill permits, costs would be associated with hiring ‘sharp shooters’ or possibly town staff and then storing and/or transporting the deer to a butcher or meat locker. Donation of deer to a nonprofit such as Hunters for the Hungry would be required as part of the MOU. Deer could only be harvested on Town owned properties and private properties where property owners granted permission. There is always liability when discharging a firearm, typically at night, and in close proximity to buildings, houses, pets, and people. Use of this method would require a MOU between the Town and DGIF.

Mr. Higginbotham suggested taking all approaches.

Mrs. Dalton asked how does Council determine there is a problem with the deer population.

Mr. Higginbotham stated the deer are walking up and down the streets and he has seen more deer in the past two years.

Mayor Mattox stated he liked the idea of increasing the number of hunters to 15.

Mr. Emerson felt it would not hurt to increase the number of hunters to 15 and felt the “earn a buck” program will be beneficial. He suggested giving this a year to two to see if it works. He didn’t know anyone that would want a sharp shooter sitting beside their house using a high powered rifle and suggested not using this measure until Council knows there is a problem.

g. Boat Ramp Sign Request

Mr. Barry Farmer addressed Council advising 12 years ago his father drowned in the James River and recently a family lost a loved one that drowned in the Staunton River. He asked if a sign could be placed at the boat ramp to remind people to wear their life vest when on the Staunton River. He presented Council with a copy of a sign that was designed by a family member and noted a resolution was adopted in Washington DC to record this event in history. This sign was placed on property owned by Georgia Pacific; 12 years ago they were having 2 to 4 drownings a year, once the sign was erected 12 years ago there have been 2 drownings (swimming related not boating related). Mr. Farmer stated he and his family are willing to purchase the sign if the Town of Altavista would be willing to place the proposed sign. He felt by the Town of Altavista placing this sign other communities will too. Mr. Farmer also felt additional signage needs to be placed along the river to educate people; a sign with a map that shows the river from Leesville Dam to English Park that shows trails if a person gets in trouble on the river, water temperature changes, water release from the dam.

Mr. Emerson suggested the Town of Altavista pay for the sign.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. George, to purchase the sign as recommended by Mr. Farmer to remind people to wear their life vest in the river and for Public Works to install this sign.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes

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Mr. Jay Higginbotham Yes

Mayor Mattox thanked Mr. Farmer and his family for their work.

8. Reports

a. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coggsdale presented Council with his report and asked if there were any questions. He noted Mr. Garrett had an issue that he would like to address.

Mr. Garrett addressed Council advising when deactivating the water line on Main street, they came across 6 main water line valves that are broken. They were unable to shut off the water main as thought. Mr. Garrett asked for permission to replace these valves while the contractor is still on site. The project is completed and now ready for milling and paving. Three of the valves are on Main Street and three are on Charlotte Avenue. Mr. Garrett stated he did not have cost due to the fact this just came about but the valves need to be replaced in the event that the water needs to be shut off.

Mayor Mattox asked Mr. Garrett if he could give an estimate cost.

Mr. Garrett estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 per valve installed.

Mrs. Dalton stated there is no doubt the valves have to be replaced and asked the Town Manager to keep Council in the loop on the cost but suggested they move forward.

It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Garrett move forward with replacing the 6 main water line valves.

b. Departmental Reports

9. Informational Items/Late Arriving Matters

a. Correspondence/Articles

b. Calendars-September/October

10. Matters from Town Council

Mr. Higginbotham asked if Council would be looking at the Mobile Home park issue.

Mr. Coggsdale stated the last discussion held by Council was that they would look at that when looking at the housing study.

Mr. Higginbotham referred to the minutes and noted this item would be brought up in September.

Mayor Mattox asked if there was a motion to change the ordinance for the Mobile Home Park. No motion was made.

Mr. Emerson advised he got a lengthy email from a citizen in town in regards to the noise ordinance. He referred to the noise ordinance stating the time frame covers 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The person that sent the email stated when a lot of these ordinances was written people worked mostly day shift. This person has a neighbor that constantly blasted the stereo from their home. He felt weed eaters, lawn mowers and the type could not be controlled but loud stereos could be in the middle of the day. Mr. Emerson suggested the noise ordinance be reviewed to cover loud music and noises that are not every day noises noting this will help officers with cars sitting on parking lots blasting music as well.

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It was the consensus of Council to ask staff to review the noise ordinance.

11. Closed Session

I move that the Altavista Town Council convene in closed session in accordance with the provisions set out in the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended,

Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment to the Economic Development Authority; the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, and seconded by Mr. George.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Mr. Edwards left immediately after the vote and was not in attendance at the closed session.

Council went into closed session at 8:13 P.M.

Notice was given that council was back in regular session at 8:22 P.M.

FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Emerson, to adopt the certification of a closed meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the town council has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the town council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the town council.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Micki Brumfield	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

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12. Adjournment

Mayor Mattox asked if there was anything else to bring before Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Michael E. Mattox, Mayor

J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Clerk