

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

525 North Main Street, Chase City VA 23924

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Fahringer at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Michelle Wilson

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

ABSENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Urgent Meeting Items

Members of the Town Council will hear from members of the Uptown at the Lee group, regarding what changes they would like to see in the current lease agreement.

Mayor Fahringer started the meeting off by explaining to everyone that this meeting was called to meet with members of The Uptown at the Lee Group and see which items, on the lease they were given, need to be changed or negotiated. He went on to say that Richie Richards had let him know that no one from The Uptown at the Lee Group would be able to attend. The Mayor went on to explain that the group had the lease for quite some time and had not signed it or made a counter offer. He said he did not receive an alternative date to meet from them either. After bringing everyone up to date on the current situation, Fahringer opened the floor for council comments and thoughts on moving forward.

Council Member Wilson spoke saying there needs to be a time limit on how much longer the town will wait on The Uptown at the Lee Group to sign the lease.

Council Member Whitaker said their attorney may be sick but that they had been in possession of the lease for quite some time. He went on to say that he doesn't want anyone to say that the Town Council has not given them a fair chance, but they need to communicate with us (the Council). He said, again, that he wants everyone to give them a fair chance, but he does not want a run around. He said with the holidays coming he wants to make sure they have enough time, so he suggested a November 27, 2023 deadline.

Member Bohannon agreed saying we have to have a date set. They (The Uptown at the Lee Group) need to mark out what they do not agree with on the lease and give it back to us.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon that The Uptown at the Lee Group has until Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to present Council with a signed lease or a revised lease. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo. Mayor Fahringer called for a roll call vote:

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon - Yea
Council Member Marshall Whitaker - Yea
Council Member Brenda Hatcher - Yea
Council Member Pauline Keeton - Yea
Council Member Michelle Wilson - Yea
Council Member Latrisha McCargo - Yea

Motion made by Council Member Keeton that if The Town Council does not receive a signed lease or counteroffer by Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. then the agreement with the Uptown at the Lee Group will be null and void and the building can be purchased by another buyer. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

Members of the Town Council were questioned as to how the meetings were advertised. The Mayor explained that this meeting was advertised in the newspaper, as required. Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council was questioned by Council Member Wilson if the meetings could be displayed on the sign at the Pavilion. Mayor Fahringer also asked Mrs. Pafford if it was advertised on the town Facebook page. Pafford answered back that they were not advertised on the sign or Facebook but moving forward she would make sure they get displayed in those locations.

Mayor Fahringer said he would notify members of the Uptown at the Lee group of the Town Council's decisions via email.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council