

**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, October 18, 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 **September 20, 2022 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Teresa Tilson**; seconded by **Larry Wagner**.

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

Motion to accept the **September 2022 Financial Report** was made by **Justin Addington**; seconded by **Teresa Tilson**.

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

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

Some discussion regarding changing the due date for Town or Weber City tax bills due to the delay from the County.

Discussion regarding Waste Management issues: citizen complaints, trashcans destroyed/removed, and questions regarding contract guidelines regarding the new Weber City trashcans.

**Old Business:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Items voted on....*

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, and seconded by Robert Hammonds for the Town of Weber City to donate \$200.00 from the General Fund to the WCPD to

purchase Trunk or Treat candy for the event to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022. This is in addition to any funds already donated from others for this purpose. Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

*Items for information...*

Discussion of changing the due date for Town of Weber City taxes, has been tabled until the November meeting, after the Tax File is distributed by the County.

**Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico**

Items will be covered in Closed Session.

Mike gave an update on some new developments regarding zoning. He met with John Kilgore. A new map of the County is in the works from the Commissioner's and when complete that will make it easier for the Town to express what they want.

**Committee Reports:**

***ARPA Committee Report:***

No new developments to report. There was some discussion about the paving project being covered by ARPA funds under the category of water diversion. Some brief discussion regarding the installation of the glass doors that is still on hold until a contractor is committed to the prep work.

***Finance Committee Report:***

Items will be discussed in closed session.

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Personnel Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Planning Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Street Committee Report:***

Robert Hammonds and Larry Wagner, Council members.

Once the street is repaved, they will address the issue of any signs that need repair with the Town.

***Police Department Report:***

Police Chief, Donald Harding III, gave the Call Summary Report, thank you to the Council for the wonderful dinner and the support Officer McGraw has received during the loss of her family member.

Gave us an update of the upcoming events, Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Festival, Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Approached the Council with an idea for a Christmas Parade this year, and if not this year, maybe looking forward to next year.

This Christmas season, the Weber City Police Department plans to brighten the holiday for children in the HeadStart program in Town, and will be gathering donations for the "Santa Cop" program. Perhaps on a small scale this year, but hopefully next year, they will be able to do more.

Chief Harding informed the Council that the desk computer in the patrol room needs to be replaced, and has presented a quote from Bright Technologies for purchase, programming, and full installation of \$830.43. It is the same amount that the new computer cost for the Chief's Office that was purchased recently.

He also reminded the Council that a lease agreement is needed for the use of the K9 Officer, Apache. Once that lease agreement is complete, the Town insurance will be amended with the addition of the K9 officer.

***Fire Department Report:*** Bruce Cross

Bruce brought us up to date on the Fire Department's involvement for Trunk or Treat and the Fall Festival. He then informed the Council that he has received 2 quotes so far, and awaiting a third for new HVAC units for the new Fire Department location in Town. He has requested use of ARPA funds to help cover that cost. He plans to have 8 to 10 zones in the building, and each zone requires its own 5 ton unit. The quotes, so far, cover all the needed equipment, minus installation.

**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 **Justin Addington**, Council member. Seconded by **Teresa Tilson**, 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 Vice Mayor and Council members, was made by **Teresa Tilson**, Council member, seconded by **Justin Addington**, 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, seconded by Teresa Tilson, Council Member, for the following item:

To move the reserve ARPA funds to a secure, Virginia State Investment Fund to gather more interest until the funds are needed for voted projects. Council Member Greg Smith will provide the necessary account information from the state, and assist the Town Clerk with getting this accomplished.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, Council Member, seconded by Larry Wagner, Council Member, for the following:

To contract with Charles Bridwell, CPA & Associates, P.C. to do the Town's Employee payroll including all tax payments, VRS (including LEOS), Health Insurance, and other elected deductions as requested by each individual employee, for a fee of \$325.00 per month.

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, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by **Justin Addington**, seconded by **Robert Hammonds**

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**