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Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2026

The Appomattox Town Council held a regular Council meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, in 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 McKinley Cardwell, and Council Member Jack Hensley.

Members absent: Council Member Danielle Ulmer

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Dianne Tanner, Deputy Town Clerk; and Michael Campbell, Town Manager, and Gary Elder, Town Attorney.

Mayor Richard 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's Comments:

Well, another season is upon us. A season of refreshment. We have a new class of graduates from Appomattox County High School. I'm hoping that we as a Council can do what is necessary to have them enrich our own community as much as they go out and enrich the rest of the world. I think the efforts we make here tonight and at every meeting are towards that goal so that we are able to keep those young people here and keep our community growing.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mayor Richard Conner asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda.

On a motion by Council Member McKinley Cardwell, seconded by Vice Mayor Timothy Garrett, the Council voted to accept the agenda as written, with a voice vote called and all members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Richard Conner opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment concerning the proposed disposition of certain Town-owned real property commonly known as the Garment Factory property to Jamerson Real Estate, Inc. There was no one present to speak on this item. The Town Manager, Michael Campbell, addressed Town Council to explain the background of this item. A motion was made by Councilmember James Boyce, Sr. to approve the transfer of the Garment Factory to Jamerson Real Estate, Inc., seconded by Vice Mayor Timothy Garrett, and a ROLL CALL VOTE was called: Spiggle-aye; Cardwell-aye; Boyce-aye; Hensley-aye; and Garrett-aye; Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mayor Richard Conner announced the new business item listed in the Agenda, the consideration of a Resolution adopting or allowing for the voluntary Town participation in the Share the Air Program. Council Member McKinley Cardwell spoke in favor of participation in the Share the Air Program and his proposed Resolution. Vice Mayor Timothy Garrett, Council Member Jack Hensley, Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle, and James Boyce, Sr. spoke against the proposed Resolution. Council Member McKinley Cardwell made a Motion to approve the Resolution for the Town to participate in the Share the Air program. There was no second to the Motion and the Motion died with the lack of a second. A Motion to Deny the Resolution was presented by James Boyce, Sr., seconded by Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle, and a ROLL CALL vote was called by the mayor: Spiggle-aye, Hensley-aye, Cardwell-no, Boyce-aye, and Garrett-aye. Motion to Deny carried 4-1.

Standing Committee Reports:

Mayor Richard Conner asked if there were any standing committee reports and if there were any updates on the Town Picnic. Deputy Town Clerk, Dianne Tanner, updated Town Council on the progress of the Town Picnic plans.

Citizen Comment:

Mayor Richard Conner asked if anyone was present for citizen comment. There were no citizens present for comment.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, Michael Campbell: I have a few things. Our Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs. Tanner is coordinating some light décor to make sure that the Town is showing our support for the 250th anniversary of the United States. We haven't spent a bunch of money or anything like that, but we will have Town Hall decorated a little bit so that everyone knows we are involved in that. I know Councilor Ulmer is not here, but I'm sure that she would be happy to hear that I have discussed this with you all, even though she couldn't be here tonight. She has approached staff some time back about Hometown Heroes. I don't know if any of you are familiar with the Hometown Heroes Program, but it's essentially banners on the lamp posts for vets. The program is basically paid for by and sponsored by their families, loved ones, or it could be anyone really. It just tends to be revenue neutral. It's just a little work for the Public Works guys, but I have run it by them, and they seem to have bandwidth and they're more than willing to do it. So, what I'd ask informally is, on behalf of Councilor Ulmer, would Council like for me to bring back a program for you to decide if this is something the Town would want to pursue?

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Council Member McKinley Cardwell: Yes, and I would like to co-sponsor it with Danielle, because I know she put in a whole lot of work prior to this and thinking about this concept and I said you should absolutely go for it. So, to find a program that actually does that is great.

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: And, if I am not mistaken, Lynchburg City does this?

Town Manager, Michael Campbell: Farmville also does it.

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: And they've been doing it for a while up and down Langhorne Road and...

Town Manager, Michael Campbell: And we have done it at the other localities I've worked at, we participated.

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: It's just small flags with the person's, the individual's picture on it, and I am all for it.

Town Manager, Michael Campbell: So, I will create a program that's in line with the standard Hometown Heroes Program and we'll probably have a sponsorship from Councilor Ulmer and Councilor Cardwell. I'll bring that back to you...I should...there's no reason...I can't see why I can't. We'll bring it back in a workshop to discuss how we want it to work, and then probably take action in July. Because it's not going to happen until next year for Memorial Day and we need time and you have to give people the opportunity to sign up, provide the pictures, and so on and so forth. So...

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: I mean, we have done a pretty good job during the Fourth of July putting flags on. They are small flags, on the lamp posts up and down Main Street I think. So, we can...we need to have that done again this year. I think we have them. We've just got to just get them hung. And, you know Experience Appomattox, they've got a big contest going on with everybody's glass front. All of the businesses to decorate for the Fourth of July. It's a contest to see who does the best job, and they're handling that. I think that's neat. I think we might have done that last year.

Mayor Richard Conner: In most of the locales you have identified, are they strictly for veterans?

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: No.

Mayor Richard Conner: Or, do we want to include some of our hometown heroes such as firefighters, members of our rescue squad that have been instrumental or performed heroic acts for the citizens?

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: I don't think it's just about veterans, which is worthy, but hometown heroes it's like...they have hospital personnel

Town Manager, Michael Campbell:

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Council Comments:

Mayor Richard Conner: Mr. Hensley?

Council Member Jack Hensley: No.

Mayor Richard Conner: Ms. Spiggle?

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: None.

Mayor Richard Conner: Mr. Boyce?

Council Member James J. Boyce, Jr.: No sir.

Mayor Richard Conner: Mr. Cardwell?

Council Member McKinley Cardwell: Everyone keeping doing a great job.

Mayor Richard Conner: Any other business to come before the Council at this time?

Adjournment:

On a motion by Council Member James J. Boyce, Sr., seconded by Council Member Jack Hensley, the Council voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dianne Tanner
Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor