

TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, January 02, 2020 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED:

The Mayor call the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT
Jason Satterwhite
Jean Davis
Mark Gaines
Valarie Coyle
Deborah Howard
Tammie Gaines

ABSENT Glenn McDearmon Otis Wright

The Mayor noted that Council member Wright was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal family commitment. He had asked to join the meeting via telephone.

Motion made by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Coyle to allow Council Member Wright to participate in the meeting via telephonic communication.

Voting Yea: Davis, Coyle, Howard Voting Nay: M. Gaines, T. Gaines

Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion made by Council Member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Coyle to enter into Closed Meeting pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussing the performance and contract of the Town Manager.

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines, Wright

Motion passed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

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

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

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 the Council.

| Mayor SatterwhiteYes | Council Member DavisYes |
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| Council Member M. GainesYes | Council Member CoyleYes |
| Council Member HowardYes | Council Member T. GainesYes |

Council Member Wright was not present to certify as his participation in the meeting ended during Closed Meeting.

Motion made by Council Member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines to remove the Town Manager from paid administrative leave and allow him to return to work on Monday January 6, 2020.

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

Motion passed.

TOWN COUNCIL 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Election of Vice-Mayor - The Mayor call for nominations of Vice-Mayor. Council Member Davis nominated Council Member McDearmon. Council Member T. Gaines nominated Council Member M. Gaines.

The Mayor called for a vote for each nominee.

Council Member McDearmon - Yea: Davis, Coyle Nay: M. Gaines, T. Gaines, Howard.

Council Member M. Gaines - Yea: Howard, T. Gaines, M. Gaines Nay: Davis, Coyle.

Council Member Mark Gaines was elected Vice-Mayor.

Committee Appointments - The Mayor made the following appointments:

<u>Utilities, Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings and Grounds Committee</u>: Council Member T. Gaines - chair person, Council Member Wright - member.

<u>Budget</u>, <u>Policy Personnel</u>, and <u>Ordinance Committee</u>: <u>Council Member Howard</u> - Chair Person, Council Member M. Gaines - member.

Meeting Schedules - The following meeting schedules were adopted:

Town Council Meetings - The first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm to be held at Town Hall.

<u>Utilities, Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings and Grounds Committee Meetings</u> - The fourth Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm to be held at Town Hall.

<u>Budget, Policy Personnel, and Ordinance Committee</u> - The third Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm to be held at Town Hall.

Motion made by T. Gaines, seconded by Howard to adopt the proposed committee meeting schedules. Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

Motion passed.

FY2020-2021 Budget Schedule

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard to adopt the Town Manager's proposed budget schedule.

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

O-2019-006Text Amendment to R-1 Special Use - The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 pm and read the notice that published in the Free Lance Star Newspaper on December 17 and December 24, 2019. He noted that a public hearing had been held by the Planning Commission on December 16, 2019 and its recommendation was for Council to not adopt O-2019-006 - an ordinance to add section 3-116. Special uses. (a) (6) mixed use development to Town Code. The Mayor invited the public to comment on the matter.

<u>Pam Weldon, 333 N. Main St.</u>- Ms. Weldon expressed her support for the ordinance citing advantages of growth of small low impact uses such as tea rooms, art galleries, and antique stores and the opportunity for residents to earn extra income.

<u>Jeff Voit, Planning Commission Chairperson</u> - Chairperson Voit reported that the Commission received comment from one resident stating that they were not in favor of the ordinance. He stated that the Commission's main reference point was the Comprehensive Plan.

<u>Discussion by Council</u> - Council member Gaines said that low impact mixed use was a good fit for historical homes and could attract visitors to town. Council Member clarified that the adoption of O-2019-006 would not automatically qualify all homes for mixed use, a Special Use Permit would be required.

Motion made by Council member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council member T. Gaines. to adopt O-2019-006 - an ordinance to add section 3-116. Special uses. (a) (6) mixed use development to Town Code.

Voting Yea: M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

Voting Nay: Davis

Motion passed.

ZP-2019-027 Special Use Permit Application - The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm and read the notice published in the Free Lance Star Newspaper on December 17 and December 24, 2019. He noted that a public hearing had been held by the Planning Commission on December 16, 2019 and its recommendation was for Council to deny approval of ZP-2019-027 - an application by Pamela Weldon for a Special Use Permit to allow for mixed use development (antique store) at 333 N. Main St,

a property located in the R-1 residential zoning district. The Mayor invited the public to comment on the matter.

<u>Pamela Weldon, 333 N. Main St, applicant</u> - Ms. Weldon conveyed her plans of converting a portion of the downstairs of her home into an antique store and small museum featuring local artifacts. She presented Council with letters of support from 153 individuals and a pre-recorded video of 11 individuals in support of approval of ZP-2019-027. She stated that her current estate sale business draws interest from Washington DC to North Carolina and she has even been featured on a television show for her unique collection. She felt her proposed plan would bring new visitors to Bowling Green to shop and eat which in return would create revenue for the Town.

Motion made by Council member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council member Howard to direct staff to work with applicant to set agreed upon conditions for the Special Use Permit and return to Council with the proposed conditions.

Voting Yea: Gaines, Coyle, Howard, Gaines

Voting Nay: Davis

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

<u>Anthony Lippa, Caroline County Sheriff</u> - Sheriff Lippa expressed his support for R-2020-001 a Resolution expressing intent to uphold Second Amendment rights.

Motion made by Council member M. Gaines, seconded by Council member Howard to move R-2020-001 from New Business to be acted upon immediately following public comment.

R-2020-001 - a Resolution expressing intent to uphold Second Amendment rights - Council held a lengthy discussion about R-2020-001 - a Resolution expressing intent to uphold Second Amendment rights during which questions were asked of Sheriff Lippa and Chief Lipscomb.

Motion made by Council member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council member T. Gaines to adopt R-2020-001 - a Resolution expressing intent to uphold Second Amendment rights.

Voting Yea: Davis, Gaines, Gaines

Voting Nay: Coyle, Howard

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

The following staff reports were presented to Council:

Bowling Green Police Monthly Report to Council December 2019

Public Works and Utilities Monthly Report to Council December 2019

Events & Economic Dev. Coordinator Council Monthly Report for December 2019

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Monthly Report to Council December 2019

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were presented to Council:

December 2019 Bills (attached to these minutes)

Minutes – December 5, 2019 Town Council Meeting

Set public hearing and authorize to manager to advertise for O-2020-001 – Ordinance giving Town Manager Authority to regulate parking.

Motion made by Council member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council member Howard to approve consent agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none to be discussed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/MEMBER COMMENTS:

Council member T. Gaines – had no comment

Council member Howard - had no comment

Council member Davis – had no comment

Council member M. Gaines - had no comments.

<u>Council member Coyle</u> – asked if staff could prepare a Code of Ethics for Council and staff to be considered by Council for adoption at its next meeting.

<u>Mayor Satterwhite</u> - reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony he had attended for 109 Courthouse lane which was donated to the Town by Atlantic Union Bank was very nice. He asked the Town Attorney to look into the Town's policy on firearms in Town vehicles and said that the development of an architectural review board could be discussed at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council member M.Gaines, Seconded by Council member Howard to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Davis, M. Gaines, Coyle, Howard, T. Gaines

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