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Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 2024

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Conner, presiding.

Members present: Jane T. Allen, James J. Boyce, Sr., Claudia G. Puckette, Mary Lou Spiggle, Timothy W. Garrett, Nathan A. Simpson

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Kim Ray, Treasurer; R. Terry McGhee, Town Manager; Christy Torrence, Interim Clerk of Council; Kaylee Simpson; Sam Vance; Dana Glover; Mckinley Cardwell; Stephanie Pawelczyk; Jeff Elder, Director of Public Works; Bryan Baine

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments:

I'm looking forward to working together through the rest of the year just like we did tonight on budget.

Reverend Duck led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Conner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

The Honorable Sheriff Robert "Robby" Richardson gave an update which included the quarterly stats. The drug dogs are actively being used and getting drugs off the street.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Town Council voted to adopt the consent agenda after amending to change "resend" to "rescind" in the March 19, 2024, Special Call Meeting minutes. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McGhee requested that Council give permission to make public the press release regarding the waterline.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Town Council voted to table the press release until after the meeting with the county. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Town Council voted to obtain a copy of all 1057 pages of the docket files with Cambell County lawsuit against Region 2000, not to exceed \$600. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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Mayor Conner asked Council to select three (3) dates to offer to the County for the joint meeting. The following dates were selected: May 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm, May 29, 2024 at 3:00 pm, June 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Mr. Simpson requested that the letter be sent out by the end of the week.

New Business:

Mr. Simpson requested that a private document repository be created for the council. It would be a password protected folder link to include minutes, agendas, budgets, contracts, zoning maps, comprehensive plans, lists of board and commission members and the meeting times. This would be read-only access.

Mr. Boyce would like to see Council codify no parking on the sidewalks and include a fine.

On a motion by Mrs. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Town Council voted to obtain information from the City of Lynchburg ordinance that prohibits interference with pedestrian sidewalk traffic and send directly to legal counsel to get started on the codification process. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Standing Committee Reports:

ARPA: None

Finance and Planning Committee: None

Physical Development Committee: None

Citizen Comment:

Bryan Baine appeared to discuss the widening of Lee Grant Ave. He mentioned that this would affect nine families and that taking even a small amount of land would put his porch on the road and would be unsafe. He requested that the town “hit pause” and stop the application process. He requested that the Town visit each family, stake out the land that would be taken. He said that the sidewalks are unsafe and should be fixed immediately but not as a part of the road widening process.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Council voted to have staff look into potential solutions to repair the sidewalk on Lee Grant Ave. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Town Manager’s Report:

Mr. McGhee stated that all items in his Town Manager’s Update email sent on April 7, 2024, had already been covered earlier in today’s meeting.

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Closed Session:

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle seconded by Mr. Simpson, Council voted to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)1, for the discussion of the performance of a specific public employee, specifically being Employee A.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Allen – yes, Boyce – yes, Spiggle – yes, Garrett – yes, Puckette – yes, Simpson-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Council Member Spiggle made the following motion:

To the best of each member's knowledge, the only subjects just discussed or considered in the preceding closed meeting were those: (i) lawfully exempted from the FOIA Act's open-meeting requirements and (ii) properly identified in the motion that convened the closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Simpson and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Allen – yes, Boyce – yes, Spiggle – yes, Garrett – yes, Puckette – yes, Simpson-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Comments:

Mr. Boyce: none

Ms. Allen: none

Mr. Garrett: none

Ms. Spiggle: none

Mrs. Puckette: none

Mr. Simpson: Will we have the property maintenance code complete by May workshop? Would like to adopt the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order at the next meeting.

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Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:25 pm.
All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Christy Torrence
Interim Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor