TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, November 05, 2020 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED:

The Mayor called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Mayor also congratulated the newly elected members, Jeff Voit, Valerie Coyle, and Jerry Covington.

PRESENT

Mayor Jason Satterwhite

Vice-Mayor Mark Gaines

Council Member Valarie Coyle

Council Member Jean Davis

Council Member Tammie Gaines

Council Member Deborah Howard

Council Member Glenn McDearmon - Attending Meeting electronically for medical reasons.

Council Member Otis Wright

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Edyth K. West, 228 W. Broaddus Avenue - Addressed the Town Council, thanking the members for the Cares Act Package provided to the citizens of the town.

Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main St. - Addressed the Town Council, also thanking the members for the Cares Act Package and also addressing the continued water increases. She questioned the reason for using USDA. and shared her concerns and suggestions to the Town Council in hopes that they would consider them to try and avoid continued increases.

The Mayor responded to Mrs. Cannon explaining the USDA was a benefit for the town, providing grants and financing to help us with the aging water system. The council does understand the burden of cost increases and has considered looking at other options to help balance the costs increases.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

The following Staff reports were presented to Council:

Police Department Monthly Report - October 2020

Public Works and Utilities Dept. Monthly Report - October 2020

Economic Dev. & Events Coordinator Monthly Report - October 2020

Town Clerk/Treasurer-Acting Town Manager Monthly Report - October 2020

Police Department Monthly Report to Council October 2020

Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report for October 2020

Economic Dev. & Events Coordinator Council Monthly Report for OCT 2020

The Economic Dev & Events Coordinator, Jo-Elsa Jordan brought forth a request for Council to make a decision via vote whether to have the 2020 Bowling Green Christmas Parade of Lights this year.

Motion made by Council Member T Gaines, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Gaines to move forward with the 2020 Bowling Green Christmas Parade of Lights.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Wright Voting Nay: Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Howard Voting Abstaining: Council Member McDearmon due to his concerns over COVID19.

Due to Council Member McDearmon Obstaining a Yea vote by Mayor Jason Satterwhite was the deciding vote to have the 2020 Bowling Green Christmas Parade of Lights.

Town Clerk/Treasurer • Acting Town Manager Monthly Report to Council October 2020

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were presented to Council:

October 2020 Bills (attached to these minutes)

October 1, 2020 Town Council Minutes

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Davis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor M. Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member T. Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution of appreciation for Reese Peck upon his retirement as Town Manager.

Motion made by Council Member Davis, Seconded by Vice-Mayor M Gaines to approve the Resolution of appreciation for Reese Peck upon his retirement as Town Manager.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member T Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

Resolution to commit to adopting a water rate schedule for FY2022-2023

Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member Wright to a resolution to commit to adopting a water rate schedule for FY2022-2023.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

Andy Crocker with SERCAP came to speak on the background on water rates and benefits for the town to move forward with the increase and working with USDA.

Schedule Public Hearing for RZS-2020-001

Motion made by Vice-Mayor M Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Coyle to schedule a Public Hearing for RZS-2020-001 application by Bowling Green Properties LLC to rezone 221 N. Main Street from B1 Business Zoning to R1 Residential Zoning.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

Schedule Public Hearing for Future Land Use Map

Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Coyle to schedule a Public Hearing for Future Land Use Map for proposed updates for the December meeting.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor M Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member T Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

Advertise for Planning Commission Members

Council Member Coyle commented that it is imperative that the Town Council interview the applicants.

Motion made by Council Member Coyle, Seconded by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines to schedule a special meeting of Council for November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Planning Commission vacancies.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor M Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member T Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/MEMBER COMMENTS:

<u>Council Member T. Gaines</u> - Committee did meet, discussed the utilities and some of the same issues that were talked about tonight.

<u>Council Member Howard</u> - Had a virtual meeting to discuss job description and what we are looking for to replace the town manager.

<u>Council Member Davis</u> - EDA met and discussed the Cares Act Applications that had been filled out. Also had the gentleman from Performance Air come and speak to us.

Vice-Mayor M. Gaines - No Comment.

<u>Council Member Coyle</u> - Planning Commision met continuing on with The Future Use Map. Planning Public Hearing for November 16, 2020, just moving along and hoping things work before January.

Council Member Wright - No Comment.

<u>Council Member McDearmon</u> - Echoed what Jean said, also wanted to tell Town Council of the good job Jo-Elsa continues to do for the supporting the EDA, very detailed, getting things together and reaching out to all the businesses. Doing a great job letting the community be aware of what is available for them.

<u>Mayor Satterwhite</u> - The Mayor extended his condolences to Armando Flores's family and wanted to thank him in a public setting for all the years of service he provided to the town serving on the Planning Commission.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Thank you to Council from John and Cindy Plachinski, thanking them for the Cares Act Package. Sending their sincere appreciation for the town's thoughtfulness.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed Meeting

Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines to enter into Closed Meeting pursuant to Va. Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with the Town Attorney about a specific legal matter- damage caused by Kelvic Construction LLC during sewer line replacement project and pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss the hiring of a Town Manager.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines to reconvene in Open Meeting.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

Motion passed.

CERTIFICATION

Council certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were discussed or considered in the meeting by Council.

Mayor SatterwhiteYes	Council Member McDearmonYes
Vice Mayor M. GainesYes	Council Member CoyleYes
Council Member WrightYes	Council Member T. GainesYes
Council Member HowardYes	Council Member DavisYes

Council directed staff to work up a plan to reorganize the Administrative duties of the Business Office Staff to be presented at the December 03, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member McDearmon, Council Member Wright.

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