

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM

319 North Main Street, Chase City, VA 23924

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MINUTES

Invocation

Mayor Fahringer gave the invocation.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fahringer at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

ABSENT

Council Member BJ Mull

Citizen's Recognition

Coach Harry John - 1259 Old Sudan Road, Clarksville, Head Football Coach, Bluestone High School, stated that the school was in need of about 20 -25 more kids to play football this year. He asked do we know anyone that can help transport the kids to and from practice or conditioning. He also told everyone that Sentara was offering free sports physicals.

Queena Smith, 2 businesses in town, stated that the town is looking much better. She also stated that the town needs to allow business owners to market their business using the town sidewalks.

Consent Agenda

Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher. Voting Yea: T Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

1. RCM June 14, 2021
2. SCM June 28, 2021
3. Bills Paid in the Month of June 2021
4. Report to Council/Operating Budget June 2021

5. Charge Offs June 2021
6. CCVFD June 2021 Report
7. PW Report June 2021

Old Business

8. Sidewalk Obstruction Ordinance Update

Motion to approve as a second reading the changes made to the sidewalk ordinance as presented was made by Council Member Hatcher, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohannon. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

Motion to adopt the changes made to the sidewalk ordinance as presented was made by Council Member Hatcher, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohannon. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, 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.

New Business

9. Adopt new election law ordinance

Motion to adopt an ordinance pertaining to the new election laws was made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohannon. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chase City, Virginia:

1. That Section 4 Paragraph 3 of the Code of the Town of Chase City, Virginia, election and terms of members of the Council of the Town of Chase City, Virginia is hereby amended and re-ordained as follows:

Town Government; generally

Section 4

Paragraph 3

Except as set forth herein, the mayor and members of the town council shall be elected as provided in the Town Charter. Notwithstanding any provision of the Town Charter to the contrary for any election held after January 1, 2022, elections of the mayor and members of the town council shall be held at the time of the general election for terms to commence on January 1. The inaugural meeting of a newly elected council, as set forth in § 4-3 of the Town Charter, shall take place on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the town council in the month of January following the November election.

No term of a mayor or a member of council shall be shortened in implementing this change to the November election date. The mayor and members of the town council who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are set to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors' terms commence on the January 1 following their election at the November general election.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2021.

10. Update and approval for ARPA funds purchases

Motion to approve ARPA expenditures as presented was made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Seconded by Council Member Keeton. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

Complete the electronic installation of SCADA with the additional equipment needed for the WWTP at a cost of \$84,456.00

Upgrade to all digital water meters at a cost of 472,420.00. This will allow accurate and timely meter reading and the program will integrate with our billing system.

Slip line for sewer line from Grove Avenue to the ballpark at a cost of \$109,222.00. This liner will prevent infiltration of the sewer line and will fill in all the cracks, holes, etc.

Two new pumps for WWTP at a cost of \$44,900.00 each

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Farhinger told everyone that two firefighters have completed their live burns and that the CCVFD has completed training on airbags. He also stated the fire department received a gently used refrigerator from MJ Colgate. He also stated that we are headed in the right direction in beautifying our town and that everyone needs to do their part. He also thanked the PD and PW for all the hard work they do.

Vice-Mayor Bohannon stated that Party at the Pavilion has received a lot of support but that we could do better. He also said a lot of good things are happening and people are starting to take notice. Also, he reminded everyone that the Fly-in is July 24th.

Council Member Whitaker reiterated what Vice-Mayor Bohannon had to say, that a lot of good things are happening in town and we need the community's help. The ballpark looks good better than it has in years and that is thanks to a lot of volunteers.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Forbes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He gave the following report:

Blighted Properties - Nothing new this month

Business Opportunities - Two new potential business startups, Outer Beauty Grand Opening July 11, Bear Claw had successful Car Show, Out Door Patio for Blackwater Station

Contacts/ Meetings - Jeff Cohen Strike Force Tire

Streets - Marshall and Berry St refreshed, Paving beginning on Hudgins, Washington, Huston curve, Boyd Academy Intersection

Water/Sewer - Slip line survey from Grove to Ball park.

WWTP - Running at peak efficiency

Endly Street Project - Street repair pushed back due to paving cost review

Grants - Expect funds within next 45 days for Chase City Auditorum

Community Park - Football camp success 23 youth

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Tonya M. Duffer, Clerk of Council