

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia was held on October 21, 2013, in the Warren County Government Center’s Board Meeting Room. Mayor Darr led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a Moment of Silence. The roll was called at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Timothy W. Darr  
Vice Mayor N. Shae Parker  
Councilman Daryl L. Funk  
Councilman Thomas H. Sayre  
Councilman Eugene R. Tewalt  
Councilman Hollis L. Tharpe  
Town Manager Steven M. Burke, P.E.  
Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier  
Clerk of Council Jennifer E. Berry, CMC

**ABSENT:** Councilman Bret W. Hrbek

(The above listed members represent the full body of Council as authorized in the Town Charter.)

*Vice Mayor Parker moved, seconded by Councilman Tharpe that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 23, 2013 as presented.*

Vote: Yes – Funk, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre  
No – N/A  
Abstain – N/A  
Absent – Hrbek  
(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

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**RECEIPT OF PETITIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no receipts of petitions or correspondence from the public.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF**

Town Manager Steve Burke:

- Stated that Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the next Envisioning Workshop and he invited the public to participate in the process.

Councilman Sayre noted that they attended the recent Virginia Municipal League Conference and it was well attended by Council. He noted that he was visited a brownfield in the area and it was similar to Avtex; he added that Arlington was very up and coming with many young people in the community.

Councilman Funk stated that he attended some VML sessions related to the tourism zones that Councilman Hrbek had spoken of. He noted that there were only two or three localities that he had heard from at the sessions and the Town of Front Royal’s efforts seem to be ahead of the curve.

Councilman Sayre noted that recently some constituents had contacted him regarding wildlife in the community. He stated that Clint Keller of the Front Royal Police Department had the

archery program up and running and it addressed the matters relating to bears in the town limits.

Mayor Darr noted that he, as well as Mr. Burke, Councilman Sayre and Chief Shifflett attended the Warren Coalition's Above the Influence event which was very well done and they were pleased to assist with the emblem illumination. Mayor Darr noted that the Town is always honored to give back to the community in such a way.

Mayor Darr asked if there were any other proposals for additions or deletions to the agenda.

*Councilman Funk moved, seconded by Councilman Sayre, to remove Item # 9 (Closed) from the agenda, and transfer Item #8 (Tree Fee) to the Consent Agenda.*

Vote: Yes – Funk, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre  
No – N/A  
Abstain – N/A  
Absent – Hrbek  
(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. COUNCIL APPROVAL: Proclamation – “Freedom Fund Week 2013”
- B. COUNCIL APPROVAL: Budget Amendment and DMV Grant for Police Dept.
- C. COUNCIL APPROVAL: Budget Amendment and VML Grant for Training
- D. COUNCIL APPROVAL: Waiver of Christmas Tree License Tax for 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God

*Vice Mayor Parker moved, seconded by Councilman Tharpe, that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

Vote: Yes – Funk, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre  
No – N/A  
Abstain – N/A  
Absent – Hrbek  
(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)  
(By Roll Call)

**Warren & Page Counties 56<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Freedom Fund Celebration 2013**

**P r o c l a m a t i o n**

**WHEREAS**, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, and this single document changed the course of history in our country--leading us past dark centuries of slavery and into freedom, reconstruction and civil rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 makes illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion & gender in voting, public places, the workplace & schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, following passage of the Civil Rights Act, while facing threats of violence and resistance from state and local governments, the NAACP manages to register more than 80,000 voters in the Old South; and,

**WHEREAS**, The NAACP has always respectfully recognized that unjust laws must be addressed by the government and in the courts; and organized, peaceful protests are sometimes needed to put the issues in front of the court of public opinion; and

**WHEREAS**, The NAACP continues to be the preeminent civil rights group for those in this great nation and for the citizens of our community;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Timothy W. Darr, Mayor of the Town of Front Royal, do hereby proclaim the week of **November 2-9, 2013** as:

**FREEDOM FUND WEEK 2013**

in the Town of Front Royal, and urge all citizens to recognize **Freedom Fund Week 2013** and to support efforts of the Warren-Page NAACP as they hold their 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon on November 2, 2013.

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There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Jennifer E. Berry  
Clerk of Council