

MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2018

Mayor Wells called the scheduled meeting of the Mayor & Commissioners of Delmar, Maryland to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Mayor Wells, Deputy Mayor Unsell, Commissioners Scholl and Tucker, Town Attorney Benson, Police Chief Barkley and Clerk of Council Fisher. Absent: Town Manager Bynum-King. Guests: Chris Brown and Shawn Johnson.

Call to Order

The Maryland Mayor and Commissioners performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayors Comments

Mayor Wells stated that she works at the Wicomico Board of Education and she wanted to clarify some concerns about the information parents received about water contamination found in some of the schools, one of which was Delmar Elementary. The lead levels found was not in the water but was found in the fixtures. The levels were reading at higher than normal and Maryland State Law requires that notifications be sent out to parents. The fixtures were mostly in hand sinks and they all have been replaced.

Mayor Wells thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers from residents and staff on the passing of her father.

Approval of Minutes

May, 2018- Commissioner Scholl made a motion to approve the May, 2018 minutes as circulated. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 3 ayes and Deputy Mayor Unsell abstaining due to his absence at the May meeting.

June-2018- Commissioner Scholl made a motion to approve the June, 2018 minutes as circulated. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 3 ayes and Mayor Wells abstaining due to her absence at June's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2018-5-1- Delmar Assisted Living Annexation

Mayor Wells referred to Town Manager Bynum-King's notes since she is on vacation. She read that the water/sewer plan and the Comp Plan amendments are still under review by the Wicomico County and State Clearinghouse. She is hoping that all comments and approvals from both will come in time for the August's Commissioners meeting.

New Business

Also from the Town Manager's notes, Mayor Wells said that there are some residents of the Bridgewood Estates Development are experiencing some drainage issues. This matter is under review and will need to be discussed at the August meeting.

Student Advisory Report

No one was present to give a report. Mayor Wells reported that she is not sure who the new representative from the high school will be since Ms. Patel has graduated.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Barkley stated that he had nothing new to report in the way of new crime trends since school let out. He reminded everyone that their Blue Light Night will be held on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 5 pm to 8 pm at State Street Park. They are also preparing for Heritage Day.

Chief Barkley said that they are currently looking for another officer. They were waiting until after July 1st. The last cadet they had did not make it out of the program. He noted that Cpl. Heacock had his other surgery about 2 weeks ago. He will be out at least 6 weeks before he can start any rehabilitation.

Parks and Recreation Report

Mayor Wells reviewed the notes left by the Town Manager. The Commission needs to review the proposed By-Laws of the Parks and Recreation Council. If there are any recommendations or deletions she asked that they please be emailed to the Town Manager.

Also, the Parks and Rec. Council wanted to place a community garden on the property that the Town acquired through tax sale on First Street. The Town Manager notated that she spoke with the Parks and Recreation Liaison that perhaps a better option for the garden would be at the old Police Department building. There is already water on the site, the planters can be built above ground so it can be easily moved if needed and from Pennsylvania Avenue the garden would be visible.

Code Enforcement Officers Report

Mayor Wells reviewed the report that was included within the mail packets.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Shawn Johnson reviewed the report that was handed to the Mayor and Commissioners prior to the meeting. Chief Johnson stated that the Fire Department is looking to have a firehouse on the Maryland side. He personally would prefer it on this side of Rt. 13 since there are more Delmar residents on this side. He said that it is needed to protect themselves for funding. He said he is looking for enough land to have a substation that will house an engine and have an address.

Utility Commission Report

Deputy Mayor Unsell reported that the Town is waiting on the approval from DeIDot so the Grove Street Water Main Upgrade Project can proceed. There was a power outage at the Pine Street Pump Station that once power was restored, had no effect on the Station. Today there was a preconstruction meeting scheduled for Delmar Assisted Living. There was a sewer blockage on the 800 block of Grove Street that Rotor Router had to assist in unblocking.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Tucker reviewed the report that was included within the mail packets.

Planning & Zoning Report

Commissioner Scholl introduced Chris Brown from Ryan Homes as the contact person for the building permits. Commissioner Scholl informed the Mayor and Commissioners that if Yorkshire Estates, in Delmar, DE is any indication, the Commission will be seeing a lot of Chris Brown.

Chris Brown said that Ryan Homes is now going to build in Heron Ponds and is here for the approvals for the home styles as well as the approval for the home that, in the beginning will be used as a Model Home.

Commissioner Scholl stated that the recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Commission was contingent of the Fire Marshal's approval of the sprinkler systems prior to this meeting. That approval has been

given to all the home styles being presented this evening,

Alberti- 2 Story- Chris Brown described the house as being 2 storied with the options of a 12 by 12 patio and 2 car garage with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

Mayor Wells made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Alberti- 2 story style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Alberti- Ranch- Chris Brown informed the Commission that there is no basement being offered and the homes will have crawl spaces. The Alberti Ranch style home is being offered with either 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Alberti- Ranch style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Bramante- 2 Story- Chris Brown stated that the house comes with an option for 3 or 4 bedrooms and with an optional covered porch.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Bramante 2 Story style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Deputy Mayor Unsell seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Bramante- Ranch- Chris Brown said that this comes as either a 2 or 3 bedroom house with an optional screened-in porch or covered porch and 2 baths.

Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Bramante Ranch style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Mayor Wells seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Pisa Torre- Ranch- Chris Brown said that this style home comes with an optional morning room and it could be a 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom house or a 2 bedroom, 2 bath and a study.

Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Pisa Torre Ranch style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Florence- 2 Story- Chris Brown informed the Commission that this style home offers a morning room, powder room downstairs and a 2 car garage. It has 3 bedroom and 2 baths and an optional 4th bedroom upstairs.

Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Florence- 2 Story style home to be an authorized style of home in the Heron Ponds

Subdivision for Ryan Homes, per the attached drawings and with the approval of the Fire Marshal for the sprinkler system. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Chris Brown- Ryan Homes- New Home Build on Lot 169 (Model Home) Alberti- 2 Story Homestyle located at 9536 Heron Ponds Parkway, Delmar, MD

Chris Brown said that this would serve as their model home and will be shown as having 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms downstairs and a flex room. It will also have the 12 by 12 patio and a 2 car garage.

Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new home build on Lot 169, being a model home, the Alberti- 2 story, to be located at 9536 Heron Ponds Parkway, Heron Ponds Subdivision, Delmar, MD per the attached drawings. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Town Manager Report

Mayor Wells read the report that was given by the Town Manager. She stated that the Frito Lay project is moving along very well. There is some activity starting in the Heron Ponds Development. As a reminder, the annual audit for the year is coming up. The preliminary audit will start today, July 9th and continue through the 11th. The final audit will begin the week of September 10th. The Quarter Auction did extremely well netting \$2,062. All proceeds will go towards the Heritage Day event. The cook book sales are going well. Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Scholl said that his wife teaches 1st Grade in Willards. His son goes there since it is easier that he can go to school with her. But he is excited that he will be going to Delmar Elementary this coming school year.

Commissioner Tucker thanked everyone for his birthday card. He also informed everyone that on Saturday, September 4th, Delmar Little League and Delmar Pop Warner will be holding free EKG screenings which is a community event for students ages 8-23. It will be held at the Delmar Fire Hall from 8 am to 1 pm.

Public Comments

Shawn Johnson asked about the contract with the fireworks company that the Town uses for Heritage Day. He said that there has been a problem with the company leaving the wads all over the ball park. It makes it hard to cut grass. He asked if it is in the contract that they pick up after themselves and clean the fields before they leave and if it is not, then could it be something that could be added. Mayor Wells said that there is a local company that she knows that does fireworks, Pyra Engineering, that she could provide the contact information to the Town. Clerk of Council Fisher said that she would relay that information to the appropriate parties.

Adjournment

Upon hearing no further comments, Commissioner Tucker made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Unsell. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Submitted by:

Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council