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Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 2025

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, July 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, Jack Hensley, and Timothy W. Garrett

Members absent: None. Mayor Conner arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Others: Carlton Duck, Alive Media; Christy Torrence, Office Manager; Michael Campbell, Town Manager; David Carter, Director of Utilities; Frank Wright, Town Attorney; Kathy Wright, Attorney Gentry Locke; Bonnie Cunningham; Derreke High

Vice Mayor Timothy Garrett 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.

Approval of the Agenda: Vice Mayor Timothy Garrett asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to accept the agenda as written. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Conner entered at 6:36 p.m.

Scheduled Public Appearance: none

Citizen Comment:

Bonnie Cunningham-203 Sunrise St: There is a drainage problem. The land above her house is being sold and removing the trees will drown them out. She is requesting that the town require the builder to correct the drainage issue.

Derreke High-582 Oakleigh Ave: Came to speak at Bonnie Cunningham's request. He is selling the land behind his house and developing the land could potentially cause more problems for Bonnie and her neighbors.

Mayor's Comments: We will do our best to address the problem as the town is allowed.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Council voted to adopt the consent agenda; June 9, 2025, Regular Council meeting, June 24, 2025, Workshop meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Master Utility Plan Case Presentation

On a motion by Mr. Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to approve the Master Utility Plan to allocate \$200,000 from the water and sewer funds for the professional services requested.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cardwell-yes, Boyce-yes, Garrett-yes, Hensley-yes, Simpson-yes, Spiggle-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration to approve the Board of Director's as presented for the Rose Project

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to approve the Board of Directors as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration to adopt a Resolution for participation in the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool

Mr. Campbell informed Council that all the Town's cash funds are in CDs, Money Market accounts, or the checking account. The large balance in the general fund collects around \$35.00 per month in interest. At this time, participating in the pool would earn 4.5%.

Mr. Simpson stated that this is the best available thing we can do with our money. He gave Mr. Campbell credit saying, "This is a Michael Campbell win."

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to approve adoption of the resolution as presented.

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

Consideration as stated documents in reference to County Water Facilities

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to accept the water system from the County as soon as possible and to give Michael Campbell full authority to execute the agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration to adopt The Linden Cooperative MOU

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, the Council voted to approve the Linden Cooperative MOU. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration to participate in the Middle James Regional Water Supply Plan

On a motion by Mr. Cardwell, seconded by Mr. Boyce, the Council voted to approve participation in the Middle James Regional Water Supply Plan.

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

Town Manager's Report: Mr. Campbell stated that we are moving along with the hiring process for the Deputy Clerk and the HR position. We have received 184 applications for clerk and 73 for the HR position. Don Marr has committed to having the prescreening for the clerk position complete by the end of the week and upon completion, will move straight into prescreening for the HR position.

Council Comments

Cardwell-none

Boyce-Thank you Council for the unity shown tonight.

Ms. Spiggle-Thanked Christy Torrence for stepping up in the role of Deputy Clerk.

Mr. Garrett-none

Simpson-Being told that dirt bikes and mini bikes are being driven on our new paved path at the park. Would like to see a sign or something put up to try to stop this.

The Railroad Festival has county representation. Would love to see town representation if a town council member is willing.

Hensley-none

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Adjournment:

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

Christy Torrence
Interim, Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner
Mayor