

**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 Monday, December 12, 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, **Eileen Deckard**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Mike Carrico, Town Attorney**, and joined by all in attendance.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers  
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:**

Vice Mayor: Justin M. Addington

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to accept the **November 15, 2022 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Teresa Tilson**; seconded by **Robert Hammonds**.

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

Motion to accept the **November 2022 Financial Report** was made by **Larry Wagner**; seconded by **Greg Smith**.

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

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

Mayor, Chris Powers, gave a few remarks regarding the current status of Property Tax collection. The bills were sent out the week of Thanksgiving with a due date of Dec 20, 2022, with no Penalties and Interest charged until January 2023. More than half of the taxes have been received so far.

**Old Business:**

Upon receiving several questions regarding the qualified Veteran's Property Tax discount voted on at the November meeting, the Council chose to revisit that item.

Concluding with the following motion:

A motion was made by Robert Hammonds, to waive at 100% the Property Taxes due for 2022 on their primary residence, for all qualified, 100% disabled service Veterans and refund any payments that have been received already from that same group. Seconded by Eileen Deckard.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico**

Items will be covered in Closed Session.

**Committee Reports:**

***ARPA Committee Report:***

Council Member, Eileen Deckard, gave an update on contacting contractors to invite them to bid on the total renovation of the Police Department. The project will begin with an architect's design, that will then be passed on to listed contractors for the bid process. Some discussion was made about available contractors, their contact information, and also architects to contact for the design process. The Council will work with Police Chief Donald Harding on decisions for the renovation and scheduling appointments with architects and contractors going forward.

***Finance Committee Report:***

Council Member, Greg Smith, reported that the Town is waiting for the Resolution to be drawn up by the Town Attorney's office that is currently experiencing short staff issues, before the investment of the extra ARPA funds can take place, as voted on in the previous meeting. But that it is still in the works to be completed.

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

The Town is still searching for a contractor commitment to prepare the foyer area for the door install. Also, there are now some minor plumbing issues in the Town Hall restrooms, that will be handled soon by the Council. And a request to collect the Weber City trash cans from the Fire Department parking lot, that were used during the Fall Festival in October. Waste Management has not emptied them, so it will need to be done by the Town.

***Personnel Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Planning Committee Report:***

No new developments to report. Zoning possibilities are working towards March 2023.

***Street Committee Report:***

There have been reports from citizens of potholes on various streets. Work orders will be opened with VDOT to initiate the necessary repairs. Specifically a large pothole on Blanton Drive near the railroad crossing, and a ditch line on Tulip Poplar.

***Police Department Report:***

Police Chief, Donald Harding III, gave the Call Summary Report and a big thank you for the success of the Head Start Santa Cop Christmas Party. Several Council members, Town employees, and fellow officers joined together to make the party a great success, and he expressed his sincere appreciation. The Head Start Director sent a letter of thanks also.

K-9 Officer, Apache, was utilized on 3 occasions this month with great success ending in arrests of the individuals. We still need the completed Lease agreement, but have verbal permission from our insurer to begin using our K-9 officer.

The cruiser laptops have been ordered, and will arrive soon. The mounting accessories will arrive in January.

Several Council members complimented our current Police force for a job well done.

They are thankful for the increased Police presence around Town, and the overall way the department is performing.

***Fire Department Report:***

Bruce Cross, Fire Chief, came prepared to discuss the 3 submitted quotes for the HVAC systems needed at the Fire Hall. However, the quotes were left out of the Council members packet by the Clerk, so this item was tabled until the January Council Meeting for discussion and a possible vote. He also announced the annual Christmas Party that the Fire Department hosts will take place on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, indoors at the Fire Hall. Everyone is invited

**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 **Eileen Deckard**, Council member. Seconded by **Greg Smith**, Council member.

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

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

Motion passed with: **5** voting **AYES**, **0** voting **NAY**, **1** 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: Eileen Deckard, Robert Hammonds, Greg Smith, Teresa Tilson, and Larry Wagner. Voting "NAY" were: **none**, with **1** Absent, Justin Addington.

**ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, Council Member, seconded by Eileen Deckard, Council Member, for the following item:

To advertise for 2 Certified Police officers.

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

Before adjourning the meeting, parting Council member Robert Hammonds had some closing remarks. The Council thanked him and his wife, Penny for their service to our Town. Both of them were wonderful assets during his time served on the Council. Council member, Larry Wagner, who is also departing this year, was presented a gift clock, thanking him for his many years serving Weber City, in many different roles from Police Officer, to Mayor and all in between. Both gentlemen will be missed.

The next meeting was announced as follows:

Regular Town Council Meeting: Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by **Greg Smith**, seconded by **Eileen Deckard**

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**