

**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, July 19, 2022**. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris 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: Robert Hammonds  
Council Member: Gregory Smith  
Council Member: Teresa Tilson  
Council Member: Larry Wagner

**ABSENT:**

none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to accept the **June 16, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Public Budget Hearing) was made by Teresa Tilson; seconded by Greg Smith.

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

Motion to accept the **June 16, 2022 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by Eileen Deckard; seconded by Justin Addington.

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

Motion to accept the **June 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Budget FY2022-2023 Approval) was made by Greg Smith; seconded by Teresa Tilson.

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

Motion to accept the **July 7, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Personnel) was made by Justin Addington; seconded by Larry Wagner.

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

Motion to accept the **July 12, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Appointment of Interim Police Chief) was made by Eileen Deckard; seconded by Greg Smith.

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

Motion to accept the **June 2022 Financial Report** was made by Justin Addington; seconded by Eileen Deckard.

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 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.

Council Member, Robert Hammonds, commented that he will begin finding possible contractors to complete the work, and report back to the Council.

**Police Department HVAC** - system set to be installed by end of month, by Boone's Heating and Air, LLC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. VACORP, the Town's Facility Insurance, is up for renewal for FY2022-2023. Mayor Chris Powers suggested that an addendum be made to the current policy renewal adding insurance coverage for all Council members when they are working for the Town, so they are covered in the event of injury. Also, he suggested a policy change to add Volunteer coverage. It would cover injury to anyone who was volunteering their time for a Town event. It would increase the premium by \$147 and \$1,000 respectively. The Council agreed that such additions were necessary and to do so.

2. Trash Can disbursement discussion was opened. A motion was made by Council Member, Teresa Tilson, to set distribution dates open to Weber City residents to pick up their new trashcans, seconded by Robert Hammonds. Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

The Dates are:      Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>              10 am to 2 pm  
                                 Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>              10 am to 2 pm  
                                 (This will be Phase 1 of the distribution)

Various Council members and family will volunteer to help with the distribution on both dates. Residents must show proof of residency, and will sign a claim form that will have the Serial # of the can, the location, and property owner/party responsible. The local newspaper has agreed to mention this information in their publication, the information will be posted on the Town's social media pages, and we hope that word of mouth will distribute the information as well.

At the completion of Phase 1, the Council will revisit discussion for Phase 2 distribution for the remaining cans.

**Mayor Report and Comments:** (done during the Summary of Old Business)

**Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico** Items will be covered in Closed Session

**Committee Reports:**

***ARPA Committee Report:***

Council member, Teresa Tilson, suggested a new project for ARPA funds that would update the restrooms, fixtures, and equipment for the Town Hall and the Police Department. The renovations would include, but not be limited to, new touchless equipment. She made a motion to get bids from Licensed Contractors for the desired renovations. The motion was seconded by Justin Addington, Council Member. Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

She also made mention that the committee is still waiting on quotes for equipment needed by the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department.

***Finance Committee Report:***

Teresa Tilson and Greg Smith, Council members, nothing to report at this time

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

Justin Addington and Robert Hammonds, Council members, will be arranging for estimates for the contractor work required for the door installation at both the Town Hall and Police Department locations.

***Personnel Committee Report:***

Justin Addington and Larry Wagner, Council members said that items would be discussed in Closed Session.

***Planning Committee Report:***

Eileen Deckard and Greg Smith, Council members, reminded us that with a new FY it is time to discuss zoning again.

***Street Committee Report:***

Robert Hammonds and Larry Wagner, Council members. The Town has recently received complaints on select area residents, referring to a Town Ordinance that requires them to clean up their properties. The committee will first present these complaints to the Council, then a letter will be issued from the Town outlining the requirements of the Ordinance. They also gave information concerning the condition of Lee Street, acknowledging that it must be repaired and/or repaved. They sought the Council's permission to begin the bid process for these repairs and/or total repaving. Permission was granted.

Greg Smith, Council member, gave an update to the VDOT Pipeline project that has been ongoing. VDOT has stated that they will not close the Boone Street crossing, but will change it. Also, they plan to add left hand turning lanes for McNutt, Chapel, and Jude streets that will substantially improve traffic flow in Weber City.

***Police Department Report:***

Interim Police Chief, Ted Fletcher, gave the Call Summary Report. He also informed the Council that the desktop computer located in the Police Chief's office was no longer working. It was possibly destroyed by lightning in one of the recent storms. Matt Bright, the IT specialist for Scott County, was called to see if it could be rebooted or repaired. He said that it could not. Bright Technologies gave the Town a quote to replace the entire desktop computer system in that office, installed and software updated, of \$812.56. Justin Addington, Council member, made a motion to buy the new computer and have it installed by Bright Technologies, as soon as possible, since many Police responsibilities are done from that office. Motion seconded by Teresa Tilson,.

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

***Fire Department Report:***

No one present for reporting.

**Public Presentations:**

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

#1 An unnamed gentleman, and Sam Light, residents of Lee Street, Weber City, brought to the Council's attention the terrible condition of Lee Street. Noting several hazardous areas and including pictures of the damaged street. He requested that the Town either repair or repave the street. The Council agreed that the condition merited further investigation, and follow up to determine cost of repair and scheduling to do so.

Being no further Public Comment, Mayor Chris Powers, closed the floor for Public Comment.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter **INTO** Closed Session to discuss personnel and legal issues was made by Justin Addington, Council member. Seconded by Greg Smith, Council member.

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion to go **OUT** of Closed Session and back into Regular Session was made by Teresa Tilson, and seconded by Justin Addington.

Motion passed with: **6 voting AYES, 0 voting NAY, 0 Absent and 0 Abstentions**

**CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Mayor, Council Members, and the Town’s Attorney entered into Closed Session.

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 Teresa Tilson, Council member, seconded by Greg Smith, Council member, and roll call vote made with these members voting “AYE” were: Justin Addington, Eileen Deckard, Robert Hammonds, Greg Smith, Teresa Tilson, and Larry Wagner. Voting “NAY” were: none, with 0 Absent.

**ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Justin Addington, Council Member, and seconded by Eileen Deckard, the following appointment for the Town:

1. Appoint Penney Capps as Town Clerk

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion was made by Justin Addington, Council Member, and seconded by Teresa Tilson, effective this date, July 19, 2022, the following appointment for the Town

1. Appoint Donald E. Harding III as Police Chief

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion was made by Justin Addington, Council Member, and seconded by Eileen Deckard, the following appointment for the Town

1. Appoint Mike Carrico as Town Attorney

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

The next meeting was announced as follows:

Regular Town Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Wagner, seconded by Justin Addington

Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

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**Mayor: Christopher J. Powers**

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**Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps**