

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

319 North Main Street, Chase City, VA 23924

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MINUTES

Invocation

Invocation was given by Mayor Fahringer.

PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member BJ Mull

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

ABSENT

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Call to Order

Mayor Fahringer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Citizen's Recognition

Yvette Wilmore, 623 Endly Street, stated that she hasn't been living in Chase City very long but that she has seen great improvements in Town and that the Town is looking really good. She said she just wanted to come out and let everyone know.

Madeline Arrington, 561 North Washington Street, asked about the stuff lined up outside of 555 Endly Street. She stated that Endly Street is looking good and 555 Endly is an eyesore. Town Manager Forbes told Ms. Arrington that the Town would send a letter to the owner about the property.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Keeton, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

1. RCM May 10, 2021
2. SCM Minutes 06/03/2021
3. Bills Paid in the Month of May 2021

4. Report to Council/Operating Budget May 2021
5. Charge Offs May 2021
6. Public Works Report May 2021
7. CCPD May 2021
8. CCVFD May 2021 Report

Old Business

9. Approve as a second reading and adopt the changes to Section 4-2-3 (b)

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher to approve as a second reading the changes to Code Section 4-2-3 Sidewalks.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Brenda Hatcher to adopt the changes to Code Section 4-2-3 Sidewalks.

Sec 4-2-3- (b)

Failure to comply with a notice to remove debris, trash, junk and litter from a property within seven days of notification will constitute a violation of this section. The town manager shall be authorized to remove such material from a property and bill the property owner for the expense of such. Failure to pay for the removal of above material within 15 days of notification will constitute a lien against the property for the amount so billed.

10. Adopt FY22 Budget

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher to adopt the FY22 budget as presented.

Voting Yea: Town Manager Forbes, Mayor Fahringer, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

General Fund \$2396,764.00
Water Fund \$572,100.00
Sewer Fund \$368,000.00
Sewer Escrow Fund \$122,000.00
Wastewater/Rural Development \$73,488.00
Cemetery Fund \$23,140.00
Endly Street Project Fund \$262,450.00
Allen Gregory Fund \$68,250.00
Total \$3,886,192.00

11. Alleyway Abandonment

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher to set the alleyway abandonment of property beside 124 Virginia Avenue and property on Oakwood Avenue beside property owned by Michael and Rebecca White for a joint public hearing on July 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

New Business

12. Sec 4-1-11 Sidewalk Obstruction Ordinance Update

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Mull to approve as a first reading to Code Section 4-1-11 Sidewalks the following changes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

Sec. 4-1-11. - Obstructions—Generally.

No person shall obstruct or block any street or sidewalk in the town.

Businesses may display no more than 3 items in front of the property. The displayed items must be abutted to the building. Sidewalks are to remain unobstructed to pedestrian traffic at all times.

Any business that wants to place tables and chairs in front of the business must obtain a special permit from the town manager.

No person shall conduct any public meeting or deliver an address on or near any street or sidewalk of the town which may cause congregation on the sidewalk or street without first obtaining a permit from the Town Manager.

13. Planning Commission Procedures

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Keeton to approve the changes to the procedures for rezoning applications and conditional use permits.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

Planning Commission Procedures

1. Upon receipt of an application for rezoning or a conditional use permit, Council will forward the matter to the Planning Commission for review.
2. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation and ask Council to set a public hearing date.
3. Council will set the matter for public hearing.

4. At the public hearing, council will immediately vote on the matter if there are no objections. If citizen concerns or objection are raised during the public hearing, the matter will be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review.

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Fahringer let everyone know that the meeting agenda is available on the Town website for everyone to have access. He gave highlights of the Public Works, CCPD and CCVFD and commended them all for their hard work. He also reminded everyone that Bike Safety Day will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2021.

Council Member Wilson asked about changing the time of the meeting. She stated that she has spoken with several of the regular attendees and they are fine with moving to an earlier time. Town Manager Forbes stated that sending out a survey is not feasible because of the cost. He suggested that a Facebook poll be done around the beginning of July to have results at the next meeting. Council Member Mull agreed with the survey on Facebook and he also suggested placing the survey in the newspaper.

Council Member Whitaker asked if the airport lights have been repaired. Public Works Superintendent Jim Wilson replied that the lights are working now. Council Member Whitaker asked Chief Jordan if the police officers patrolled the airport daily. Chief Jordan replied that they did not patrol daily at the airport. Council Member Whitaker then asked Chief Jordan if people are allowed to ride mini bikes on the street. Chief Jordan stated if they are caught riding on the streets or sidewalks they will be cited. Council Member Whitaker then asked what can be done about all the street lights out in town. Public Works Superintendent Jim Wilson stated that citizens can call and report the pole number to Dominion or they can call the Town Shop with the pole number and we will call in to the Dominion. Chief Jordan stated that he will ask the officers to stop and take down the pole number if they see a light out in Town. Council Member Whitaker then asked what the rules about semi-truck parking in Town. Town Manger Forbes indicated that these trucks should not be parked in residential areas.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Forbes said he was glad to see everyone. Chief Jordan stated that Community Watch will resume in September. Town Manger Forbes told everyone that he met with Sergeant Will Stenbridge concerning National Night Out. National Night Out will now be held in each Town in August. This event is now in the planning stage.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Tonya M. Duffer, Clerk of Council