Town of Dungannon
 ***Town Council Minutes*** March 18th, 2015

**PRESENT:**  Debra Horne, James Lane, Wes Adams, Melissa Hunt, Greg Baker, Frank Kibler, David Hill, Andy Miles, Conley Hillman, Donna Hillman, Clifford Gillenwater, Judy Blevins, Jordan Nickels, and Renee Adams. George Hensley was absent.

At 6:00pm Debra opened the Public Hearing on the Water Improvement Project. Frank Kibler briefly explained the regional waterline replacement study; he suggested the Town pursue the $ 362,000 available for this project. There were no public comments. At 6:08pm Debra closed the public hearing.

Debra read the resolution in support of the Community Development Block Grant Application; Wes made a motion to adopt the resolution, James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

At 6:10pm Debra opened the Public Hearing for the Economic Revitalization Project. Frank Kibler commended citizens of the Town for the widespread support. The competitive block grant through DHCD is due March 25, with awards being announced in July. David Hill spoke at length with the aid of a slide show outlining for council the designs for the project. There were no public comments. At 6:50pm Debra closed the public hearing.

Debra read the resolution in support of the Economic Revitalization Project. James made a motion to adopt the resolution, Wes second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Debra called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge, Melissa lead in Prayer.
Renee read the minutes from the February 2nd, 2015 council meeting, Melissa made a motion to approve the minutes as read, James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: Clifford Gillenwater addressed council regarding a leak at his home. Clifford contacted the Town Hall when he became aware of the leak, Ray and Judy looked at the leak and determined that the leak was in fact on Clifford’s side of the meter. According to the Town’s leak adjustment procedure, Clifford met all requirements, therefore being eligible for an adjustment. Wes made a motion to grant Clifford an adjustment on his water bill that reflects the leak. James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Conley Hillman addressed council regarding a leak at his home that occurred while he was in the hospital, due to the heavy snow and cold weather and his being away from home; the leak went undetected for quite some time. Conley said he hated the loss of so much water for the Town. Without a full council and considering the extreme expense of Conley’s water bill even with an adjustment the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

 **OLD BUSINESS**: The contract with Vaughn & Melton was tabled from the February meeting. Debra and Greg have since completed reading the contract and the one line that was of concern has been marked through. Wes made a motion to allow Debra to sign the contract with Vaugh & Melton as amended, James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Andy Miles with Vaugh & Melton presented the 1st Task Order on the water storage tank. Wes made a motion allowing Debra to sign the 1st Task Order, Melissa second; all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Melissa asked about smoking the sewer lines to determine where leaks may be in the sewer system in the next couple of weeks, she said we would need Bill Salling’s help.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Veronica Dockery’s water was turned off the 3rd week of February due to non-payment; the meter was read at the time of disconnection, when the bill goes out at the end of March the total amount due will be 1147.00. Veronica has had a severe leak, and known about the leak for quite some time. The property is in her Grandmother Vivian Dockery Bradley’s name. Wes made a motion to pursue legal action to obtain the money owed. Melissa second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

On February 25th the water at the property of Wendy Lange was disconnected due to non-payment. On February 26th Ms. Lange came to pay the bill and the reconnect fee. Ms. Lange said that no one would have to go out to turn the water back on, as “they” had cut the lock off the night before to keep the pipes from freezing. According to the Town’s water ordinance any type of meter tampering is subject to a fine of $500.00. Melissa made a motion to take legal action to collect the fine for meter tampering. James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**: Melissa spoke with Mike Edwards about our vacant council member position. Greg said he filed a petition for a Special Election, however, John Kilgore & Mike Edwards felt the Town should appoint another council member. Greg will check with John Kilgore tomorrow to see how we stand.
James mentioned that Debra’s computer had crashed and asks council to approve the purchase of a new tower only, as the keyboard and monitor work fine. Best Buy has a town for $230.00. Wes made a motion to approve the purchase, James second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**: None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** After council reviewed the February 2015 financial report, James made a motion to approve the report, Melissa second the motion, all council voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:25pm, Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, James second the motion, all council voted in favor and motion was carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Renee Adams