

**Mayor & Council of Federalsburg  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 7, 2024  
6:00PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Sewell, James and Williamson, Councilmember Hammond online, Town Manager Kristy Marshall, and Assistant Town Attorney Carly Landolfi.

**Call to Order**

Councilmember Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

Pastor Pam Bockhart offered the invocation.

**Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes**

Councilmember James made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of three to zero, approving the minutes from the September 3, 2024 Regular Mayor and Council Meeting.

**Proclamation - Unity Day**

Councilmember Williamson read the proclamation declaring September 26th of each year as "Voting Rights Day". Voting Rights Day is a day to celebrate the contributions and efforts of the Black residents of the Town of Federalsburg by undertaking and participating in the historic election that occurred on September 26, 2023.

**Discussion - Appointment of New Members - Planning & Zoning Commission**

Councilmembers Williamson, James, Sewell, and Hammond tabled this discussion for the next Mayor and Council Workshop meeting to be held on October 21, 2024.

**Discussion/Reschedule - Budget Review Meeting**

After a short discussion, Councilmembers Williamson, James, Sewell, and Hammond tabled the discussion for the November 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Workshop meeting in order for all members to participate in the budget discussion.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Natasha Taylor of Federalsburg shared her concerns about unsupervised children wandering around the town late at night and questioned if the curfew ordinance was being enforced.

Town Manager Marshall reported that she has spoken to Chief McDermott and Lieutenant Gasser and they are aware of the curfew ordinance and stated that it is being enforced. They will make sure all officers are aware of the policy and continue to enforce it.

Councilmember James shared her concerns about the curfew ordinance. She would like Chief McDermott to check to see if the town curfew ordinance is in compliance with the Juvenile Justice Reform Act from the State of Maryland.

### **Mayor & Council Action Items**

#### **Councilmember Williamson reported the following:**

- Brooklyn Avenue has been paved and it looks great
- Unit Day was a big success

#### **Councilmember James reported the following:**

- Questioned if lines will be painted on Brooklyn Avenue. Town Manager Marshall will see if it was included in the contract
- Attended Unity Day and thanked Town Manager Marshall and everyone that worked on Unity Day for its success.
- Questioned Town Attorney Carly Landolfi if the town would be able to change the number of people that must be on the Unity Committee. Town Attorney Landolfi instructed the Mayor and Council to allow four people, two from each voting district, as well as any councilmembers to form the Unity Committee. She will send an order to update the minimum number of people that need to be on the committee

**Councilmember Sewell reported the following:**

- Questioned will we be having an official public ceremony unveiling the Unity Day Plaque - all agreed to put on the next meeting agenda for discussion
- Follow up with the photos from the Historical Society for the collage of the prominent African Americans that were from Federalsburg.
- Questioned if there were any updates on the town owned lots on University Avenue
- Unity Day was a success.

**Councilmember Hammond reported the following:**

- Nothing at this time

**Mayor Abner reported the following:**

- Not in attendance

**Town Manager Marshall reported the following:**

- Federalsburg Activity Center has requested \$5,000 and is requesting the Mayor and Council to approve the request. Councilmembers Williamson, James, Sewell, decided to table that request until the Town Attorney could look at the MOU.
- Requested a Trunk or Treat be held by the town and police department on the Morris Avenue Parking Lot on October 31,2024
- New water and sewer rates were applied to the third quarter bills
- Asked if any Councilmembers would be in the Veterans Day Parade. Councilmember Sewell will be in the parade.
- Will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 9th.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember James and unanimously passed by a vote of three to zero to adjourn the meeting at 7.07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Smith, Town Clerk