# TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

#### MINUTES

Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:00 PM

# **CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED:**

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

**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

Council Member Otis Wright

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**FY 2020 Budget Amendment and Supplemental Appropriation** - The Mayor read the public notice published in the Free Lance Star newspaper on June 15th and opened the public hearing. He called for comment from the public. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines. to approve amend the FY 2019-2020 budget by \$55,000.00 and appropriate \$10,000.00 to the General Fund, \$15,000.00 to the Water Fund, and \$30,000 to the Sewer Fund.

#### Discussion:

In direct response to a questions from Council, staff explain that the additional funds were needed due to audit costs being greater than budgeted, and unexpected repairs on the water and sewer systems.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Gaines, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member

Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright

Voting Nay: Council Member McDearmon

Motion passed.

**Tax and Utility Rate for FY2020-2021** - The Mayor read the public notice published in the Free Lance Star newspaper on June 9th and 16th and opened the public hearing. He called for comment from the public. Hearing none, he read a comment submitted by the public.

<u>Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main Street</u> - Ms. Cannon stated that she was not in favor of raising the water and trash rates.

The Mayor called for additional comments, hearing none he closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard.

#### Council discussed:

- the effectiveness of the Rt. 301 tax district versus the burden on taxpayers in that corridor.
- need to repair utility infrastructure.
- the Town's utility rates in comparison to Caroline County's
- future rate increases
- how the Town can offer relief to tax payers
- the effect of sewer debt on the General Fund.

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

Motion passed.

#### **DELEGATIONS:**

**Community Heart and Soul - Sam Frye, Representative -** On behalf of the Community Heart and Soul group, Mr. Frye asked Council to consider donating \$500.00 for the purpose of buying supplies for the group's reveal that was scheduled to take place in August during the Mayberry Days event.

Council discussed the activity of the group and what they were doing for the community.

A majority of Council came to a consensus to donate \$500.00 to Community Heart and Soul for the purpose of buying supplies for the groups reveal.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Alice Farmer, 124 Dorsey Lane - spoke in support of Police Chief Lipscomb.

David Swink, Snip and Trim Hair Studio - spoke in support of Police Chief Lipscomb.

Ashley Lipscomb, Ashley Lipscomb Photography - spoke in support of Police Chief Lipscomb.

Officer Sean Jett, BGPD - spoke in support of Police Chief Lipscomb.

The Mayor read a joint comment that he received from several members of the public that were not in favor Police Chief's proposed contract due to the financial burden it would place on the Town.

#### **STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:**

The following staff reports were presented:

Police Chief's Monthly Report to Council June 2020

Public Work and Utility Department's Monthly Report to Council June 2020

Economic Development and Events Coordinator's Monthly Report to Council June 2020

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Monthly Report to Council June 2020

Town Manager's Monthly Report to Council June 2020

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following items were presented for approval:

Bills - June 2020 (attached to these minutes)

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Wright to approve the consent agenda.

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.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Donation for Utility Bill Assistance** - Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt the Resolution accepting monetary donation and the policy on disbursing funds.

A discussion was held on how requests for donation will be screened.

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

Motion passed.

# **Stimulus Vouchers Program**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines to postpone the program until the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

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.

# Request for reimbursement - 134 Maury Ave

Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member Wright to approve Mr. Robillard's request for reimbursement in the amount of \$4492.25 with liability release and transfer the funds from the unassigned fund balance to make payment to Mr. Robillard.

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

Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Request to pay for repair – Kenny Moore

Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member Wright to pay the David Brooks Hauling invoice for work done at Caroline Square shopping center.

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

Motion passed.

## Request to waive sewer connection fee at 148 Maury Ave

Motion made by Council Member Davis, Seconded by Council Member Howard to deny Mr. Hylton's request for the Town waive sewer connection and availability fees at 148 Maury Ave. 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.

# Adoption FY 2020-2021 Fiscal Plan

Motion made by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines Gaines to adopt R-2020-003 approving the FY 2020-2021 Fiscal Plan with \$10,000 for EDA funds contingent upon a spending plan approved by Council.

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.

# Appropriation Resolution R-2020-004

Motion made by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines Gaines to adopt R-2020-004 appropriating the FY 2020-2021 Budget with \$10,000 appropriated to EDA contingent upon a spending plan approved by Council.

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

Motion passed.

### **USDA Grant Application for Public Works Vehicle**

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard to adopt USDA Resolution of Governing Body as a condition of applying for a matching funds grant for the purpose of purchasing a new vehicle for Public Works.

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.

# **Proposed Text Amendment to B-1 Special Use**

Motion made by Council Member T. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Coyle to authorize the Town Manager to advertise for a Public Hearing for a proposed text amendment in the B-1 zoning district.

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.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Wright 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 Police Chief.

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.

# **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

Motion made by Council Member McDearmon, Seconded by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines to reconvene in Open 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.

# **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
Vice-Mayor M. GainesYes	Council Member CoyleYes
Council Member HowardYes	Council Member T. GainesYes
Council Member WrightYes	Council Member McDearmonYes

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Davis, Seconded by Vice-Mayor M. Gaines to adjourn

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.

The meeting was adjourned.

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