

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

525 North Main Street, Chase City VA 23924

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alden Fahringer at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer
Council Member Brenda Hatcher
Vice-Mayor James Bohannon
Council Member Marshall Whitaker
Council Member Pauline Keeton
Council Member Latrisha McCargo
Town Manager Dusty Forbes

ABSENT

Council Member Michelle Wilson

Invocation

Mayor Fahringer led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Citizen's Recognition

Mayor Fahringer asked for public comments. Mr. James Borowski of 430 Walker Street, Chase City, VA 23924, asked about the progress of demolition of the building located at 333 Walker Street, Chase City, VA 23924. Town Manager Forbes responded that the notice has been ran in the paper about it being demolished, the items inside the building will need to be removed and hopefully, it will be completed by July 2025. The site will be clean when the job is completed.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to accept the consent agenda as presented. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

1. The minutes from January 13, 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Old Business

2. Discussion of the Lee Building. Town Manager Forbes informed the council that the YMCA cannot purchase the building due to budget obligations. Mr. Edwin Gaskin is still interested in purchasing the building for \$1.00 to turn it into an apartment building. Mayor Fahringer agreed to sell it for \$1.00 to Mr. Gaskin as it would bring in tax revenue resulting in short term as well as long term gain and it's time a decision be made on this property. Vice-Mayor James Bohannon does not agree to sell it for \$1.00 to Mr. Gaskin as we need to look for a reasonable offer. Council Member

Keeton asked if the town could afford to keep it and if there are any other takers that may want it. The town needs to think about the future and the revenue that could be brought in. Council Member McCargo stressed that the town is not currently receiving any revenue from this property and it's time to move forward. A nonprofit organization will not contribute any revenue in the future. Council Member Whitaker asked if the fire department would get the parking lot and the rest of the lot would go with the building.

Motion made by Council Member McCargo to sell the Lee Building to Mr. Edwin \$1.00, it was seconded by Council Member Keeton. Voting Yea: Council Member McCargo, Council Member Keeton. Voting No: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Whitaker, Vice-Mayor Bohannon. The motion did not pass by a 3-1 vote.

3. Tim Webb the Business Development Director from Meridian Waste spoke on taking over the commercial dumpster service from the town. Mr. Webb stated that Meridian did not want to purchase the truck from the town as it would cost approximately \$60,000 to repair the truck. As for the cans, some were older and some were newer and many are in need of repair. Meridian offered to pay the town \$20,500 for the cans. The cost to the businesses would be the same as the town currently charges, except for the businesses that only need service once a year. Vice-Mayor Bohannon asked if Meridian would have the same schedule as the town currently has. Mr. Webb said, yes the schedule would be the same on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and call ins within 24 hours of calling in.

Motion made by Council Member McCargo to sell the business to Meridian, it was seconded by Council Member Keeton. Voting Yea: Council Member McCargo, Council Member Keeton, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Hatcher. The motion was passed.

New Business

3. Bills Paid in the Month of January 2025

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the bills paid for January 2025. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

4. Report to Council/Operating Budget January 2025

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the January 2025 report to council. It was seconded by Council Member Whitaker.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

5. The January 2025 charge off report submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the January 2025 charge off report as presented. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

6. The Chase City Police Department report for January 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the Police Department report for January 2025 as presented. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

Mayor Fahringer read through the report and thanked all the officers for all they do. He touched on the highlights of calls for assault and battery, credit card fraud and traffic stops for tires. Chief Jordan stated that his department has received an increase in calls for fraud including credit cards and welfare. The community watch program will begin in the coming months.

7. The public works report for January 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the public works report for January 2025 as presented. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

Mayor Fahringer read through the report and thanked Donnie and the crew for all they do and wished them well for the upcoming snow storm.

8. The Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report for January 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report for January 2025 as presented. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo.

Mayor Fahringer read through this report and thanked the fire fighters for all they do and that the stew was a great success. Council Member Whitaker expressed that the Fire Department and the Police Department work closely together. Marty Lewis stated that several members would be attending a confined space class in Clarksville. And to keep in mind that the burning law comes into effect from February 15th-April 30th.

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Fahringer commented that the fire department stew sold out with 501 quarts being sold and the coffee truck and BBQ truck were a great hit also. He expressed general appreciation for both the fire department and police department and is proud of them. He asked everyone to be safe tomorrow. Council Member Whitaker commented also that the fire department's stew was a great success. He also stated that the fire department would be getting upgrades

to a fire truck for a considerable savings compared to a new truck. As a new truck would cost 1.2 million and would take four years to receive. He thanked everyone for all of their hard work, especially Public Works and the garbage truck crew. Vice-Mayor Bohannon thanked citizens for attending the meeting tonight and that he would listen to all comments, as well as complaints and work hard for the residents. Council Member McCargo thanked the office staff, Manager, and the Public Works Department. Council Member Keeton stated that everyone is appreciated.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Forbes stated that he had attended a Southside Regional Housing Summit Meeting where those in attendance were from Mecklenburg, Halifax, and Brunswick Counties. Along with representatives from banks and Virginia Housing. The Rec League Baseball at the community park will be starting up soon. Weather delayed the Ogburn Street Repair. The mowers have been serviced for spring. The water line for the B Street project from Grace to Railroad has been installed by the town's Public Works department saving the town a considerable amount of money. The SCADA system repair has been completed. The shop employees replaced a motor in an unmarked police car saving the town approximately \$6,000. Town Manager Forbes also stated that he wanted to see the town grow and some council members wanted to live in the past, therefore he stated that he would be turning in his resignation.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Rhita M Burton, Clerk of Council