

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEBER CITY, VIRGINIA**

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a Regular Meeting Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 17, 2022. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Christopher J. Powers, and opened with Prayer by Council member, Justin Addington. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Chris Powers, Mayor, and joined by all in attendance.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers  
Vice Mayor: Justin M. Addington  
Town Attorney: Michael Carrico  
Council Member: Eileen Deckard  
Council Member: Gregory W. Smith  
Council Member: Teresa A. Tilson  
Council Member: Larry Wagner

**ABSENT:**

Council Member: Robert Hammonds

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to accept the April 19, 2022 regular Meeting Minutes was made by Teresa Tilson; seconded by Larry Wagner.

Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

Motion to accept the April 2022 Financial Report was made by Teresa Tilson; seconded by Eileen Deckard.

Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

**Old Business:**

*Updates were given by the Mayor regarding the following items:*

**Town Hall Renovations** – New door installation has been delayed until site prep, electrical preparation, and on site security is arranged for day of installation.

**Town Hall HVAC System** installed Monday, May 2, 2022

**Bids are now open for a new HVAC system for the Police Department, and will remain open until at least 3 responses are received.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town Attorney, Mike Carrico, instructed the Council to set dates and times for the purpose of a Public Budget Hearing Meeting and a Budget Approval Meeting before June 30, 2022. The Town is required to publish the Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023 in the local newspaper, The Virginia Star, 2 times before the Hearing. The publications must run 7 days apart, and the Hearing Meeting must take place at least 7 days prior to the Budget Approval Meeting. The dates to fulfill this requirement are as follows:

Publish the Condensed FY2022-2023 Budget –  
May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> in the Virginia Star  
Public Hearing for Proposed Budget FY2022-2023  
Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
Special Called Meeting to Approve Proposed Budget FY2022-2023  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

Mayor Chris Powers updated the Old Business items and there were no additional reports or comments.

**Committee Reports:**

***ARPA Committee Report:***

Greg Smith, Council member, has submitted the ongoing Project and Expenditures for use of SLFRF funds. He is currently the approved Administrator. The Town Clerk will continue to follow up from time to time regarding those submissions.

***Finance Committee Report:***

Teresa Tilson and Greg Smith, Council members, informed the Council that they are working on the Budget for FY July 2022 – June 2023 and will have it prepared for the June 16, 2022 Public Budget Hearing Meeting discussion.

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

Justin Addington and Robert Hammonds, Council members, had nothing to report at this time

***Personnel Committee Report:***

Justin Addington and Larry Wagner, Council members, had nothing to report at this time.

***Planning Committee Report:***

Eileen Deckard and Greg Smith, Council members, had nothing to report at this time.

***Street Committee Report:***

Robert Hammonds and Larry Wagner, Council members, had nothing to report at this time.

It was noted again by Council member Greg Smith, that VDOT has scheduled an in-person presentation meeting open to the public regarding Project Pipeline. The meeting

will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 5 to 7 pm at the Scott County Vocational Center. This was received as information.

***Police Department Report:***

Chief Matt Bishop presented the Council with the Officer Activity Report consisting of Dispatch totals, and Call Logs for each officer. He informed all present that the Town of Weber City now has two officers who are Certified Instructors and Firearms Instructors for future Department training needs. Those officers are: Chief Matt Bishop and Officer Donald Harding.

He also requested that the Council consider that Officer #829 has reached his 1 year employment anniversary on April 1, 2022 and would like his annual wage increase reviewed.

This item was received as information.

***Fire Department Report:***

The representative for the WCVFD was present but had nothing to report at this time.

**Public Presentations:**

The floor was then opened up for Public comment and/or questions.

#1 Mr. Hunter Hensley, a member of the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department, expressed his interest, concern, and support for the Town to implement a Hazard Duty Designation on the Retirement commitment for all members of the Weber City Police Department.

#2 Mr. Derek Percy, a citizen of Weber City, member of the Gate City Police Department, Gate City Volunteer Fire Department, and Army National Guard, expressed his interest, concern, and support for the Town to implement a Hazard Duty Designation on the Retirement commitment for all members of the Weber City Police Department.

#3 Mr. Roger Hammons, a citizen of Weber City, and retired law enforcement, expressed his interest, concern, and support for the Town to implement a Hazard Duty Designation on the Retirement commitment for all members of the Weber City Police Department.

#4 Ms. Suzanne Kerney Quillen, a citizen of Weber City, expressed her interest, concern, and support for the Town to implement a Hazard Duty Designation on the Retirement commitment for all members of the Weber City Police Department.

#5 Ms. Marti Whitt, a citizen of Weber City stated that she agreed with each public presentation and lends her full support as well.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel and legal issues was made by Justin Addington, Council member. Seconded by Eileen Deckard, Council member. Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

**CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Mayor, Council Members, and the Town's Attorney entered into Closed Session at 7:37 pm.

A motion was made to return to Regular Session at 8:03 pm, by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Eileen Deckard.

Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion to certify that only lawfully exempt matters, for which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Mayor and Council members, was made by Eileen Deckard, Council member, seconded by Teresa Tilson, Council member, and roll call vote made with these members voting "AYE" were: Christopher Powers, Justin Addington, Eileen Deckard, Greg Smith, Teresa Tilson, and Larry Wagner. Voting "NAY" were: none, with 1 Absent.

**ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Justin Addington, Council Member, to grant Officer #829, his 50 cents per hour Employment Anniversary raise effective April 1, 2022 and that he receive any and all payment due in arrears.

Seconded by Greg Smith, Council Member.

Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

At the suggestion of Town Attorney Mike Carrico, A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, Council Member, to change the Regular scheduled Town Council Meeting from Tuesday, June 21, 2022 to Thursday June 16, 2022 at 7 pm, directly following the Public Budget Hearing at 6:30 pm, since the Council will already be present. The motion was seconded by Eileen Deckard, Council Member.

Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

So just to clarify, the next meetings were announced as follows:

Public Hearing for Proposed Budget FY2022 – 2023

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Special Called Meeting to Approve Proposed Budget FY2022-2023

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Larry Wagner  
Motion passed with 5 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

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Mayor: Christopher J. Powers

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Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps