

1 | **Appomattox Town Council**
Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting
March 24, 2026

The Appomattox Town Council held a budget workshop meeting on Monday, March 24, 2026, in the Town of Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Richard Conner, presiding.

Members present: Mayor Richard Conner, Vice-Mayor Timothy W. Garrett, Council Member James J. Boyce, Sr., Council Member Mary Lou G. Spiggle, Council Member Danielle Ulmer, Council Member McKinley Cardwell, and Council Member Jack Hensley.

Members absent: Council Member Jack Hensley

Others: Dianne Tanner, Deputy Town Clerk; Michael Campbell, Town Manager; Kimberley Ray, Treasurer, and Brooke Moore, Deputy Treasurer.

Mayor Richard Conner called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

The Town Treasurer, Kimberley Ray, and Deputy Town Treasurer, Brooke Moore, gave a budget session presentation, which budget spreadsheet handouts appear as part of these meeting minutes for reference.

Ms. Ray discussed the highlighted parts of the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget: page 7 the line item for marketing; page 11 the line item for community donations; page 15 proposed new department that combine fire and police under new heading "Emergency Services"; page 9 the reclassification of litter and garbage into Public Works heading.

Ms. Ray led a discussion on the line items for water and sewer with Council and the proposal of the idea of combining water and sewer line items. The Town Manager, Michael Campbell, explained his proposal. The bookkeeping would require a lot of set up, with water and sewer treated as separate independent units for a cleaner audit. Davenport had expressed that it is common for smaller localities to combine water and sewer in their budgeting. The negative that was also expressed was the USDA general bond obligation for sewer. This is a revenue bond with a 40-year term. As far as compliance the auditor would be able to see separate funds and the proposal would need further discussion with auditors, with the Town Manager to engage as part of that conversation.

Town Council members asked questions regarding the Excel spreadsheet of GL Departments (Public Safety vs. Emergency Services), if any grants would be impacted by the reclassifications, and about the USDA grant. The Town Manager, Michael Campbell, expressed that his door is always open for members of Town Council to come and discuss any items, but that he was requesting that Town Council proceed with the consolidation process. Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle provided the thought that Boards do the same thing, and it has been successful.

The Town Manager expressed his gratitude to the Finance Department for all of their hard work during this budget process and said that the real estate and business taxes would be up for discussion as part of the budgeting process and that the Town's economic development was doing well.

2 | **Appomattox Town Council**
Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting
March 24, 2026

The Town Council Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. for the beginning of the Town Council workshop meeting.

Dianne Tanner
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor