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Workshop Meeting
January 28, 2025**

The Appomattox Town Council held a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Town Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Conner presiding.

Members present: Jane T. Allen, James J. Boyce, Sr., Timothy W. Garrett, Mary Lou Spiggle, and McKinley Cardwell

Absent: Nathan Simpson.

Others present: Carlton Duck; Alive Media, Michael Campbell, Town Manager, Rob Fowler, Director of Community Development & Planning; Cindy Miller Deputy Town Clerk, Kim Ray, Treasurer, Kia Scott, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, Willis Voisine, Appomattox Animal Control Officer, Boy Scout Troup 1709, and Ben Records.

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

DISCUSSION #1:

Consideration to adopt a Leash Law for the Town of Appomattox- Guest Speaker Willis Voisine Animal Control Officer.

An open discussion was held on the pros and cons of having a leash law in the Town of Appomattox. The council stated they did not want to overwhelm the County staff but wanted to know if a leash law would help Animal Control. Currently the Town of Appomattox has a Code to cover Dangerous animals Sec 6-3 and Keeping Dogs Sec.6-4.

DISCUSSION #2:

Consideration to adopt a Property Maintenance Code- Guest Speaker Jeff Brown with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

An open discussion was held with Jeff Brown on the processes involved with having a maintenance code. Power point and hand out were provided and are on file. A sample Ordinance was provided.

Conner stepped in at 7:04 pm and presented the remainder of the agenda.

DISCUSSION #3:

Mr. Garrett presented a proposal by alive Media to conduct five programs including professional interviews of the Town Manager, Recent Renovations, Fire, EMS and Sherriff departments, Infrastructure Upgrades, and the Renovations of the Depot.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to allow Alive Media to produce five series of programs at the cost of \$3,500.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Allen- yes, Garrett-yes, Boyce-yes, Cardwell-yes, Spiggle-yes, Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Planning-none

Physical Development-Mr. Garrett stated the primary paint job of the depot is complete and was under budget.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mrs. Ray, Treasurer, gave the following updates.

- A financial status report was provided and reviewed.
- A Budget meeting schedule has been included in your packet.
- W2s, 1099 and Grant statements have been sent out.
- Budget Amendment information will be presented soon.

Michael Campbell, Town Manager

- Financial status was reviewed.
- We will be able to keep budget amendments to a minimum.
- I have been meeting with staff and making progress.

Rob Fowler-Zoning

Mr. Fowler referred to the Public Works report and stated if you have any questions, please let Michael know.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Allen- none

Boyce-none

Cardwell- Recommended he would like staff to look at having a Cyber Security policy, if needed.

Garrett- none

Spiggle-none

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to adjourn at 7:40 pm. All council members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy Miller
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor