



MINERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ronald Chapman

Michelle Covert

Bernice Kube (via Zoom)

Olivia Barrow

Rebecca McGehee

David Hempstead

JoAnna Von Arb

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor gave two proclamations:

1) Proclamation making May 12, 2025 Roy Lee Payne Day

2) Proclamation making May 16, 2025 Staff Appreciation Day

The Mayor thanked Hank Staudinger for five years of service to the Town of Mineral.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda.

Motion made by Covert, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Kube, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead, Von Arb

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Sorosi - Suggested planting a tree for Roy Lee Payne.

Debbie Moon - Commented regarding the water restrictions.

Becky McGehee - Complemented the Town on a good job at the last meeting.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 4.14.2025 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as submitted.

Motion made by Covert, Seconded by Von Arb.

Voting Yea: Covert, Kube, Barrow, McGehee, Von Arb

Voting Abstaining: Hempstead

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bylaws Review

Approval of Bylaws as submitted.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by McGehee.

Voting Yea: Covert, Kube, Barrow, McGehee, Von Arb

Voting Nay: Hempstead

2. Park Use Policy

The Committee did meet but a policy has not been drafted yet.

3. Scheduling Budget Public Hearing

Public Hearing for Budget FY26 will be held on June 2, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.

4. Mineral Planning Commission Discussion

Motion to write a proposed censure of Chairman Kube.

Motion made by McGehee, Seconded by Covert.

Voting Yea: Covert, McGehee

Voting Nay: Kube, Barrow, Hempstead, Von Arb

5. Discussion regarding amount of MPC members

Motion to reverse action taken on August 12, 2024 allowing seven MPC members.

Motion made by Kube, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Kube, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead, Von Arb

6. Discussion and Action Regarding Misuse of Authority by a Council Member.

Resolution 2025-12

Council Member Barrow read aloud Resolution 2025-12.

Council took a 15 minute recess. Council Member Kube left the meeting during the recess.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by covert.

Voting Yea: Barrow, Covert, McGehee, Von Arb

Noting Nay: Hempstead

Resolution 2025-13

Council Member Barrow read aloud Resolution 2025-13.

Motion made by Covert, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Von Arb

Voting Abstaining: Hempstead

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation from MPC: Review of documents from Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for feedback

The Mayor provided background on what a historic overlay district is.

Council discussed the TJPDC proposal and the cost.

Council would like a historic overlay district, however, they would not like to move forward with the TJPDC proposal at this time.

Council suggests for the Mineral Planning Commission putting together alternative recommendations or this matter can be reviewed again after the water situation has been resolved.

2. Recommendation from MPC: Zoning Signage

Council and the Town Manager discussed the need for zoning signage.

This matter was sent back to MPC for the creation of language.

I. REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager gave an overview of her report. The Manager's report is attached to this corresponding packet.

2. Treasurer's Report & Accounts Paid

The Treasurer's report is attached to this corresponding packet.

3. DMV Report

The DMV report is attached to this corresponding packet.

4. Committees' Report

Cemetery:

Signage for the cemetery is wanted.

Fire Department:

New truck should be here by July or August.

Water:

Asked that individual Council members not reach out to VDH.

Economic Development:

Business Spotlight was cancelled at the last minute for this month. Next month's business spotlight will be the daycare.

5. Mayor's Report

The Mayor advocated for fixing the water problem quickly but also correctly.

6. Council Comments

Council Member McGehee: Read a quote from the Central Virginian regarding the water system stating she felt like it was misleading.

Council Member Von Arb: Vocalized the need for transparency. Vice Mayor Covert responded to these concerns.

J. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting: June 9, 2025

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K. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by McGehee.

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