

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Town of Weber City Town Council

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Weber City, Virginia Town Hall – Assembly Room

*****Corrected as requested by Eileen Deckard at the November 18, 2025, meeting to include detail of the discussion regarding W. Tipton possible resignation. *****

The Regular meeting of the Town Council of Weber City was called to order at **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, **October 14, 2025**. Mayor Justin Addington presiding.
Opening prayer led by **Council Member Eileen Deckard**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Mayor Justin Addington** and joined by all in attendance.

Roll Call

PRESENT:

- Mayor Justin Addington
- Vice Mayor Wendell Tipton
- Town Attorney Mike Carrico
- Council Member Eileen Deckard
- Council Member Keltie Kerney
- Council Member Teresa Tilson
- Council Member Jeff Flanary

ABSENT:

- Council Member Zackary Salyer

OTHERS PRESENT

- Rhonda Neeley, Town Treasurer
- Penney Capps, Town Clerk
- Donald Harding III, Police Chief
- Frank Tittle, Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT

- **September 8, 2025**, Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Jeff Flanary. Motion passed. **3 AYES 2 NAY 1 ABSENT**
- **September 2025 Financial Report** - Motion to approve the report by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Teresa Tilson. Motion passed. **3 AYES 2 NAY 1 ABSENT**

Mayor Report and Comments:

No new items. Mayor commended all departments for their continued strong work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tabled Mower Purchase

Motion by council member, Tilson to further table the purchase of a mower for the town to Spring, second by Deckard.

Motion passed 5 AYES 0 NAY 1 ABSENT

****Council member Eileen Deckard requested, November 18, 2025, that a correction be made to October 14, 2025 minutes, reflecting the original discussion at the meeting. That discussion is as follows: ****

Clarification of Resignation of Wendell Tipton

Eileen Deckard:

I don't know if this is old business, but because I am just confused, I want to ask a question. I thought that Mr. Tipton resigned at the last meeting and we all heard him say it verbally more than once, so I'm just a little confused, that's why I'm asking why he is sitting here.

Justin Addington:

Because he didn't formerly turn in his resignation, therefore it is not voted on, so he is still here.

Eileen:

Well, verbally is enough, but...

Justin:

Well, he is still here.

Eileen:

That's why I'm asking. That's why I'm asking

Justin:

So, he is still here until otherwise noted. It was not voted on, and it was an act out of...

Eileen:

Well, when that happens, if that happens with anyone else, I'd just like you to consider that if it would be anyone else that would do that that they would get the same consideration.

Justin:

Ok. Alright, moving forward, any more old business?

Clarification of Resignation of Tipton

Clarification of Resignation of Vice Mayor Tipton – No written resignation received; Tipton remains a member of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the Department of Justice COPS Grant and the Town's 4 Year Commitment (30:03)

Motion by Tilson, to accept the **DOJ COPS Hiring Grant** awarded in the amount of **\$125,000** and approve the Town's 4-year tiered commitment to the budget for additional funding as outlined in the grant restrictions, seconded by Flanary.

Motion passed 3 AYES 2 NAY 1 ABSENT.

Condolences for Bruce Cross

Motion by Flanary, seconded by Kerney, to extend condolences to Bruce Cross, Fire Chief, in the loss of his father.

Motion passed 5 AYES 0 NAY 1 ABSENT

LEGAL AFFAIRS –

Attorney Carrico reported no new items; zoning documentation work continues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report: Teresa Tilson and Wendell Tipton

Thanked the office staff for getting the Property Tax bills completed promptly even with the delay in information from the county.

Personnel Committee Report: *Jeff Flanary and Teresa Tilson*

Handbook review 50% complete. Met with Town employees and the information will be shared in a future closed session.

Zoning/Planning Committee Report: *Eileen Deckard and Zackary Salyer*

Awaiting legal-reviewed zoning document. Members suggested meeting again before next meeting.

Street Committee Report: *Jeff Flanary and Zackary Salyer*

Area residents have requested repairs to Laurel Street and extending Pine Street to allow access to property. Both locations are listed as Private streets. The Town has no jurisdiction to make changes. The Council will review and seek updates for a 2017 publicized map from VDOT and Scott County authorities.

Maintenance Committee Report: *Wendell Tipton and Frank Tittle*

Discussion on reinstating Town trash service and what equipment is necessary to purchase.

Police Department Report:

Chief Donald Harding, III gave the September 2025 Report:

6 arrest, 0 ECO/TDO transport, 61 traffic stops, 53 summonses issued.

Participation in two Halloween events (WCVFD and Headstart); Candy donations welcomed.

Chief Harding and Lt. Jones recently completed Master Officer Course Training. This completes a trilogy of Significant Leaders training.

- WCPD received the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Program Grant requiring multi-year Town funding commitment.

COPS Hiring Grant – Tiered Funding Breakdown

Year	Federal Share	Town Share	Federal %	Town %
Year 1	\$87,048.00	\$0.00	100%	0%
Year 2	\$25,301.00	\$61,747.00	29.07%	70.93%
Year 3	\$12,651.00	\$74,397.00	14.54%	85.46%
Year 4	\$0.00	\$87,048.00	0%	100%

Program Totals (Years 1–4):

Total Federal Share: \$125,000.00

Total Town Share: \$223,192.00

Total Program Cost: \$348,192.00

They received approval of the entire amount requested and now need the council to vote to accept the budget commitment so they can accept the grant. **The item must be voted on tonight.**

(vote is recorded under New Business)

The grant period began October 1, 2025, a quick hiring process is suggested.

The funds must be used to cover a new position hired and not to cover an existing position.

Fire Department Report:

None present

Public Comment: *Opened: 7:36 pm Closed 7:40 pm*

(The purpose of Public Comment is for citizens to express their views to which the Council will address at another time. Public Comment is not a conversation.)

Mike Kerney –

Commended Chief Harding for training and street coverage especially during school hours. Requested a correction for a previous statement. Listed street repairs or concerns requested:
Laurel – paving repair, Roland – no parking signs that are ignored, Locust – repair from PSA, and Winfield Street pothole.

Mike Carrico – speaking as a property owner. Requested exploration of reinstating trash service for town residents.

Mayor Addington then closed Public Comment.

CLOSED SESSION

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Keltie Kerney, second by Teresa Tilson.

Motion passed with **5 AYES 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT**

Submitted by Penney Capps, Town Clerk

Certified by Justin Addington, Mayor