

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, June 10, 2024 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 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Alden Fahringer.

PRESENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

ABSENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

Invocation

Mayor Fahringer led everyone in prayer.

Delegate Wright addressed members of the Town Council. He commended the Town Council, and the Town of Chase City for such nice new facilities. He then read aloud a 150th anniversary resolution and presented the framed resolution to Mayor Fahringer. Delegate Wright thanked Tina Wood and the Town Manager for all the help gathering information for the resolution.

Mayor Fahringer then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen's Recognition

Derrick Bowers of 11384 Hwy Ninety-Two, Chase City addressed members of the Town Council. He wanted to thank the town for allowing him to have another Father's Day event. He said he appreciates being able to give back to the community.

Glen Gillispie of 302 E Sycamore Street, Chase City addressed members of the Town Council wanting extra information about a boil water notice. He said he did not get a notice of the boil water advisory and his wife is immunocompromised. He said he wants changes to be made so everyone can be notified. Mayor Fahringer said that the notice was put in the newspaper, on Facebook and notices were placed on doors. Gillispie said he never got the notice.

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, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

1. The minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on 5/13/24 submitted to the Town Council for approval.
2. The minutes from the public hearing on 5/13/24 submitted to the Town Council for approval.
3. The minutes from the public hearing on 5/23/24 submitted to the Town Council for approval.
4. The minutes from the public hearing on 5/30/24 submitted to the town council for approval.

Old Business

5. **Cut-On Fee Ordinance - Second Reading**

Item: To obtain approval of revised Cut-On fee charges per Sec. 5-1-40.

Discussion:

1. Sec. 5-1-40 currently reads as following:

After water has been cut off as provided in section 5-1-39, it shall not be cut on again until all previous and current balances for the premises are paid together with a cut-on fee of \$50.00. In the event it is necessary to make the cut on after normal working hours set forth for the Municipal Building (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday or on weekends or holidays, the cut on fee shall be \$75.00.

Recommendations:

1. The Town Council change the code to reflect the following price changes/increases:

After water has been cut off as provided in section 5-1-39, it shall not be cut on again until all the previous and current balances for the premises are paid together with a cut-on fee of \$75.00. In the event it is necessary to make the cut on after normal working hours set forth for the Municipal Building (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday or on weekends or holidays, the cut on fee shall be \$100.00.

2. The Town Council to vote to approve the second reading and price increase of the ordinance changes as presented.
3. The Town Council to vote to adopt the new ordinance.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to approve the second reading and price increase of the ordinance changes as presented. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to adopt the new ordinance. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

6. Grass Cutting Ordinance - Second Reading

Item: To obtain approval of revised Grass Cutting charges per Sec. 4-3-5.

Discussion:

1. Sec. 4-3-5 currently reads as:

After the five working days' written notice from the town for the property owner to cut the grass and the owner fails to cut, the town will cut the grass and weeds and bill the property owner as provided in section 4-3-4, cutting by town. The costs for the town to perform the cutting shall include a \$50.00 civil penalty and an administrative fee per cutting as follows:

First cutting in a year: \$150.00.

Second cutting in a year: \$200.00.

Third cutting in a year: \$250.00

Each additional cutting after three will be an additional \$25.00 charge. Grass cutting charges shall not exceed \$3,000.00 in a 12-month period.

Recommendations:

1. The Town Council change the code to reflect the following price changes/increases:

First cutting in a year: \$200.00

Second Cutting in a year: \$250.00

Third Cutting in a year: \$300.00

2. The Town Council to vote to approve the ordinance price increase change as a second reading.

3. The Town Council to vote to adopt the new ordinance.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to approve the ordinance price increase change as a second reading. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to adopt the new ordinance. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

7. The town council is presented with the 2025 fiscal year budget and asked to vote a second and final time for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to approve the budget. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

Mayor Fahringer said he would still like to move the tax back to .38 cent at a later date.

New Business

8. Bills Paid in the Month of May 2024

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the bills paid for the month of May 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

9. Report to Council/Operating Budget May 2024

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the operating budget for May 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

10. The charge off report for May 2024 submitted to Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the May 2024 charge off report. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

11. The Chase City Police Department report for May 2024 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Mayor Fahringer read through the May 2024 Police Department Report. He mentioned we have a new officer on duty now. He went on to thank the police officers for all they do.

Motion made by Council Member Wilson to accept the Chase City Police Department report for May 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

12. The public works report for May 2024 submitted to council for a vote of approval. Mayor Fahringer read through the public works report. The thanked Donald Long for how well his reports are written.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to accept the public works report for May 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

13. The May 2024 Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Mayor Fahringer read through the Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report for May 2024. He thanked the Fire Department for all they do.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the May 2024 Chase City Volunteer Fire Department Report. It was seconded by Council Member Whitaker.

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

- 14. Item:** To authorize the Lee Building at 121 E Second Street to be classified as a surplus building so it can be sold.

Discussion: The Town Council will discuss their concerns regarding the Lee Building at 121 E Second Street being marked as surplus to be sold.

Recommendation: The Town Council is asked to vote to authorize the Lee Building at 121 E Second Street to be marked as a surplus building so that it may be sold.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to approve the Lee Building at 121 E Second Street to be marked as surplus so that it can be sold. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

- 15. Item:** A member of the Planning Commission's term ends June 2024.

Discussion: M. J. Colgate's term ends as Planning Commission member in June of 2024.

Recommendations: The Town Council vote to approve appointing Matt Chumney for a four-year term on the Planning Commission, replacing M. J. Colgate.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to appoint Matt Chumney for a four-year term to the Planning Commission in place of M.J. Colgate. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

- 16. Item:** A second member of the Planning Commission's term ends June 2024.

Discussion: Charles Willis' term ends as Planning Commission member in June of 2024.

Recommendations: The Town Council vote to approve appointing Christian Anderson for a four-year term on the Planning Commission, replacing Charles Willis.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to appoint Christian Anderson to a four-year term on the Planning Commission in place of Charles Willis. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

- 17. Item:** A member of the Industrial Development Authority's Commission ends June 2024.

Discussion: C. W. Carter's term as an IDA member ends June 2024.

Recommendations: The Town Council vote to approve appointing Charles Willis to a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, replacing C. W. Carter.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to appoint Charles Willis to a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority in place of C. W. Carter. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

- 18. Item:** A second member of the Industrial Development Authority's term ends June 2024.

Discussion: Robert Bondurant's term on the Industrial Development Authority ends June 2024.

Recommendations: The Town Council votes to approve appointing Josh Hatchel for a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, replacing Robert Bondurant.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to appoint Josh Hatchel to a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority in place of Robert Bondurant. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member

Whitaker, Council Member Wilson

19. The Town Manager would like the Town Council to vote to allow the Treasurer to use \$15,000.00 of the remaining contingency fund to purchase another truck for the public works department.

Mayor Fahringer read an email from Town Manager Forbes saying he wanted to replace the S10. Council Member Whitaker asked Treasurer Walker if they funds were there to spend. She replied yes. Whitaker then questioned Public Works Superintendent Donald Long if this truck was really needed. Whitaker went on to say he felt we had so many vehicles that it was enough for each employee to drive one. Mr. Long said yes it was needed. He said the S10 cannot pull certain equipment. Whitaker asked if all the vehicles at the shop are being used. Long said yes at some point. Council Member Whitaker said Donnie if you say we need it then we need it.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to approve the \$15000.00 of the remaining contingency fund to be used to purchase a public works truck. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Fahringer thanked everyone for covering for him while he was visiting France. He said he had got to know Charles Duckworth and that Mr. Duckworth was the reason he ran for Mayor. Fahringer said he was very thankful for his time with Charles.

Council Member Keeton said she hopes the legacy of Charles Duckworth lives on in Chase City.

Council Member Hatcher said Charles Duckworth was a nice man. Her grandmother was his babysitter. He was a good person.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Mayor Fahringer asked if anyone had a report from the Town Manager. He was told no report was supplied.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council