Town of Dungannon
***Town Council Minutes***February 3rd, 2014

**PRESENT:**  Debra Horne, Andy Lawson, George Hensley, Wes Adams, Greg Baker, Jordan Nickels, Larry Culbertson and Renee Adams.

Debra called the meeting to order and led the Pledge, George led in Prayer.
Renee read the Minutes from the January 6th, meeting.

Andy made a correction to the wording of “Debra to fill in the vacant Mayor position until the end of the term” to correctly state that Debra will fill in the vacant position as president of the Council for remainder of the term.

George made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments, Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

 **PUBLIC COMMENT** Jordan Nickels addressed council regarding the problem with dogs in Town, his Mother was almost bitten while walking on back street, and he further stated that the Town cannot enforce any ordinance without an officer. Just before the meeting, Della Lane called with a complaint of several dogs barking across the street from her home, the dogs are in a pen but the barking is excessive. Debra has been checking with Gate City and the option to adopt the county’s dog ordinance. Greg will get us a copy of the county’s dog ordinance. Andy made a motion to take a letter, along with a copy of the Town’s noise ordinance to the residents who own the barking dogs. Wes seconded the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Larry Culbertson was present and spoke to council about the bills he recently paid for his tenant’s delinquent water bills. Mr. Culbertson said he still did not feel responsible for those bills. Mr. Culbertson asked council to help keep the rumors down about the trailer park, half of the trailers are empty, to have more renters would benefit the Town.

**OLD BUSINESS**Label for meters – Andy suggested that since each meter has a serial number, that those be used along with account numbers to identify meters. Andy suggested that when the meters are next read, the serial number be taken down beside the corresponding account number. Wes made a motion for the serial numbers to be written down beside the account number in the meter reading book, Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Moving Town Hall to empty Bank building – Wes contacted Jonathon Mullins with New Peoples Bank asking if it would be possible to lease the empty bank building for the 300.00 real estate tax the bank pays the Town each year. Mr. Mullins was pleased to have the empty building be used. He had a lease agreement drawn up and sent to Wes. After council reviewed the lease agreement, Andy made a motion to move the Town Hall to the bank building, George second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Debra asked council what they felt still needs to be done before the depot can be rented again. George suggested an automatic door, too much heat or cool air escapes when the door is left open. Andy felt more of the cracks need to be sealed up.

Before council makes a decision about our next audit, we will get prices from some more Accountants, two that were mention from Gate City are Jackson and Bridwell.

Debra told council about a Risk Management Grant available through VML, security systems and monitors are one of the things to apply for. Wes made a motion for the Town to apply for the VML grant, George second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

When the depot is ready to be rented again, there is still the broken piano to consider. With the danger of someone getting hurt by it, George made a motion to give the piano away, if someone would be willing to get it out themselves. Wes second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Two large holes have developed under the sidewalk in front of the Thrift Store; pipe is needed to extend a drain that is causing dirt and gravel to wash away.

Since it is necessary at times to get pipe from the old Town Hall, Wes made a motion to have an extra key made and leave it in the office at the Town Hall. Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Parade Permits – Council decided to hold the Town’s July 4th celebration on Friday, which is the 4th. Setting a date for the Town’s Christmas celebration was tabled until the next meeting.

2014-2015 FY Budget – was tabled until the next meeting.

Maintenance Person – Wes made a motion to advertise for the position of maintenance worker, on an as needed basis, with an hourly rate. George second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Water Application – George made a motion for the Town to start having new water customers fill out an application; this would give the Town the necessary contact information for individual customers such as: Date of Birth, SSN, and a copy of Driver’s License, as well as, Name, Address and Phone. Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

USDA Statement – Council compared our 2012 statement with the 2013, and then decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS
COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT** After council review the January 2014 Financial Report, Wes made a motion to approve the report. Andy second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** At 7:25 pm Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wes second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.