Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Pam Humberson, Julia Sines, Sheryl MacLane, Ed Kelley, Bob Sines, Jess Whittemore and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Brenda Sisler representing the Garrett County Health Department, Renee Shreve, from the Republican Newspaper, Pastor Galen Beitzel of the First Christian Church and Deputy Durst of the Garrett County Sheriff’s Department.

**Call to Order:** Council President Pam Humberson called the August 5, 2019 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. following the Garrett County Commission’s meeting in our town hall.

**Invocation/Pledge:** Pastor Galen Beitzel gave the invocation followed by everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Councilwoman MacLane moved to accept the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Councilwoman Sines moved to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2019. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

**TO THE FLOOR**

Brenda Sisler, representing the Garrett County Health Department, came before council to ask their support for Resolution 2019-4, Resolution of Support. An important First Step in Supporting the Health and Safety of Youth People in Garrett County at Class C Licensee Community Events. This resolution is in support of having one person trained in TIPS for every 500 people attending an event. At the present time it is one person at an event no matter how many people are attending. Councilman Whittemore moved to adopt Resolution 2019-4, a Resolution of Support. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

Deputy Durst from the Garrett County Sheriff’s Department came to see if there are any concerns of council. Councilman Whittemore is concerned with the ATV’s riding on Water Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Revitalization Plan:** Mayor Schlosnagle spoke on the Revitalization Plan that was adopted in November 2015 and what has been done over the years since it was written. One item being
the issue of empty store fronts and how council has tried to have the owners open a business in them or sell the property with assistance from Kim Durst of the Garrett County Economic Development office.

**Community Center Update:** Cindy Stone, Director of Community Development Block Grant, has money available through a grant to put a new roof on the Community Center building. Peggy Jamison, Municipal Circuit Rider, will help with writing the grant. There is a very fast turnaround with the funding after sending in one proposal from a contractor. Duane Yoder, President for Garrett County Community Action, has agreed to allow the town to move the head start playground to our playground in the Community Park. There was a general consensus to have a contractor remove and install the playground for us. Mayor Schlosnagl will contact Kevin Savage and Chris Williams for proposals to do the work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AL-GAR Dinner:** August 21, 2019 in Accident at the fire department pavilion.

**DAR Proclamation:** Mayor Schlosnagle read the Proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution after which there was a general consensus to adopt it.

**Dwight Emory, Second Street Proposals:** After discussion on how to minimize the water issues on Second Street, Councilman Whittemore moved to begin the process with the County installing large drop box at the corner of Ross and Second Avenue. Councilman Sines seconds the motion. Councilmembers Whittemore, Sines, Kelley, Humberson and Sines for the motion. Councilwoman MacLane abstains due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES**

**Buildings:** Mayor Schlosnagle spoke on the audit that is conducted every other year by our insurance company, Local Government Insurance Trust. We had very few items to be corrected. The employees are working on them now.

**Streets and Walks:** Nothing.

**Christmas:** Nothing.

**Economic Development:** Nothing.

**Safety:** Brush needs to be trimmed along First Avenue before reaching Ross Avenue. Visibility is very poor. State Highway has been notified by Mayor Schlosnagle and they will be working on it this week.

Doug Sines would like to have the pole light that was taken down after we lost a large amount of highway user revenue put back up. Mayor Schlosnagle stated the trees in that area have been elevated and he is okay with putting the street light back up since we are starting the process to get our highway money back. After discussion Councilman Sines moved to put the light back up. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.
Park: Don VanDivner would like to have some more sand put in the horseshoe pits in the park before Friendsville Days.

Trees and Shrubs: Councilwoman Sines questioned whether the trees along First Avenue that the state had planted years ago are the town’s tree? Yes, they are our trees as they are in our right-of-way.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The County Commissioners have agreed to help with the town getting broadband in our Community Park for cameras.
- The employees will be putting up the “No Camping” signs soon in the park and parking lot.

CLERK’S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Councilwoman Sines moved to accept the Clerk’s Report. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

Councilwoman Sines moved to approve the Payables. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR (Continued)

Kim Alexander came before council to explain the request of the Friendsville Library Fundraising Committee on painting blocks on Chestnut Street showing who is donating to the new library. She stated the blocks will be painted red, white, and blue with a large number painted on them that corresponds with a name on a chart at the front of the library for people who donate to the library fund. Councilwoman MacLane suggested painting the blocks different shades of yellow representing the yellow brick road in the Wizard of Oz book. They will take that into consideration. After discussion, Councilman Whittemore moved to allow them to paint 12-inch square blocks on Chestnut Street beginning at the First Christian Church. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Councilwoman Sines moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer