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Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2025

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Conner, presiding.

Members present: James J. Boyce, Sr., Mary Lou G. Spiggle, Nathan Simpson, McKinley Cardwell, and Timothy W. Garrett

Members absent: None.

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media, Cindy Miller, Deputy Town Clerk, Michael Campbell, Town Manager, Kim Ray, Treasurer, Kelly Childress and Rob Havers with the American Civil War Museum, Chad Hodges and Bif Johnson with Hurt & Profit.

Mayor Richard Conner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Richard Conner asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Cardwell, the Council voted to accept the agenda as written. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing: Mayor Conner opened the public hearing by reading the purpose:

The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

Sec. 32-173. Penalty and towing for violations.

Any person violating the provisions of Chapter 32. Article III, Division 3 of the Code, shall be fined \$50.00 except to the extent otherwise specified in a particular section, and any vehicle violating such provisions shall be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.

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There were no public comments made or received during the public comment period.

Mayor Conner closed the public hearing.

Mayor's Comments:

The Mayor stated with Spring, hope is eternal. The Mayor stated he appreciated the efforts to bring our team together here at the Town of Appomattox.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda; March 10, 2025, Regular Council meeting, and March 24, 2025, Workshop meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Schedule for Public Appearance

Rob Havers spoke on behalf of the American Civil War Museum and requested support from the Town Council for their outreach efforts. Mr. Havers introduced Kelly Childress, Site Director. Requested funding for local events was \$2500.

Citizen Comments: none

Unfinished Business:

Consideration to Advertise for Councilman opening.

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to advertise the Interim Councilman position via Facebook and word of mouth. With candidates wishing to run for the position to be on the November ballot. All members of Council voted aye. Motion carried 5/0.

Consideration to Advertise the FY 26 Budget for Public Hearing

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Council voted to table the consideration to advertise the FY 26 Budget until the Council Retreat on Friday April 18, 2025. All members of Council voted aye. Motion carried 5/0.

New Business:

Consideration to adopt Sec. 32-173 Penalty and towing for violations Ordinance for fines of \$50 per violation.

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Cardwell, the Council voted to adopt Sec 32-173 as presented. All members of council voted aye. Motion carried 5/0.

Closed Session:

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2.3711(A)6, for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the Investment of public funds where competition and bargaining is invoiced, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, Economic Prospect A.

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

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Council member Mr. Boyce made the following motion:

To the best of each member's knowledge, the only subjects just discussed or considered in the preceding closed meeting were those: (i) lawfully exempted from the FOIA Act's open-meeting requirements and (ii) properly identified in the motion that convened the closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2.371(A)6.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Ms. Spiggle and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

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

On a motion by Mr. Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to adopt the resolution to Authorizing the Town Manager to serve as the Town's Lead Negotiator for regional water and sanitary sewer infrastructure partnerships and to engage specialized legal counsel. All members present voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SERVE AS THE TOWN'S
LEAD NEGOTIATOR FOR REGIONAL WATER AND SANITARY SEWER
INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AND TO ENGAGE SPECIALIZED LEGAL
COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Town of Appomattox is evaluating opportunities to expand and sustain its water and sanitary sewer utility infrastructure to meet the demands of current residents and support future growth; and

WHEREAS, cooperative planning and negotiation with regional partners such as Appomattox County, Campbell County, and the Campbell County Utilities and Service Authority (CCUSA) may yield mutually beneficial outcomes in areas including cost-sharing, infrastructure development, and utility service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Town may also need to engage with other localities, private developers, and engineering firms as part of its broader effort to modernize its utility infrastructure and secure long-term solutions that promote economic development and maintain high service standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town is also exploring the potential acquisition and assumption of ownership of the water utility currently owned and operated by Appomattox County, to ensure long-term local control, enhanced service delivery, and financial sustainability for Town residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of securing expert legal counsel to navigate complex contract negotiations and public utility agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA:

1. Authority to Negotiate – The Town Manager, Michael Campbell, is hereby authorized and empowered to serve as the sole official representative and lead negotiator for the Town in all discussions and partnership development efforts relating to water and sanitary sewer infrastructure with:
 - The Appomattox County and Campbell County Boards of Supervisors and their respective County Administrators;
 - The Campbell County Utilities and Service Authority (CCUSA);
 - Other localities, developers, engineering firms, and relevant stakeholders.
2. Engagement of Legal Counsel – The Town Manager is further authorized to retain outside legal counsel, specializing in contract law, public utility law, and intergovernmental agreements, to support these efforts and protect the Town’s legal and financial interests throughout the negotiation process.
3. Reporting Requirement – The Town Manager shall keep the Town Council informed of material developments and present any proposed binding agreements for Council approval before execution.
4. Effective Date – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of April 2025.

Attest:

Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Mayor
Town of Appomattox, Virginia

Council Standing Committee Reports:

Physical Development Committee- none

Finance & Planning Committee- none

The Centennial Commission- Mr. Simpson stated that the committee will meet soon to finalize the June event.

Town Manager's Report:

Playground will be completed soon with a ribbon cutting ceremony to follow.

Council Comments

Ms. Spiggle-none

Mr. Simpson-Opened a discussion about where to house the Lambda equipment and discussed the possibility of housing it at the Appomattox Co High School. Mr. Garrett and Mr. Simpson will plan to discuss this with the school.

Mr. Garrett-none

Mr. Cardwell-The 160th Civil War celebration was wonderful. Mr. Cardwell stated a student from our area was an essay winner for Region 4 VML and we will plan to have VML present her with an award at our next meeting.

Mr. Boyce-none

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:22 pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy Miller
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor