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Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2024,

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, September 9, 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 G. Spiggle, Timothy W. Garrett, Nathan A. Simpson

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Kim Ray, Treasurer; Rob Fowler, Interim Town Manager, E.W.Allen, and Gloria Krauklis, American Legion Post 104: Charles Conrad; Bryan Baine.

Mayor 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.

Mayor Conner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Mayor Conner presented the American Legion Post 104 a Proclamation declaring September 16, 2024, American Legion Day.

On a motion by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mrs. Puckett the Town Council voted to approve the Proclamation declaring September 16, 2024, American Legion Day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0. A copy of the Proclamation is on file.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda-September 9, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda for August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting, August 22, 2024, Special called Meeting and August 27, 2024, Workshop. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Comment:

Bryan Baine attended the Town Council meeting and requested an update on the Lee Grant Ave project. Mr. Fowler confirmed that the Smart scale plans were no longer under consideration after our April Town Council meeting. Mr. Fowler commented that Hurt & Profitt is under contract, and they are currently working on the engineering plans for corrections to Lee Grant Ave and will include a portion of Burke St, four hundred feet of work and the corner area.

Closed Session:

On a motion by Mr. Simpson 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

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

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Paulette, Council voted to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)3, for the purpose of discussing or consideration of the acquisition of real property for the public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Council Member Garrett made the following motion:

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

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

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Council Standing Committee Reports:

Finance & Planning Committee: None

Physical Development Committee: None

ARPA: None

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Town Managers Report:

Mr. Fowler gave the following updates.

- A letter has been drafted to mail out to the majority of the logging companies advising of the proper routes to use for Appomattox. Tori had been actively contacting them prior to the incident on Church St. The Sheriff's office has been asked to step up enforcement for failure to follow the signs and to ask truckers to use the DMV route recommendations to go around the Town limits unless needing to make deliveries. Mr. Garrett suggested adding signs with flashing lights to assist.
- Lee Grant updates should be received soon from Hurt & Profitt.
- Berkley group has requested a closed session to review applicants for the Town Manager position. Emails will be sent soon with options of dates and times for meeting.
- Council luncheon with staff to be scheduled soon. Updates to follow.

Council Comments:

Simpson-none

Puckett-none

Garrett-none

Boyce-none

Allen-none

Spiggle-none

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Miller
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor