

Appomattox Regular Council meeting Agenda

Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:30 PM - Regular Council meeting

(Location: Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia 24522)

Call to Order and Welcome to Visitors

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Mayor's Comments

Scheduled Public Appearances

1. Recognition of Gunner Nowell, winner of the Fair Housing poster contest.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda - November 13, 2023

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the council and will be approved or received by one motion in the form listed. Items may be removed from the consent agenda for discussion under the regular agenda upon motion of any council member and duly seconded.

1. Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting, October 10, 2023, Regular Council meeting, and the October 24, 2023, Council Workshop meeting.

Unfinished Business

2. Consideration to appoint individuals to the "Train Depot Advisory Committee".

New Business

3. Consideration to authorize advertisement to receive proposals from Architect and Engineering Services for the Appomattox Town Hall Renovation.

Council Standing Committee Reports

Citizen Comment

Town Manager's Report

Council Comment

Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

1. Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting, October 10, 2023, Regular Council meeting, and the October 24, 2023, Council Workshop meeting.

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, 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: Robby Richardson and Sheriff Donald Simpson, Appomattox County Sheriff's Office; Rob Fowler; Jeff Elder, Facilities Director; Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Kim Ray, Treasurer; R. Terry McGhee, Town Manager; Roxanne W. Casto, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors.

Reverend Duck led the group in a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. He also led the group in a prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Conner opened the public hearing and stated the purpose:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its meeting to be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Meeting Room, Appomattox Town Office, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia, the Appomattox Town Council will consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission with respect to the described AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the Town of Appomattox Chapter 195, Zoning, to add the minimum road frontage in Chapter 195-28 in the R-1, Limited Residential District, and Chapter 195-43 in the R-3, General Residential. The Town Council will have said ordinance proposed to it for passage and will hold a public hearing thereon, pursuant to the same statutory authority.

The entire text of the above-noted revision is on file in the Town Office, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia, and can be examined there between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend and make their views known.

Public comments-none

Mayor Conner closed the public hearing.

Mayor's comments-Twenty-two years ago, our nation was under attack. Bringing our nation back together is not new to Appomattox.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Sheriff Simpson, Appomattox County appeared before Council to provide an update. First, he started by applauding the Council for continuing to recognize September 11, 2001. 75 million or half the population were not alive and have no memory of the events. Local government is the

foundation of this country. He explained he plans to begin teaching after retirement. It's a new goal and changing gears a little bit, beginning February 2024.

Update on a few things:

The K-9s are working every day. One has assisted in locating a 12-year-old child and the other a heroin bust. He is pleased with the progress. The Appomattox County Sheriff's Office is part of a mutual aid agreement.

Since 2021, the number of summonses are going up (rising). Higher numbers mean better enforcement.

Mr. Simpson (Councilman) asked Sheriff Simpson about automated speed cameras for school zones. Sheriff Simpson stated—fundamentally—a human/person needs to be involved in the process. He is uncomfortable supporting just a camera system. Another option may be a "speed box." They currently do not have one and they are relatively expensive.

Mrs. Puckette asked for any suggestions. 1. The key to reducing speed is enforcement. 2. Traffic designs long term.

Sheriff Simpson is turning things over to the new sheriff on December 31, 2023—very capable and well-seasoned.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mrs. Puckette, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda as presented for September 11, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Puckette, Council voted to amend the Code of Town of Appomattox, Chapter 195 thereof, entitled Zoning, to add the minimum road frontage.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the Town of Appomattox, Chapter 195 thereof, entitled Zoning, to add the minimum road frontage.

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Appomattox as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 195-28 of Chapter 195, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Appomattox, is hereby amended to add the minimum road frontage as follows:

§ 195-28. Lot width.

- A. In the R-1 District, the minimum road footage shall be 100 feet.
- B. In the R-1 District, the minimum lot width at the building line shall be 100 feet.

Section 2. Chapter 195-43 of Chapter 195, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Appomattox, is hereby amended to add the minimum road frontage as follows:

§ 195-43. Lot width.

A. For permitted uses in the Residential District R-3, the minimum road frontage shall be 80 feet, and for each additional permitted use in Residential District R-3, there shall be 10 feet of additional road frontage.

B. For permitted uses in Residential District R-3, the minimum lot width at the building line shall be 80 feet or more, and for each additional permitted use in Residential District R-3, there shall be at least 10 feet of additional lot width at the building line.

Section 3. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Council voted to cancel the September 26, 2023 Council Workshop meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Because of the cancellation of the workshop meeting, Council members are encouraged to email the Town Manager with the name of "your person" for the Train Depot Advisory Committee. The Council will vote on these individuals at the October 10, 2023 Council meeting. The committee could meet in November 2023.

Council Standing Committee Reports:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The committee received a request from the Facilities Director for 3 AED devices and 10 First Aid kits for a total of \$5838.97.

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mrs. Puckette, the Council voted to approve the purchase of 3 AEDs and 10 first aid kits. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance and Planning Committee: none

Physical Development Committee: none

Citizen Comment: none

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. McGhee provided a written report on September 8, 2023. In addition to those items, he provided an update on the Olivarri case, the Church St waterline start date of 10/1/2023, the Appomattox Downtown Revitalization Project, the Train Depot exterior renovation, Old Courthouse Rd smart scale project, possible locations for the CVFP emergency care, Brownfield Grant, OIP opening, new Town website, and sewer smoke testing.

Council Comment:

Ms. Allen: commented that the Church St sidewalk looks good.

<u>Mr. Simpson:</u> What is the status of the lot behind Railyard Grill? Mr. Elder responded construction is ongoing.

Mr. Boyce: reminded everyone to never forget the events of 9/11, especially in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Garrett: none

<u>Ms. Spiggle:</u> September is Firefighter Appreciation Month. She specifically wanted to recognize the AVFD—our hometown heroes.

Ms. Puckette: none

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to adjourn at 7:45 pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Roxanne W. Casto, MMC	Richard C. Conner
Clerk	Mayor

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, October 10, 2023, 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

Absent: Nathan A. Simpson

Others: Nathan Harbin; Charles Conrad; Jeff Elder, Facilities Director; Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Kim Ray, Treasurer; R. Terry McGhee, Town Manager; Roxanne W. Casto, Clerk of Council

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reverend Duck led the prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Conner opened the public hearings and stated the purpose:

Public Hearing 1:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT Section 185-185-19 of the Code of the Town of Appomattox, Chapter 185, Article III, Section 19, entitled "Parking in conformity with signs; yellow curb markings".

Public comments-none

Public Hearing 2:

Amendment to the FY 2024 Budget for the Town of Appomattox - In accordance with §15.2-2506 Code of Virginia, the following is a brief synopsis of the budget amendment by the Town of Appomattox for FY 2024:

General Fund Expenditure Amendments	\$1,108,793.00
Water Fund Expenditure Amendments	\$1,200,956.00
Sewer Fund Expenditure Amendments	\$ 689,788.00
ARPA Fund Expenditure Amendments	\$1,574,994.00
Total Expenditures Amendments	\$4,574,531.00
General Fund Revenue Amendments	\$1,108,793.00
Water Fund Revenue Amendments	\$1,200,956.00
Sewer Fund Revenue Amendments	\$ 689,788.00
ARPA Fund Revenue Amendments	\$1,574,994.00
Total Revenue Amendments	\$4,574,531.00

Public comments-none

Mayor Conner closed the public hearings.

Mayor Conner welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them of a celebratory event of the Railroad Festival. He hopes for a safe time for everyone.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Nathan Harbin, Harbin Consulting provided a power point of hardscape and landscape solutions for the newly renovated exterior at the Train Depot.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda as presented for October 10, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

Train Depot Advisory Committee-Mary Lou requested the appointment of Kia Scott, Madeline Abbitt, and Mike Kirk. Claudia Puckette requested the appointment of Deborah Addair. Jane Thomas Allen requested the appointment of Stanley Cobbs. Lastly, Mr. McGhee advised Nathan Simpson submitted Terry Jamerson for the appointment.

Mr. McGhee will gather the contact information for those listed above.

Mr. Garrett asked if any rules or guidelines had been set up for the committee. What does the Council want the depot to be used for?

Mrs. Puckette commented that the Council does not know what it could be.

Mr. McGhee stated he could create some guidelines for the advisory committee to consider such as parking, budget, and use of alcohol within the facilities (or not).

Ms. Spiggle stated she thinks the Council should be involved with all the meetings.

By consensus, the Council agreed to table further discussion until the October 24, 2023 workshop meeting.

New Business

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Council voted to adopt an Ordinance to Amend and reenact Section 185-19 of the Code of the Town of Appomattox.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT Section 185-185-19 of the Code of the Town of Appomattox, Chapter 185, Article III, Section 19, entitled "Parking in conformity with signs; vellow curb markings".

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Appomattox, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Section 1 of the Code of the Town of Appomattox shall appear as follows:

Chapter 185: Vehicles and Traffic

Article III. Stopping, Standing, and Parking

§ 185-19. Parking in conformity with signs; yellow curb markings.

- A. No motor vehicle or other vehicle shall be parked on any of the streets or alleys of the Town at any time except in strict conformity with the signs or markings controlling such parking. Yellow curb marking means "no parking allowed."
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$50. Any vehicle violating the provisions of this section will be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective October 10, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to adopt a Resolution 2024-001 amending the FY2024 Operating Budget for the Town of Appomattox:

- 1. Consideration to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2024 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and ARPA Fund for an increase in the depot painting and landscaping, purchase of property, outsourcing of grass cutting, an additional USDA loan and carry forwards from FY 2023 for projects in progress.
- 2. WHEREAS, Section15.2-2507, Code of Virginia, allows that a governing body may amend the budget from time to time,
- 3. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appomattox Town Council does hereby amend the FY 2024 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and ARPA Fund.

General Fund Expenditures

Downtown Revitalization	319,821	Multi-year grant remaining balance
Depot	21,697	Additional for historical paint

Depot	5,700	Landscape Plan
Depot	219,469	Carryforward for Depot Construction
LED Street Light Replacement	29,674	Carryforward for LED Street Light Replacement Project
CIP - Backhoe	3,000	Overage for purchase of Backhoe
		Carryforward for work contracted in FY23-reline and reseal
CIP - Pavement Reseal/Reline	30,000	pavement
Contract for Grass (RSG)	14,596	Outsourced Grass Cutting Contract with RSG
Land Purchase	17,864	Purchase of Land
Downtown Revitalization	446,972	Carryforward Downtown Rev. Town Portion
TOTAL	1,108,793	
General Fund Revenues		
Use of Undesignated Reserve	1,108,793	
Net Increase in Budget	1,108,793	
Water Fund Expenditures		
Church St. Waterline (Loan		
#61)	1,156,000	Additional USDA Loan required for cost of project
	1,120,000	Carryforward 1M Gallon Tank Valve, Vault Replacement, &
CIP - 1M Gallon Tank	30,000	Altitude Valve
Contract for Grass (RSG)	14,956	Outsourced Grass Cutting Contract with RSG
TOTAL	1,200,956	
Water Fund Revenues		
Use of Fund Balance	1,200,956	
Net Increase in Budget	1,200,956	
Sewer Fund Expenditures		
		Multi-year grant balance remaining after YE per July
USDA - I&I Project	641,192	spreadsheet
CIP - Basin Influent Valve	19,000	Carryforward for Basin influent Valve (backordered)
CIP - Reseal pavement - SBR		Carryforward for work contracted in FY23 - reline and reseal
Plant	15,000	pavement
Contract for Grass (RSG)	14,596	Outsourced Grass Cutting Contract with RSG
TOTAL	689,788	
Sewer Fund Revenues		
Use of Undesignated Fund	689,788	
Net Increase in Budget	689,788	
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ARPA Fund Expenditures	157 400	100/ -f
ARPA - General	157,499	10% of remaining funds as of 6-30-2023
ARPA - Water	708,747	45% of remaining funds as of 6-30-2023

SECTION XIII: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Council of Appomattox, Virginia that the Fiscal Year 2024 budget amendments are hereby adopted, and the monies necessary to fund it are hereby appropriated and shall be certified by the Clerk of Council and maintained as an archive document with the official minutes of the Town Council of Appomattox, Virginia.

Attest:	

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Allen-yes, Boyce-yes, Spiggle-yes, Garrett-yes, Puckette-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mrs. Puckette, the Council voted to select the firm, CHA Consulting, for the development of the Town of Appomattox water study. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McGhee explained that several Council members have expressed the need to add handicapped park equipment at Kiddie Park. He is planning to meet with a park equipment vendor next week. The council provided consensus for the Town Manager to gather more information.

Council Standing Committee Reports:

ARPA: none

Finance and Planning Committee: none

Physical Development Committee: a firm was chosen tonight to perform the water study

Citizen Comment: none

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. McGhee outlined his written report from October 10, 2023, specifically speaking to the Brownfield Corridor Study and the Town Hall renovations.

Other Staff Reports:

Mr. Elder explained the issues of a waterline on the Old Courthouse Road-Smart Scale Project. He anticipates it will cost approximately \$60,000 to correct.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to appropriate \$60,000 from water fund undesignated funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Allen-yes, Boyce-yes, Spiggle-yes, Garrett-yes, Puckette-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Comment:

Ms. Allen: The newer streetlights (LED) look nice. She also reminded everyone of the Domestic Violence Vigil (next week).

Mr. Boyce: Expressed his appreciation and unity of this Council. This small-town thing makes things so much easier. He also appreciates all the prayers, concerns, and phone calls.

Mr. Garrett: none	
Ms. Spiggle: none	
Ms. Puckette: none	
Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded and All members present voting aye. Motion	by Mrs. Puckette, Council voted to adjourn at 8:10 pm. on carried 5-0.
Roxanne W. Casto, MMC Clerk	Richard C. Conner Mayor

1 Appomattox Town Council Workshop Meeting October 24, 2023

The Appomattox Town Council held a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Town Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Conner presiding.

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

Absent: Timothy W. Garrett

Others present: Blair Smith, Carlton Duck, Jeff Elder, Facilities Director; Kim Ray, Town Treasurer; R. Terry McGhee, Town Manager and Roxanne W. Casto, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order.

The Appomattox Town Council provided consensus to add the following items to the agenda:

- 1. Presentation by Blair Smith, Dominion Seven Architects Town Office Building renovations.
- 2. Consideration of approving an out-of-town water request for 7854 Stage Road.

DISCUSSION:

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to table the discussion and consideration of appointment individuals to the "Train Depot Advisory Committee" to the November 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Council voted to approve the out-of-town water request for Eldon Road, a property owned by Clark Campbell. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to approve the out-of-town water request for 7854 Stage Road, Concord. Vote: 4 – ayes, 1 – absent, 1 – abstain. Mr. Simpson abstained from voting citing a conflict of interest as the property owner is his client. Motion carried 4-0-1.

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATIONS:

Blair Smith, Dominion Seven Architects presented the Town Office Renovations in a PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council. Mr. Smith also presented a timeline of 15-18 months from start to finish with an estimated cost of 2.3 million dollars.

Mr. Simpson asked what major needs should be addressed in the renovation first. Mr. Smith explained the heating and cooling system and the electrical system will need to be upgraded. The heating and cooling system is currently residential and should be changed to commercial.

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Mr. McGhee will be receiving quotes for temporary office space in the next week.

Mr. Boyce stated his desire for a one-level, street-level building without an elevator.

Mrs. Ray reminded the Council of the 1.1 million dollars available in ARPA funding. Also, stating with the current revenue trends, in 9-12 months you would never know this happened.

Mr. McGhee stated architecturally this is a major change. The change is very unassuming, and the appearance of the building fits the community.

The council suggested staff prepare a Request for Proposal for architectural firms and add it to the November 13, 2023, Regular meeting agenda for consideration to advertise.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Puckette – The depot looks awesome. It is just beautiful.

Simpson – He had a few residents mention to him that the depot needs an outdoor camera system, especially since the installation of the copper gutters.

Mr. McGhee asked Mr. Harbin to include a security system in his proposal for the exterior hardscaping. The Town is looking into the same type of system as the school system.

Boyce – Looking outside of Appomattox, this world needs prayer. Prayers for Appomattox, Richmond, Washington, DC, and Israel.

Allen – none

Spiggle - none

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Planning/ARPA – None

Physical Development Committee - None

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Elder provided updates on the following items:

- ➤ Downtown Revitalization Project all items are nearly complete except the brick at the sign at the corner of Atwood and Church Street. The handrails on Church Street and the grading and blacktop of the parking lot on Atwood Street. The parking lot is expected to be computed by the end of December 2023.
- ➤ The Old Courthouse Road waterline repair is complete.

- ➤ The Church Street waterline replacement project is underway. The crew began on Morris Avenue.
- ➤ The grinder pump went out at the SBR plant, and a new pump has been ordered. It will take approximately six to eight weeks to arrive.

Kim Ray, Treasurer provided the September 2023 financial report. She also stated the FY 2023 audit is ongoing.

Mr. McGhee also reported on the following items:

- ➤ The first of three videos with Rev. Duck is complete.
- ➤ Ms. Barbara Perguson has expressed an interest in having "Hometown Hero" banners hung on the light poles/posts downtown. The council is supportive of the idea but would rather see a non-profit and/or civic organization take charge of the banners. The Town could hang the banners.
- The Appomattox Railroad Festival committee is searching for a long-term area for equipment storage and meeting space. Mrs. Allen suggested the J. E. Sears building for a storage unit that is climate-controlled. Mr. Simpson requested to know their short- and long-term goals. Is the donation given by the Town being used for "storage"?
- Mr. McGhee also spoke of broadcasting Council meetings. A live broadcast is not recommended by security authorities. Mr. Simpson maintains he is still a proponent of live streaming.
- ➤ The legality of skilled gaming in Virginia after November 15, 2023, has been determined to be enforceable.
- Tomorrow Mr. McGhee and Roxanne Casto will attend a virtual meeting with Kelly Hitchcock, CVPDC, and the consultants hired to perform the Brownfield Study on the Courtland Manufacturing Building on Confederate Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. All council members present voting aye. Mo	r. Simpson, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m otion carried 5-0.
Roxanne W. Casto, MMC	Richard C. Conner
Clerk	Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. Consideration to authorize advertisement to receive proposals from Architect and Engineering Services for the Appomattox Town Hall Renovation.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES APPOMATTOX TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

The Town of Appomattox requests proposals from licensed Architects and Engineers registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia for services related to the design and construction of the Appomattox Town Hall Renovation.

Obtain the Request for Proposal (RFP) from Roxanne W. Casto, Town of Appomattox, 210 Linden Street, P.O. Box 705, Appomattox, Virginia, 24522, Phone: 434-352-8268, Fax: 434-352-2126 or email: rcasto@appomattoxva.gov. Proposals are due no later than Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 2:00 P.M., at the Appomattox Town Office located at 210 Linden Street, P.O. Box 705, Appomattox, Virginia, 24522.