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**Regular Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2024,**

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2024, 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., Mary Lou G. Spiggle, Nathan Simpson, Claudia Puckette, and Timothy W. Garrett

Members absent: None.

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Rob Fowler, Interim Town Manager, Cindy Miller, Deputy Town Clerk, Sheriff Robert Richardson, and McKinley Cardwell.

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Reverend Duck led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Conner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Honorable Sheriff Robert Richardson presented the Town Council with his quarterly update. The Sheriff agreed that no parking sign on Church St should remain since they have helped with congestion. The Sheriff requested that an updated MOU be presented to the Sheriff's Department.

Public Hearing:

**PUBLIC NOTICE – TOWN OF APPOMATTOX**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that at its meeting to be held on December 09, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Meeting Room, Appomattox Town Office, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia, the Appomattox Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding an ordinance to impose a fee of \$50.00 for passing bad checks to the town in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-106, and thereafter will consider such ordinance for passage. The entire text of the proposed ordinance 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.

Mayor Conner closed the public hearings.

Citizen Comment: McKinley Cardwell spoke to Council in preparation of taking his seat on council and his appreciation of Council's help during his election.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda-December 9, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda for November 12, 2024, Regular Council meeting, Special Called meeting November 20, 2024, and November 26, 2024, Workshop meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the Council voted to adopt an Ordinance to Amend Sec. 2-295. Fee for passing bad checks to the town.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the Town of Appomattox, Part II, entitled Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, entitled Administration, Article III, entitled Officers and Employees, Division 6, entitled Town Treasurer, to add a new section imposing a fee for passing bad checks to the town.

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

Section 1. Part II, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 6 of the Code of the Town of Appomattox is hereby amended to add a new section following Sec. 2-294, to be known as Sec. 2-295 as follows:

Sec. 2-295. Fee for passing bad checks to the town.

There is hereby established a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the writing, uttering, publishing, or passing to the town of any check or draft for payment of taxes or any other sums due the town, which check or draft is subsequently returned for insufficient funds or because there is no account or the account has been closed. This fee shall be imposed on the person on whose account such check or draft was delivered to the town.

(Ord. of December 09, 2024)

State Law reference—Fee for passing bad checks to localities, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-106.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

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

Council Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee- none.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Bids for the Lee Grant Sidewalk project will be received and discuss at a Special called meeting on December 17, 2024.

Town Manager's Report:

Rob Fowler, Interim Town Manager, gave a verbal report.

- The school's transportation department has been notified of the upcoming Lee Grant project and will be invited to come to an upcoming meeting to review plans. Project may wait and take plan while school is out for the summer.
- HR consultant is working with compress to develop updated pay band and job descriptions. Information should be received in January to determine next steps.
- Camera systems are currently estimated to cost \$49000.00. We will need to review the estimates to see if this includes professional setup and cabling.
- Verbal ok received from the Council to buy new TVs with wall mounts for Council Chambers.
- ADA minimum improvement needs to be an ADA bathroom. Rob stated he will consult with contractors for estimates.
- The pothole at History Junction Plaza has been determined to be the responsibility of the Super 8 Hotel.

Council Comments

Mrs. Allen- none

Mr. Boyce- Waste-Co's trash trucks are leaking hydraulic fluid on the roads.

Mr. Garrett- none

Mr. Simpson-

- Provided an update on the efforts of the Appomattox Centennial Commission committee.
- Requested Mr. Garrett assist him with contacts to make a Centennial bell for the Town of Appomattox
- Asked for the Physical Development committee to assist with completing the project with the installation of Camera's for the Town of Appomattox facilities.

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- Gave an update on issues with providing high speed internet to the citizens of the Town of Appomattox
- Ask the Council to remember why you are here. Remember this is a job we chose to do.

7:37 p.m. Mrs. Puckette stepped out.

Mrs. Spiggle- She wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Puckette- Discuss an experience with a loose dog on Ferguson St. Mrs. Puckette asked that the Town of Appomattox investigate adding an Ordinance for a Leash Law.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mrs. Puckette, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Council voted to adjourn at 7:57 pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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Cindy Miller  
Deputy Town Clerk

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Richard C. Conner  
Mayor