

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, August 16, 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 **July 19, 2022 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by Justin Addington; seconded by Teresa Tilson.

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

Motion to accept the **July 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Health Insurance Decisions before Open Enrollment Deadline) was made by Teresa Tilson; seconded by Greg Smith.

Motion passed with **4** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **0** ABSENT, **2** Abstentions

Motion to accept the **July 2022 Financial Report** was made by Greg Smith; seconded by Teresa Tilson.

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:

Police Department HVAC - system installed July 27, 2022, by Boone's Heating and Air, LLC.

Trash Can Distribution Dates in August 2022 – We have given out over 300 cans within 2 weeks and plan to set more distribution dates for remaining cans.

Items to vote on...

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.

Motion to add the items as listed above to the Town policy was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Justin Addington.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Items voted on....

Lee Street Repaving Project

All 3 bids have been received and reviewed for the Lee Street project. Pave Well Paving - \$36,700.00, Fuller Paving - \$29,975, and AAA Paving \$25,000.00

A motion was made to accept the bid and initiate a contract with AAA Paving for the project, by Robert Hammonds, seconded by Justin Addington.

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

Digital Radios for Police Department

Police Chief Donald Harding III made a request for approval to purchase new digital radio equipment compatible with the new Scott County radio system. 5 portable radios, 5 chargers, and any necessary pieces as detailed in the quote given to him by Scott County who is coordinating the purchase. A motion was made by Justin Addington, to purchase the equipment, and to also see if the cost can be covered by ARPA funds, seconded by Eileen Deckard.

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

Items for information...

Trashcan Distribution – Phase 2

Thursdays of each week will be a day set aside for walk-in pickup of trashcans from 9 am to 4 pm, since there is additional office coverage on those days.

Also, Council volunteers will have an evening distribution date of Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 6 pm – 9 pm.

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

Chris Powers, Mayor, suggested that the Town purchase any and all items necessary to bring our building and outdoor facilities OSHA current. This would include, but is not limited to, Exit signs, Emergency Power Outage lighting, and an Eye Wash Station in

the Police Department. During this update he also would like to include improvements to the existing ceiling lights, fire extinguishers, and new no-slip rugs at entrances. This item was presented as information and no vote was made at this time. The Mayor and various members of the Council will check on the availability of Contractors to complete the job. We will revisit this item at a later date.

A quick update regarding the Police vehicles that were damaged in the pursuit on June 3, 2022....The claims checks have been received for both vehicles, and the truck is currently at Calvin's Body Shop, Weber City, for the necessary repairs. When it is complete, the Explorer will go next. Also, all medical bills for then Chief Matt Bishop, who was injured in the event, have been paid through Workman's Compensation Claim.

Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico

Items will be covered in Closed Session

Committee Reports:

ARPA Committee Report:

Council member, Teresa Tilson, gave us a summary of allowable uses for ARPA funds. She has been doing some research and funds can be used for town infrastructure, road improvements, building improvements, and supportive equipment.

The Fire Department has submitted a request for some equipment, and is required to present the committee with 2 more bids for such equipment before it can be voted upon. This item will be tabled until such bids are received.

Finance Committee Report:

Teresa Tilson and Greg Smith, Council members, are researching a State Fund that is available to place unused ARPA funds for a larger return on the investment. Those funds would be pooled with other entities around the State and available to us to withdraw when funds are needed. This item was given as information.

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.

Bids have been received for the Lee Street repaving project, and a vote will take place tonight to accept one of the bids to begin the project.

Police Department Report:

Police Chief, Donald Harding III, gave the Call Summary Report, and brought us up to date on what is currently happening in the Police Department. He expressed his gratefulness to be appointed Chief, and the confidence bestowed upon him to do a good job, while also improving public perception of the department. He announced the hiring of part-time officer, John Gillenwater who comes with certification and experience. Even K-9 officer experience and expressed that he will be a great addition to our Weber City force. He and the Personnel Committee are currently reviewing all applications received, and will be setting up interviews as needed, to fill the other vacant positions in the department.

Chief Harding also requested that the Council consider a vote to purchase new digital radios that will be compatible to the new system that the County is implementing. The radios can be purchased at the same time the County purchases theirs and are possibly covered as an ARPA expense. He gave the council a copy of the quote from the County. The Council will visit this request as "New Business". The rest of his report was received as information.

Fire Department Report:

No one present for reporting.

Public Presentations:

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

There was no one present.

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 Teresa Tilson, Council member. Seconded by Larry Wagner, 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 Eileen Deckard.

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 Eileen Deckard, 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 Teresa Tilson, Council Member, seconded by Larry Wagner to accept the resignation of John Ted Fletcher, Jr. effective 8/17/2022 at 11:59 pm.

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, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers

Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps