

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA**

**Monday, December 27, 2021 at 5:15 PM**

319 North Main Street, Chase City, VA 23924

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## **MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Fahringer.

#### **PRESENT**

Town Manager Dusty Forbes  
Mayor Alden Fahringer  
Vice-Mayor James Bohannon  
Council Member Marshall Whitaker  
Council Member Brenda Hatcher  
Council Member Pauline Keeton  
Council Member Michelle Wilson

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member BJ Mull

### **Charter Changes**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Town of Chase City. The amendments relate to Senate Bill 1157, which was passed by the Virginia General Assembly during the 2021 Special Session I. This action requires changing municipal elections from May to November.

Mayor Fahringer opened the floor to public comments. No comments were made by the public.

Motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Town of Chase City as shown below was made by Council Member Whitaker, Seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting By Roll Call:

Vice-Mayor Bohannon	Yes
Council Member Whitaker	Yes
Council Member Hatcher	Yes
Council Member Keeton	Yes
Council Member Wilson	Yes

**Current****Sec. 4 - Town government generally.**

(1) Incumbent mayor and councilmen to continue in office, etc. The present mayor and councilmen of the Town of Chase City shall continue in office and exercise all the powers conferred by this charter and the general laws of this state until the expiration of the term for which they were elected, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The present mayor and councilmen whose terms expire in 1975 shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualify in 1976, and the councilmen whose terms expire 1977 shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualify in 1978.

(3) Election, terms and oaths of mayor and councilmen; effect of failure to qualify or take oath. On the first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred seventy-six, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town, one (1) elector of the town, who shall be denominated mayor, and three (3) other electors, who shall be denominated councilmen. The elector elected as mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and the three (3) other electors at such election shall serve for a term of four (4) years. On the first Tuesday in May, 1978, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town an elector who shall be denominated mayor and three (3) other electors, who shall be denominated councilmen. Such electors shall serve a term of four (4) years, except for the mayor who shall serve a term of two (2) years. Thereafter each two (2) years, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town from the electors, a mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years and three (3) electors to serve for a term of four (4) years, denominated as councilmen. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Every person so elected shall take an oath faithfully to execute the duties of his office and the mayor shall take oath prescribed by law for state officers. The failure of any person elected or appointed under the provision of this charter to qualify or to take the oath required, within the time prescribed for entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office to which he is elected or appointed, shall vacate the said office, and the council shall proceed and is hereby vested with power to fill such vacancy in the manner herein prescribed.

**Revised****Sec. 4 Town Government Generally.**

(1) Incumbent mayor and council members to continue in office, etc. The present mayor and councilmen of the Town of Chase City shall continue in office and exercise all the powers conferred by this charter and the general laws of this charter and the laws of this state until the expiration of the term for which they were elected and qualified. The present mayor and council members whose terms expire in 2022 shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualify in 2023 and the council members whose terms expire 2024 shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualify in 2025.

(3) Election, terms and oaths of mayor and council members; effect of failure to qualify or take oath. On the first Tuesday in November, two thousand twenty two there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town, one (1) elector, who shall be denominated mayor, and three (3) other electors, who shall be denominated council members, and three (3) other electors, who shall be denominated council members. The elector elected as mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and the three (3) other electors at such election shall serve for a term, of four (4) years. On the first Tuesday in November 2024, there will be elected by the qualified voters of the town an elector who shall be denominated mayor and three (3) other electors, who shall be denominated council members. Such electors shall serve a term of four (4) years except for the mayor who shall serve a term of (2) years. Thereafter each two (2) years, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town from the

electors, a mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years and three (3) electors to serve for a term of four (4) years, denominated as council members. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of January next succeeding their election, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Every person so elected shall take an oath to faithfully execute the duties of his office and the mayor shall take oath prescribed by law for state officers. The failure of any person elected or appointed under the provision of this charter to qualify or to take the oath required, within the time prescribed for entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office to which he is elected or appointed, shall vacate the said office, and the council shall proceed and is hereby vested with power to fill such vacancy in the manner herein prescribed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the public hearing was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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**Alden Fahringer, Mayor**

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**Tonya M. Duffer, Clerk of Council**