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Regular Council Meeting
May 12, 2025

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Conner, presiding.

Members present: James J. Boyce, Sr., Mary Lou G. Spiggle, Nathan Simpson, McKinley Cardwell, Jack Hensley, and Timothy W. Garrett

Members absent: None.

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media, Cindy Miller, Deputy Town Clerk, Michael Campbell, Town Manager, Rob Bullington, Director of Communications VML, Adrienne Eagle and Parents.

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

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

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Richard Conner asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to accept the agenda as written. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Appearance: Award presentation for Adrienne Eagle, VML Region 4 Essay Contest winner was presented an award by Rob Bullington, Director of Communications. Ms. Eagle's winning essay was on the topic of needing accessible medical care in Appomattox.

Mayor Conner presented Adrienne Eagle with the Mayor for the Day award. Adrienne will be invited back to work with the Town Manager and Council to write a Proclamation and present it on the topics of her essay.

Public Hearing: Mayor Conner opened the public hearing by reading the purpose:

Proposed FY 2026 Budget for the Town of Appomattox - In accordance with §15.2-2506 Code of Virginia, the following is a brief synopsis of the budget proposed by the Town of Appomattox for FY 2026:

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| GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES | \$3,316,934.00 |
| WATER FUND EXPENDITURES | \$1,258,071.00 |
| SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES | \$1,059,362.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$5,634,367.00 |
| GENERAL FUND REVENUE | \$3,316,934.00 |
| WATER FUND REVENUE | \$1,258,071.00 |
| SEWER FUND REVENUE | \$1,059,362.00 |

TOTAL REVENUE

\$5,634,367.00

Documentation is available during regular business hours in the Appomattox Town Office, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia. A copy is also available on the Town of Appomattox website, www.townofappomattox.com.

The public and all interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing to make their views known on the proposed FY 2026 Budget for the Town of Appomattox. Any person needing special accommodation should contact the Town Office no later than the close of business on the day of the hearing at 434-352-8268.

There were no public comments made or received during the public comment period.

Mayor Conner closed the public hearing.

Mayor's Comments: Our future looks promising. I do like seeing the youth being more involved in it. They are our future. We need to rely on our experience from the past and try not to make mistakes again. At this time, we are moving forward.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda: The Consent agenda was moved until after the Closed session due to missing minute copies in the packet.

Citizen Comment

This time will allow our citizens the opportunity to address the Town Council with issues of importance to the citizens. No individual citizen shall be permitted to address the Town Council for more than three (3) minutes.

There were no Citizen comments.

Unfinished Business:

Consideration to approve the Proposed FY 2026 Budget for the Town of Appomattox

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to adopt Appropriations Resolution of the Appomattox Town Council adopting the Fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. All members present voting aye.

ROLL CALL VOTE- Cardwell-yes, Boyce-yes, Spiggle-yes, Garrett – yes, Simpson-yes, Hensley-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration to approve the Resolution on Health Insurance coverage as written.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Appomattox employs full-time and part-time employees and provides health insurance benefits to all full-time employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Appomattox desires to offer an opportunity to part-time employees and to its Town Council members to pay the full cost of such health insurance and receive access to that benefit at their choice; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Appomattox, in offering this opportunity to its part-time employees and Town Council members, shall not pay any of the cost of premiums for such health insurance benefits for these part-time employees and Town Council members; and,

WHEREAS, the entire benefit of access to the Town's health insurance program would be at the sole expense of the part-time employee or Town Council member who is choosing to access such benefit; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to provide access for part-time employees and Town Council members to health insurance but no additional financial benefit from taxpayer funds; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appomattox Town Council, by motion of Nathan Simpson, hereby resolves that any part-time employee of the Town of Appomattox and any member of the Appomattox Town Council may choose to obtain health insurance coverage under the Town's program if such person pays the entire cost of such health insurance coverage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April, 2025.

WITNESS the following signature and seal:

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX

By: _____
Richard Conner, Mayor

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Attest: 0

Cindy Miller

ROLL CALL VOTE- Cardwell-yes, Boyce-yes, Spiggle-yes, Garrett – yes, Simpson-yes, Hensley-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business: None

Closed Session:

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2.3711(A)29, for the purpose of discussing or considering the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cardwell-yes, Boyce-yes, Garrett-yes, Hensley-yes, Simpson-yes, Spiggle-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Council member Ms. 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 2.2.371(A)29.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Mr. Cardwell and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cardwell-yes, Boyce-yes, Garrett-yes, Hensley-yes, Simpson-yes, Spiggle-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda; April 14, 2025, Budget Work Session, April 14, 2025, Regular Council meeting, April

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29, 2025, Workshop meeting and May 5, 2025, Special called meeting. All members present voting aye to approving minutes as revised with New Business item for April 14, 2025, Town Council meeting to include full description of the Sec. 32-173 Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Standing Committee Reports:

The Centennial Commission- Mr. Simpson, stated that the banners and signs are up and t shirts are ordered. Mr. Cardwell stated that Sue and Cindy have worked at breakneck speed to pull this event off.

Town Manager's Report: T shirts for the Centennial look awesome.

Council Comments

Cardwell-none

Boyce-none

Ms. Spiggle-none

Mr. Garrett-none

Simpson-none

Hensley-none

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Cardwell, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:58 pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Miller
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor