

# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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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 Pauline Keeton

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

### Invocation

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

### Citizen's Recognition

Andre Watkins came forth to express to the council that he is still interested in the Robert E Lee building. He discussed an economic plan for the economic development project for the city to bring night life entertainment like Laser tag, Art studios and meeting spaces for business and more.

Debra DeStantis approached the council members to update them on the new rec league, and how well this project is developing. Debra expressed her deepest gratitude to all the sponsors and all the support the town has given them. The opening day April 6th was a huge success with over 150 kids and 16 different teams. Debra ended by saying this was all her daughter Jenna idea and credits her for being the drive behind this project.

Derek Bowers who organizes basketball tournaments asked for volunteers for the concession stand.

### Consent Agenda

1. The minutes from the 04/14/2025 meeting submitted to the Town Council for approval.
2. The minutes from the closed session on 04/22/2025 submitted to council for approval.
3. The minutes from the special budget meeting on 04/29/25 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

4. The Town Council will vote to approve the appointment of the new Clerk of Council, Joy Vannozzi

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept Ms. Joy Vannozzi as a new Clerk of Council. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

5. Bills Paid in the Month of April 2025

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the bills paid in the Month of April 2025. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

6. Report to Council/Operating Budget April 2025

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bohannon to accept the April 2025 report to the council. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

7. The Charge Off report for April 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the April 2025 Charge off report to the council. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

8. The Chase City Police Department report for April 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the Police Department report for April 2025 to the council. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

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

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the Fire Department report for April 2025 to the council. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

10. The Public Work Department report for April 2025 submitted to the Town Council for approval

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the Public Work Department report for April 2025 to the council. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

11. Presentation of FY26 Budget

Budget Advertisement & Public Hearing

Item: Council authorization of the FY26 budget advertisement and public hearing schedule.

Discussion:

1. A synopsis of the budget must be published twice in the local newspaper.
2. A public hearing is required prior to a vote to adopt the annual budget. Notice of the intention to adopt the budget must be published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing, with 7 days elapsing between the advertisements.
3. A public hearing for the annual budget must be advertised for at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Recommendation:

1. The Town Council authorizes the Treasurer to advertise the proposed FY26 budget as a accepted.
2. The Town Council set a Public Hearing for the proposed FY26 budget for Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the FY26 budget advertisement and public hearing schedule to the council. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

12. Town Council needs to vote on an ordinance adopting title 46.2 and article two 18.2-266-18.2-273 from the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the ordinance adopting title 46.2 and article two 18.2-266-18.2-273 to the council. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

13. Approval for Treasurer to use Contingency funds

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the Treasurer to use Contingency funds to the council. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

### **Mayor/Council Comments**

Mayor Alden Fahringer stated it was a sad day to inform everyone that Pallet One is closing, thoughts and prayers to all the employees.

But there is hope upon the horizon. Mayor Alden Fahringer visited on May 7th the Micro Soft Tech building in South Boston, Where Micro Soft has partnered with **SCVV** to give you the opportunity to train for a new career. Mayor Alden Fahringer also stated, "Don't give up hope with growing support from Micro Soft and the community we will grow and thrive".

Mayor Alden Fahringer discussed the two events that took place over the weekend with the water main break and two of our town employees, one attacked by a dog, and another was the victim of a hit and run accident. Prayers and a healthy recovery to them and their families.

Mayor Alden Fahringer gave a heartfelt message to everyone not to give up hope. He believes that we will raise above these challenges.

Vice-Mayor Bohannon reminded everyone to come out the fly-In on May 24th, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Chase City Municipal Airport. Come to enjoy a free meal.

Council Member Larisha McCargo announced will be honoring the Public Service Worker, with a luncheon at the Estes Center, invites will be sent.

Council Member Brenda Hatcher welcomes new Town Council Clerk Joy Vannozzi to the town. Seconded by Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

### **Town Manager's Oral Report**

Town Manager Dusty Forbes opened with welcoming all the town people for coming a supporting the town.

Injuries - Town Manager informed every one of the one employee hit while flagging traffic and One employee bit by a Pit Bull while delivering Boil Water notices. Safety is our main concern and after discussing with the Virginia Department of health that we are not required to deliver notices house to house. We are still waiting for a written consent on this matter and going forward we will not be going door to door for water notices.

Town Manager Dusty Forbes recognized Tina Wood for the farmers Market success on grand opening day, on May 1. We had seven vendors, and everyone was happy with the support from that town.

Town Manager Dusty Forbes recognized Debra and Jenna DeStantis for all their hard work on the ballpark. Thank you for all the determination and all the volunteers and sponsors.

Town Manager Dusty Forbes recognized Derek Bowers for the Basketball Tournament that will be held on Father's Day . Thank you for all you time a energy that you have put into this.

Airport - announced that the town has received the approval from the Virginia Department of Aviation for the rehab to repair the apron and the runway at the Chase City airport. He a asked the council to consider renaming the airport, in honor of the late helicopter pilot Paul Jackson once the repairs our complete. Mr. Jackson gave so much to Chase City and this would be a great way to honor him.

Meetings attended recently - Virginia Brownfields Hopewell Board of Supervisors Streets and the Board of Supervisors.

Working with Water Sewer - Completed over the weekend issues with public works for the water main issues and also Water and Sewer worked this weekend to complete the repair on Fourth St and the service line for the new clinic meter for WWTP.

Microsoft and B and B for upgrades on the cooling water plant is still on going.

New Vehicle for Police Department - Police Dept received used K9 Tahoe from State Police surplus, which they can use for K9 unit.

As for the funding request Town Manager Dusty Forbes thanked everyone for their support for the funding

Rural Runway Grant Approved

Funding Request

Request \$34,000

\$20,000 from Dumpster payment

\$15,000 from Contingency

\$14000 for skid steer

\$10,700 for Ballpark fence

\$4700 for street vacuum

\$4500 for used John Deer 997 mower

Lastly Town Manager stated that they received a quote for the Sewer Camera from Carter Bank with a low interest rate of 4.49% fixed line of credit for 10 years.

Motion was accepted by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the funding for the Sewer Camera. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Brenda Hatcher, Vice-Mayor James Bohannon, Council Member Pauline Keeton, Council Member Latrisha McCargo.

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

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**Alden Fahringer, Mayor**

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**Joy Vannozzi, Clerk of Council**