

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL
June 10, 2010

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia A. Stombaugh at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Regina I. Brown, Valerie M. White, Robert M. Novotny, William C. Raynor, Robert Riddagh, and Anthony H. DeFeo.

Also present were Town Manager David S. Hugg III, Police Chief Richard H. Baldwin Jr., Attorney John Terrence Jaywork, and Recording Secretary Valerie L. Heritage.

Mayor Stombaugh asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stombaugh asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence.

Mayor Stombaugh said tonight's meeting is a special meeting that was called to address action taken by Council on Monday, June 7th. She said number 2 on the agenda is to be stricken; this is a special meeting - it is not a regular Council meeting and at the special meeting there is no recognition of visitors.

Councilwoman White asked Mr. Jaywork if there needs to be a vote to strike that. Mr. Jaywork said he thinks it is going to take a vote, yes - a motion to do that. He said basically under FOIA the public has no right to speak at any public meeting; customarily the Town Council has had a 'recognition of visitors' section at every regular meeting. Mr. Jaywork said this is a special meeting for a special purpose - if you choose to hear public comment you can; if you choose not to you don't have to; or you could change the order of the agenda as well.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if there was a motion to recognize visitors or... Councilman DeFeo made the motion that the agenda stays as stands. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman White. Motion carried with Councilwomen Brown and White, and Councilmen Riddagh and DeFeo voting for; Mayor Stombaugh, and Councilmen Novotny and Raynor voting against.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if Council wants to leave the agenda in the order that it is in. Councilman DeFeo started to speak and then Mayor Stombaugh said your motion was to leave the agenda as is - okay.

VISITORS

Visitors present were Jaci Hugg, Aly Wallace, Dawn Gray, Michelle Wadkins, Buddy Wadkins, Beverly Hirt, James Markow, Daryl Jester, Meloney Torres, Robin James, Carol McKinney, Charlie Boyer, Janet L. Vinc, Sandra Evans, Glenn McNatt, JoAnn McNatt, Cara Morris, Jeanne Morris, Ed Lehman, Seth Clevenger, Robin Blendt, Helen Miller, Lucy Blood, John E. Bucalo, Ruth Bower, Al Kemp, Gary Stulir, Jeff Flairty, Ranelle A. Naylor, Duane R. Young, William Wilson, Tom Campbell, Pete Vigneri, Buck Smith, Kevin Fox, Pat Bailey, Larry Koehler, Grant Prichard, Jim Strong, Jon Andrews II, Garr Owens, Bill Pressley, Larry Thornton, Memphis Evans, Temple Carter, Rebecca Yetter, Patrick Cahill, Earl & Lillie Strong, Linda S. Berl, Bobby Virdin, Donna Virdin, Jason McNatt, William Proud, Mike Yun, Carol McKinney, Conrad Hebert, Julia Cahill, Dinah Russ, Mary Gilbert, Clarence P. N. Selby, Josh Little, Frank Chase, Alexis Virdin-Gede, Mark Gede, Patrick Campbell, Mark Price, Donald Alexander, Charles Smith, David McGuire, Brandon Dunning, Amber McKinery, Billy Eastridge, Adrienne Walstrum, Jennifer Love, Tate Coulbourne, Jennifer Brook, Alicia Williams, Shymere Carter, Bill Hill, Alex Carrow, Ashley Wilson, Danielle Antorelli, Robert Cormier, Michael Begatto, Michael Haggard, Karen Valentine, Kenneth Brown, and Bill Evans.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if there were any visitors that would like to address Council. Pat Bailey, of AFSCME Council 81, Delaware Public Employees, came forward to speak. Ms. Bailey stated she comes before the members of Council diligently requesting you rescind your previous motion and your subsequent vote to layoff 11 budgeted positions from your workforce. She said the removal of tax paying citizens from the Town's tax base is without merit. Ms. Bailey said based on emails communicated between two City Council members prior to the June 7th meeting somewhat reeks in the public's eyes and in your employee's eyes of a smokescreen; a plan to interfere with some employee's legal right to organize. She said this is indicative of such given to the base of which you gave some 11,000 voters that the Town was in a financial crisis - in other words a deficit. Ms. Bailey said she took the liberty of attending your Finance Committee hearings last night - some of you are here tonight and may recognize her - which was held on June 8th. She said the Mayor was very strong about her wishes to build a new police station, while at the same time openly admitting that the layoffs would not accomplish that particular mission. Ms. Bailey said "then what, may I ask is the reason for the layoffs." She said we have sent your - you have a drafted proposed budget and we sent

that to our international headquarters in Washington D.C. to have them analyze your financial situation. Ms. Bailey said the International Research Department of Auditors in Washington D.C. reviewed your budget and sent us the following findings. She said the findings are as follows: The Town has maintained a strong level of unreserved funds in fiscal years 2007 through 2009. '09 - 8.5 percent of revenues, in '08 you had 5.6 percent, and in '07 you had 9.9 percent of revenues; in your unreserved general fund balance the level of this fund has been consistently strong for the past three years and the reserve was over 5 percent; your bond rating, which is based on the Moody's - municipal states throughout the country, and she quoted "generally a fund of 5 percent of the budget is deemed prudent"; the S&P which is for Standard & Poor rates government bonds on the following - low (below zero percent), adequate (1-4 percent), good - and she emphasized the word 'good' (4-8 percent); by the Moody Standard the Town was above prudent in each year; on the S&P Standard revenues were 8.5 percent as of 12/31/09 - this is the reserve as of 12/31/09, which is considered to be strong. Ms. Bailey said the conclusion then - the Town has maintained a strong level of reserve funds.

Mayor Stombaugh asked Ms. Bailey if she was almost finished. Ms. Bailey indicated she was. Ms. Bailey continued - the Town has had a dramatic growth in population; you went from 5,679 in the 2000 Census to 11,000. She said based on the current initiatives you have they are signs that the Town is growing and has funds to spend when you look at the major initiatives - one being your downtown streets, your underground and your public beautification projects, your bricks in your sidewalks; your new Public Works building to house fleet services - really economically distressed jurisdictions just don't spend money to house cars, so that just shows you that you are not a - the reason that she was given for the layoffs is not accurate - you are not broke, you are not in a distressed situation, and you are not getting ready to go bankrupt - there are some other initiatives that need to be done. Ms. Bailey said she strongly recommended last night, and she again strongly recommends to the City Council members that are present that were not present last night, that you send this back to the Town Manager. She said towns all over the United States of America during an economic down time work together with labor and with the employees in non-labor situations to come up with alternatives prior to a layoff. Ms. Bailey said those alternatives are available at your disposal and we are asking that you do not layoff these 11 workers, even though some of the positions are vacant; it is not necessary. She said she

strongly suggests that... Mayor Stombaugh interrupted and said your time is way over. Ms. Bailey finished by saying she strongly suggests the members of Council reconsider that vote, thank you. There was a lengthy period of applause.

Patrick Cahill, 555 Kates Way, Smyrna came forward to speak. Mr. Cahill said as he believes Council received by email and should have a letter in their packets - he has written a letter to you all (Council) concerning the meeting on Monday night and the resolution that was passed. He said his statement is much simpler - in doing this you have violated FOIA; you have violated FOIA more than once, as he figures at least three times. Mr. Cahill said the action that you (Council) took since you violated FOIA from the start, violated FOIA in your executive session and he has not seen the agenda yet, but understands that the agenda did not include this vote on the employees. He said if he is wrong about that - he apologized. Mr. Cahill said that would make three clear and definite violations of FOIA. He said as you all know under the FOIA law any action taken in violation of FOIA by a government entity can be nullified and reversed either in a court of law or by the Attorney General. Mr. Cahill said he hopes that you will reconsider this entire issue and rescind the faulty resolution you passed on Monday night, and as he stated in the letter if not, he will have to go to the Attorney General in the morning and we will just hash this out in the legal way. He said he highly encourages Council to deal with this now so that we don't have to take up any attorney's time defending this, and the Attorney General's office, and to avoid any further litigation. Thank you very much. There was another lengthy period of applause.

Jeff Flairty, 131 West South Street, Smyrna came forward to speak. Mr. Flairty said he has a series of comments that he wants to make and they are kind of questions, but he does not expect you guys (Council) to answer them here with him but he hopes they (Council) answer them this evening. He said first, he commends the Council for its desire to manage costs with the Town operations - he that is their job - he thinks it is the job of the Council to help guide the Town in its' growth and manage its' operations. Mr. Flairty said however, he questions Council's method. He said it appears that this issue was decided in private, and he knows that the gentleman before him spoke about that and he is going to leave that to him and the capable people up in the attorney's office. Mr. Flairty asked if the Monday meeting was the first time the Council realized that this cut needed to be done. He asked why this issue wasn't

addressed as part of the recently completed budget process. Mr. Flairty asked if there has there been a reduction in the anticipated revenue forcing the cutback; why are we cutting staff for expenses the Town has yet to incur and hasn't even discussed for approval (i.e.: the Police Station). He said our Town has a Finance Committee and a Personnel Committee - it would make sense this issue would first be taken up by one or both of these committees, and they would provide recommendations to Council to act on. Mr. Flairty said as he stands here none of the Council members in front of him are recognized experts in managing a town. He said we have a person on staff whose job is to do that - our Town Manager; why was this decision a surprise to him? Mr. Flairty said certain Council members have said publicly we pay too much for his services; why do we not take advantage of his services when we are paying him to do it? He said it just doesn't make any sense to him that we are not asking his (the Town Manager's) advice on how to reduce Town expenses and costs. Mr. Flairty asked if there has been an evaluation of the effect these staff reductions would have on Town services; will they need to be sub-contracted and spent money on anyway - maybe at a higher cost. He said he has several of you (members of Council) express sincere concerns for the welfare of Town citizens and their ability to afford additional financial burdens when new programs, fees, taxes, or costs are proposed and he thinks that's wonderful - where is that concern now when it's our own Town employees? Mr. Flairty said don't they merit as much concern from you. He said finally, have you considered what this message sends to your employees? Thank you. There was another lengthy period of applause.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if anyone else would like to address Council. Larry Thornton, 134 West Commerce Street, Smyrna came forward to speak. Mr. Thornton said he used to sit on that side of the table not too long ago. He said he understands fully what the problems are with the economy, what you are trying to accomplish, and he knows we've wrestled with these issues in Personnel meetings and Finance meetings so he is not here to throw darts at anybody. Mr. Thornton said he just has a couple of questions, and he is going to start by asking an oft repeated question and it is aimed at the people that voted for this on the Council. He said it is an oft asked question usually when a Hollywood celebrity gets caught doing something stupid. Mr. Thornton said the question is: What in the hell were you thinking? Thunderous applause arose from the audience.

Mr. Thornton said in his estimation, and he is one person,

this whole process was done backwards. He said we just went through a subcommittee that he was part of, that you are very aware of, where we dissected the pension plan for the Town. Mr. Thornton said he was a member of that committee along with some citizens and we made some recommendations to this Council- he does not know if anything has been taken on those recommendations or not, but that's the way you do things. He said you don't arbitrarily and capriciously in secret - thank you Mr. Cahill - make decisions that affect people's lives and the community as a whole that way, you just don't do that. Mr. Thornton said that's not democratic, it's not fair, and it's not right. He said now Mr. Cahill's brought up the idea of a FOIA, and he heartily agrees with him, but there is another issue that when he asks the question 'what in the hell were you thinking' - you've got a process going right now that started long before you voted this concerning unionization. Mr. Thornton said the State law clearly states that when that motion is in process you do not do anything with those positions - did anybody think about that? He said well you're thinking about it now because come tomorrow morning somebody's going to be answering a complaint from PERB about the actions that you took. Mr. Thornton said now, you're telling us that you want to save money and that's a laudable goal, but he wants to know and he is sure the folks in this audience want to know how much has been spent thus far with our Solicitor's office to answer that complaint. He said you don't have to tell us now, but he will find out - and you know he will. Mr. Thornton said again, he is not here to throw darts, he understands fully what the purpose of this is, and he does not disagree with it. He said we need to look at our finances, but the way to look at job positions and we have some people who have training in this area - you look at the job, you look at what is done, you do a job analysis, is it necessary, what does the job entail - that hasn't been done as far as he knows. Mr. Thornton said at any rate, he would suggest - very humbly - that we retrench, take a look at this thing again, and go about it the right way. Thank you. There was another lengthy period of applause.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if anyone else would like to address Council. Memphis Evans, 32 West North Street, Smyrna came forward to speak. Mr. Evans said his question is since you want to lay these 11 people off - did anyone on Council give the Town Manger permission to go to these Town employees and ask them before you thought about laying them off if they would take a 2 percent cut or take a furlough? He said - no - but you want to put somebody out of a job that's got children. Mr. Evans said that's not right, it is not right. He said he sat on this

Council and he knows; he knows that this Council - that this Town rather - has a surplus. Mr. Evans said you are not in a dire need of money. He said if you were in dire need of money he would say yes, lay them off, but go about it the right way. There was another lengthy period of applause.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if anyone else would like to address Council. Earl Strong, 11 Gooseneck Lane, Smyrna came forward to speak. Mr. Strong said he agrees with what the Council did. He said he thinks maybe they didn't go far enough. Mr. Strong said that is all he has to say. He said we, the citizens are paying for everything - our utilities are going up and there are higher salaries - some of the people on this Council is making like \$108,000.00 a year. Mr. Strong said he does not think that's right for this small town, he really doesn't. He said it's too much money for this small town - shouldn't be making half that - that's all he has to say.

Something was said from the audience. Mr. Strong asked who told him that - who said 'please leave'? He said he is speaking his mind. Mr. Strong said he agrees with the Council and he supports them. Mayor Stombaugh said you have a right to sir.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if anyone else would like to address Council. No one came forward. There was a lot of talking in the audience. Mayor Stombaugh said order folks.

Mayor Stombaugh said with no one else stepping forward we will close the 'recognition of visitors' portion of the meeting and open the regular special meeting with item number 3.

Review Action of Council on Monday, June 7, 2010 to Eliminate Eleven (11) Positions from the Town's Employment Rolls - Councilman Novotny said he would like to put in a motion to table that action and set it aside. Motion was seconded by Councilman Raynor.

Councilwoman White said she does not believe that's what - what exactly is it that you want to do? She said set what aside - the motion that was done on Monday? Councilman Novotny said that is correct. Councilwoman White said so you would like to make a motion to rescind. Councilwoman Brown also said rescind. Councilman Novotny said to rescind - okay. Motion was seconded by Councilman Raynor.

Councilwoman White said discussion - well, she had to leave the meeting for personal reasons. She said now if anybody needs

to know why she left that meeting she would be more than happy to tell you why she left that meeting. Councilwoman White said it's sad that she had to leave the meeting - at this point when she got a phone call that night about what happened. She said if we need to lay people off she is not against that, but she wants proof, she wants to see that. Councilwoman White said some of you - because she has the email - discussed all these things amongst each other. She said we were blindsided with it Monday night and she finds that unfair to Mr. Hugg and Mr. Stulir as much as to the rest of us, because they were not asked for their input. Councilwoman White said she believes in Mr. Hugg's, Mr. Stulir's and our Solicitor's decisions - does she agree with them, no; she doesn't have to, it's her right to disagree, but then she has to come up here and she has to make a choice that she thinks is right for the people that live here and the employees. She said this was all went about the wrong way. Councilwoman White said if financially we need to lay people off then we need to lay you off. She said Madame Mayor just months ago you congratulated the department heads on a surplus, then she listened to the minutes from the meeting last night about how these funds can help to get a new police station. Councilwoman White said we don't need a police station that is worth laying off 11 people - period. Thunderous applause arose from the audience. Councilwoman White said she sits up here on Council when she does not say very much of anything normally because if she opens her mouth she's told she needs to keep it quiet, so she does. She said she terrorizes Mr. Hugg via email regularly. Councilwoman White said she sat here Monday night - Mr. Jaywork - and she said 'this is a violation of FOIA' - she has said this numerous times, and numerous times nothing has been done about it. She said if she needs to go back and listen to every single Council meeting to where she whispered across the way to Mr. Jaywork that there's a violation of FOIA, that's not on the agenda, point of order, and nothing was done. Councilwoman White said this all could have been avoided, Mr. Jaywork, if you would have said something then, or anybody else would have listened to her. She said the Town is in such disarray with money then she suggests that all of you give up the money - your \$50.00 a month that you make to be on Council. Councilwoman White said she gave hers up a long time ago and when she did that, not one of you - which some of you weren't here then - offered to give your money up. She said she didn't do this for \$50.00 a month and she can assure you that some times it's not worth \$50.00 a month. Councilwoman White said we are paying a lawyer, like Mr. Thornton said, we're paying lawyer's fees for all of this; whether or not it's a position or an individual that we're discussing there are

positions that can't be taken away, and it was discussed last night in the Finance meeting because she listened to the minutes - not that any of them need to be taken away. She said apparently you know - she is just really disappointed in how all this happened, and we're going to sit here and say that we're better than the Council from five years ago? Councilwoman White said we're no better than that Council five years ago. She said we are supposed to be a team, we are supposed to work together; last night you all talked about not raising taxes - raising taxes. Councilwoman White said raise taxes - lower her electric, raise taxes. She said she does not live here because her taxes are low; she lives here because she loves this Town. Councilwoman White said she ran for Council so her kids will grow up here and want to live here, not say 'I can't wait to get out of this town, we're a laughing stock.' She said if her taxes need to go up then so be it; if they are too high for you then you either pay them or you leave, but all of this was done in the wrong manner. Councilwoman White said should it have been done correctly then maybe you would have had a majority vote, it wouldn't have been a violation of FOIA, and we all would have been on board with the same thing; that's all she has to say. There was a lengthy period of applause.

Councilman DeFeo said he does not want to go over all of the points that have been made because they have been made very eloquently and everybody understands what they are. He said he wants to thank everybody for coming here tonight, especially those who got up to the microphone and spoke their mind. Councilman DeFeo said a little over a month ago there was an organizational meeting that took place - some new Council members sat here, and after that was done Madame Mayor said she felt so good about this new Council we had and she finally had a Council she felt we could all work together with. He said exactly one cycle after that we were all surprised - there was no working together with this that came out. Councilman DeFeo said this was just - 'guess what, this is what we're going to do.' He said that's not working together. Councilman DeFeo said Madame Mayor, all of us want to work together as a team - that's the only way we are going to do it and move this town forward; that's what he knows her goal is - that's what all of our goal is to do. He said but we can't do it when things like this occur - when we are surprised, we're blindsided with movements like this. Councilman DeFeo said like one of the people that got up and spoke said, we need to set a goal through the Finance Committee, gets pushed over to the Personnel Committee, we work with Mr. Hugg, and then from that point on we see what we need to do. He said we just can't make this in the

blind - somebody sitting alone somewhere and dreaming this up. Councilman DeFeo said once again - folks, thank you, he's glad you are here and thank you for your support. Applause arose from the audience.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if any other Council members would like to speak. No one spoke.

Mayor Stombaugh said she was just going to say a couple things so that you understand both sides. She said #1 - tomorrow morning she will be filing a lawsuit herself and it will be against people that have made false accusations. Mayor Stombaugh said she can assure you that there were no secret meetings; she can assure you that there was no FOIA broken by a forum, which is four Council members meeting together. She said if anybody has proof of that you'll have a chance to present it at the lawsuit, but she is sick of this; she is sick of being accused of things that are not true. Mayor Stombaugh said if you don't have truth, if you don't have facts, you don't have the right to accuse people and damage people's reputations, so there will be a lawsuit, she can guarantee that. She said #2 - some of the reasons that this took place was: #1 - this organizational chart, which she did not realize Monday night, but this is not the first time this organizational chart surfaced. Mayor Stombaugh said before the election the organizational chart was presented to the Personnel Committee; the Personnel Committee recommended that the organizational chart go to Council - it never happened, it was never put on the agenda. She said after the election Councilman Raynor came to her - he was reviewing the Personnel minutes for the next meeting, and he came to her and asked her why it was never put on a Council agenda. Mayor Stombaugh said she wasn't on the Personnel Committee, she wasn't at the Committee meeting, she didn't know this had been requested. She said she advised him to call Mrs. McKinney or Mr. Hugg and ask for it to be put on the next Council agenda. Mayor Stombaugh said we don't know everything sitting up here; we do the best job that we can. She said she believes that if it wasn't put on the agenda properly - obviously a number of people knew that. Mayor Stombaugh asked why didn't these people step up and say that it needed to be worded in a different way - why did it have to go this far. Someone was saying something inaudible from the audience. Mayor Stombaugh said excuse me, would you like to leave the room? Mayor Stombaugh continued - so that happened; #2 - we have been asking Mr. Hugg for a critical employee list, or a critical job list for, she knows, at least, at least over a year. She said to this day we still do not have that list. Mayor Stombaugh

said we have been asking job descriptions - we do not have that; we have asked a number of things that we have not been given the information on. Mayor Stombaugh said if you go around this Town - last night she had the pictures - excuse me... Someone from the audience asked who is 'we'. Mayor Stombaugh said what do you mean 'we'? The same person said you said 'we've asked for this' - who is 'we' - clarify... Mayor Stombaugh said several Council members, several Council members. The person in the audience said so we're back to several now. Mayor Stombaugh said that she knows of. She said the Personnel Committee has asked, the Finance Committee has asked, she has asked.

Mayor Stombaugh said if you ride around the Town - she hopes you are all proud of this Town, because she wants to tell you something - she's not. She said she took pictures to the meeting last night - there are a number of properties that have grass up to your knees or higher. Mayor Stombaugh said a couple weeks ago she pulled into the parking lot behind Sayers to go to Sayers - that's a main street; it's a main parking lot. She said people go in there to go to the bank, they go in there to go to Sayers, they go in there to park - the house right on the corner that's up for sale - the grass is knee high there. Mayor Stombaugh said when you come down Route 13, when you come to the bridge by McDonald's we have Bob's Market - are you all proud of that? Mayor Stombaugh said she's not. Someone from the audience said yes - he's proud of this Town. Mayor Stombaugh said well she's glad he's proud of that Pat. She said we have asked and asked for that property to be taken care of. Mayor Stombaugh said we have - the lady was afraid there is a program that the Town has for somebody that comes in and purchases a blighted property and improves it, they can come to Council and there is a program that we have to help them with a little bit of relief. Mayor Stombaugh said she (the lady) was afraid that if she took that blighted area away that she would loose the right to that. She said Council advised Mr. Hugg at - she turned and asked 'two Council meetings ago' - several Council meetings ago to please write her a letter and tell her that she would not loose that privilege. Mayor Stombaugh said she does not know if that happened or not, but the property is still there in the condition. She said normal times the Town would pay to have that property removed and included - taken away and then the cost of doing that would be levied against the property and it would be paid back to the Town when the property is sold, or the Town could go through legal means to take the property and sell it and get out money back. Mayor Stombaugh said we were advised that we don't have the money...

Councilwoman White said Madame Mayor this is off topic, the whole... Mayor Stombaugh emphatically said no it isn't - they want to know why, so anyway when she said last night about the police building - we've got a public works building that is very nice, we took care of our employees by giving them a nice building to work in. She said the police building is overcrowded; if anybody doubts it please go over there - they will be very happy to take you on a tour. There was talking amongst the members of the audience. Mayor Stombaugh said she will clear this room if the talk doesn't stop. Someone from the audience said you don't have to - they're leaving. Mayor Stombaugh said good. She we went to Mr. Hugg and we asked him on the Finance Committee - we asked ways to cut the budget over the last three years. Mayor Stombaugh said the budget has been cut, and cut, and cut, and it is down to bare bones now. She said the money that are in the accounts - our Charter calls for us to have a \$3,000,000.00 Rainy Day Fund. She said this Rainy Day Fund is because if a catastrophic situation should hit out Town, which if you talk to anybody at DEMA and FEMA they'll tell you that we're overdue, that money is to pay for catastrophic situations and it's in our Charter - it is a requirement for us to have that money there.

Councilman DeFeo said that's not in the Charter Madame Mayor. Mayor Stombaugh said oh yes it is. Councilman DeFeo asked Mr. Jaywork if he had a copy of the Charter. Councilwoman Brown said we passed an ordinance. Mayor Stombaugh said it was an ordinance - its part of the Charter; the ordinances are part of the Charter. Councilman DeFeo said it was a resolution that we passed to raise the Rainy Day Fund. Mayor Stombaugh said alright, Rainy Day... Councilman DeFeo said just make sure we represent the facts to the people - they're so confused now with everything that has been going on, as he is, so please make sure that we make sure that we - that what we say to them are the facts. Mayor Stombaugh said resolutions, ordinances, charters - they're all part of the bible of our Town. She said we are required to have a \$3,000,000.00 fund - we don't even have a \$3,000,000.00 fund right now; it's \$2,700,000.00. Mayor Stombaugh said there are certain things that you have to have as a municipality to run the town. She said she knows all of you out there don't know everything - it's very difficult, you know, it's very difficult, but you shouldn't judge people - you know, at this point she almost doesn't really care. Mayor Stombaugh said you know she can pick up and she can leave this town any time she wants. There was a roaring, thunderous applause from the audience and singing.

Mayor Stombaugh said and you are going to be left with your taxes being raised, with the employees - eventually the Town is not going to be able to continue the way it is. She said she told the Finance Committee when Gene Mullen was Chair of it that one of these days the only thing this Town is going to be able to do is pay the employees, if that, and that's it. Mayor Stombaugh said Gene Mullen looked at her and said you're right, so that's the direction we're headed in folks - that they're, you know. Someone said something inaudible from the audience. Mayor Stombaugh said well, that's what she has to say.

Someone from the audience asked Mayor Stombaugh when she was going to pay her taxes. Mayor Stombaugh said her taxes are paid. The person in the audience said you don't even own property. Mayor Stombaugh responded that she rents property right now and she pays taxes in that rent, as anybody else that rents property in this town.

Councilwoman Brown stated there is a motion on the floor that's been seconded.

Mayor Stombaugh asked if there was any further discussion for Council. There was none. Mayor Stombaugh said there is a motion and a second, and asked for a roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

A roaring, thunderous applause arose from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman White made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Novotny. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Council Secretary