



Randolph Town Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

This is a hybrid meeting. The Public is invited to attend this meeting in person or remotely, by telephone or computer access.

Call to Order: Council President Alexopoulos called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Council Members Present: Christos Alexopoulos (In-Person), Richard Brewer (In-Person), Ryan Egan (In-Person), Natacha Clerger (Via Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Kevin O’Connell (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (In-Person). Councilor Huff-Larmond joined the meeting in-person after approval of the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Thompson.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Moment of Silent Prayer held in remembrance of Dov Yoffe.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on June 9, 2025 made by Councilor Brewer, seconded by Councilor O’Connell .

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent: Huff-Larmond, Burgess)

Motion passes.

Announcements from the President

1. Randolph Day! Thank you to Elizabeth LaRosee for putting together a wonderful Town event put together by several members of the community.
2. A job posting for our Council Clerk position will be posted within the next few days. Anyone who is interested, check our website for the application process. If any Councilors are interested in participating in the committee to hire the new Council Clerk position, please let the President know.

Councilor Huff-Larmond entered in the meeting at 6:07 PM

New Business:

1. **Council Order 2025-043: Request for the Town Council to Initiate An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph – To**

Councilor Gordon: What is the cut off value between tier 1 and tier 2. Can we get the numbers reiterated for what is the cutoff? Town Manager Brian Howard explained that there is tier 1 and tier 2 for the rates and then 4 sub categories of users. Matt Abrahams stated that 83% of the water bills are billed under tier 1.

Motion to increase water and sewer rates for the Town of Randolph by 3% for fiscal year 2026 made by Councilor Brewer, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

The vote on the main motion was taken after the discussion.

Discussion:

Councilor Brewer explained why he moved for a 3% increase, which included that 1 and 2 % do not get us to where we need to be and any surplus from the 3% increase will go towards replacement of the water treatment plant.

Councilor Huff-Larmond: I agree we have been saving for some time, not as much as we would have liked, but we have still been saving. I am concerned about our residents who may not be able to afford a 3% increase.

Councilor Gordon does not support 3%: I think that's too high. I think the proper way to do that is to make the system have a higher tier cut off and a small increase would work better for our residents.

Councilor Gordon made a motion to amend the initial motion to increase the water rates by 1.5 % and sewer rates by 1%, instead of raising the water and sewer rates by 3 %, for fiscal year 2026, seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Amend: 3 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstentions (Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Egan, O'Connell, Thompson; Absent: Burgess)

Motion fails.

Councilor O'Connell made a motion to amend the initial motion to increase the water and sewer rates by 2%, instead of raising the water and sewer rates by 3%, for fiscal year 2026, seconded by Councilor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Amend: 4 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions (Nays: Alexopoulos, Brewer, Egan; Absent: Burgess; Absent during vote: Clerger)

Motion Passes.

Discussion:

Council President Alexopoulos mentioned that knowing we need to replace the water tank that has an estimated cost of 10 million, we need to plan for this expense.

Councilor Gordon stated he is in support of a compromise. Are we seeking federal funding for the future water tank project? Town Manager Howard stated that he applied for some grants for this and has not heard back yet. Town Manager Howard also wanted to make known to the council that we will not get principal forgiveness for the water tank project, when we do it.

Councilor O'Connell asked what is the average dollar amount for the difference between a 2% increase and 3%? The power point presentation by Mr. Abrahams was put back on the screen for all to see.

Councilor Thompson asked for confirmation that 83% of users' bills in town fell into tier one? Which

Councilor Gordon mentioned that in the Economic Development Subcommittee they drafted a proposal for speed bumps that Councilor Gordon would like the Council to review. Council President Alexopoulos recommends that Councilor Gordon speak with the Public Safety Subcommittee and follow the appropriate channels.

Motions, Orders and Resolutions: None

Town Managers Report:

1. Councilor Huff-Larmond: Has there been any work on the July 3rd parade? Town Manager Howard stated additional funds have been allocated for Police to have additional coverage. Safety is the top priority.
2. Councilor Brewer: asked about the fireworks location? Town Manager Howard stated they will be on the baseball field.

New Business (Continued)

2. **Council Order 2025-044: Request for the Town Council to Amend The Town of Randolph General Ordinance, Chapter 83, Building Construction, to Adopt the Stretch Energy Code**
 - a. Town Attorney Griffin introduced Council Order 2025-044 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order. This is an ordinance amendment, so it requires two meetings, this is the introduction. This item will be on a future agenda.
3. **Council Order 2025-045: Approval of Lease of up to Ten (10) Years With A Telecommunications Company for Placement and Maintenance of Wireless Equipment at Stetson Hall**
 - a. Town Attorney Christine Griffin provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order. They are looking for Council authorization to be able to go out to bid for a 10-year agreement.
 - b. Assistant Town Manager Monica Lamboy will be available to provide assistance through this process.
 - c. Stetson Trustee Henry Cooke stated Staff will work with the Town Manager and Trustees to draft and advertise this opportunity to any new possible telecommunications tenant. Also stated the goal is to get the most revenue possible for the town.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-045 as presented made by Councilor O'Connell, seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)

Motion passes.

Councilor Thompson asked if the contract will come back to the council to review? Town Attorney Griffin stated that unless asked by the Council to review that the Town Manager will handle the contract.

4. **Council Order 2025-046: Transfer of Free Cash for Night Before the 4th Celebrations**

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-046 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order, which was the transfer of funds to be used in the Night Before the Fourth Celebration.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-049 as presented made by Councilor Huff-Larmond, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 (Absent Egan and Burgess)

Motion passes.

8. Council Order 2025-050: Transfer of General Fund Free Cash For Invoices Related to the North Randolph Elementary School Project

Town Manager Howard introduced Council Order 2025-050 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order and what the funds are going to be used for.

Councilor Brewer asked if there was any update from the building committee on the sewer and roof leak issues. He also asked if the special ed classroom walls were an omission by the architect? Town Manager Howard stated that even if it was, the town would be responsible for this.

Town Attorney Griffin gave a quick description of the possible remedies for the building.

Motion to approve Council Order 2025-050 as presented made by Councilor O'Connell, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Absent during vote: Huff-Larmond; Absent: Burgess & Egan)

Motion passes.

9. Council Order 2025-051: Council Order Concerning List Of Inspectors and Adjusters Relating to Blasting

Councilor Gordon introduced Council Order 2025-051 and provided additional information regarding the purpose of this Council Order which is to provide residents a list of insurance adjusters who handle blasting claims.

Town Attorney Griffin stated that the town can maintain a list of adjusters for residents who feel they are affected by blasting. The town cannot take much action on blasting but we are willing to create a list of adjusters for residents. Please keep in mind that this list will not be vetted by the town, we will not check qualifications and/or make any guarantees on their work and anyone who wants to be on the list will be included.

Motion to amend Council Order 2025-051 to remove "prior to blasting" in the fifth paragraph, add "and who provides those services in the Town of Randolph," in the last paragraph and add "without any responsibility not funding for the resulting services" Motion fails for lack of second.

Councilor Thompson asked if there is a geographic limit on the location. Councilor Gordon states that the radius that state law deems is small but residents who feel they suffered damage can do their own research. This order will provide them with information to conduct their own studies and make further decisions.

Councilor Huff-Larmond asked what is the process for us to enlarge the radius. Town Attorney Griffin mentioned that this is state regulated. Councilor Huff-Larmond wants this order to be clear that the town will not be limiting who they add to the list.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0 (Absent: Burgess)
Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.