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Regular Council Meeting
December 9, 2019

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Harvey, presiding.

Town Council members present were Jonathan D. Garrett, James Boyce, Sr., Mary Lou Spiggle, Timothy W. Garrett, Steven T. Conner and Claudia G. Puckette.

Staff present were Town Manager, Gary Shanaberger; Facilities Director, Jeff Elder; Town Treasurer, Kim Ray; and Clerk of Council, Roxanne Casto.

Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order.

Rev. Carlton Duck, Pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist church gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Harvey expressed his appreciation for those who attended the lighting event at the Courtland Festival Park on December 1, 2019. A special thank you was extended for all who contributed financially and specifically to Jake Dawson and family for displaying their talent with the lighting of the trees. On Saturday, December 7, Experience Appomattox hosted the Downtown Whoville, Merry Market and Live Nativity by Bible Baptist Church.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Susan Chapman from Brown, Edwards & Company, LLP appeared before Council to present the FY 2019 Annual Audit for the Town of Appomattox.

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. J. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, with all members voting "aye" to adopt the agenda for December 9, 2019 with the removal of NB#2 – Discussion and consideration to adopt the Special Events Policy and Ordinance and hold the closed session at the end of the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

On a motion by Mr. J. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Boyce, Council voted to accept the FY 2019 Annual Audit of the Town of Appomattox as presented by Brown, Edwards & Company, LLP. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

None

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Citizen Comment Period:

None

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Shanaberger reported on the following items:

- The Appomattox Town Planning Commission met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 about the comprehensive plan. The Commission will meet again on January 7, 2020.
- The Meadowlark grant project is complete. Staff is wrapping up the paperwork. Matt Perkins with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission will be providing an update to Council in the next few months.
- The Downtown Revitalization Grant committee will meet with participants on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building. The Town expects to be under contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development with the next week.
- Staff will begin preparing for the FY 2021 budget cycle soon.
- Concurred the holiday events were great and a lot of fun.

Council Concerns:

Mrs. Puckette commended the staff for the Town's financial status. It is most pleasing and is she is appreciative of all the work.

Ms. Spiggle agreed with Mrs. Puckette. The staff has done an excellent job and appreciates all the work on collections.

Mayor Harvey agreed with Mrs. Puckette and Ms. Spiggle.

Mr. Timothy Garrett invited everyone to support the Raider football team at Salem, Virginia on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. for the State Championship title.

Closed Session:

On a motion by Mrs. Puckette, seconded by Mr. Boyce, Council voted to convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A) 6 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically being the discussion of the proposal submitted by Appomattox County regarding the waterline from Concord to Appomattox.

Vote:

J. Garrett-aye, Boyce-aye, Spiggle-aye, T. Garrett-aye, Conner-aye, Puckette-aye

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Mr. J. Garrett made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Appomattox has convened a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Appomattox Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each members knowledge: (1) Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certificate resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by this council.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Spiggle and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Vote:

J. Garrett-aye, Boyce-aye, Spiggle-aye, T. Garrett-aye, Conner-aye, Puckette-aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. J. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Roxanne W. Casto
Clerk of Council

Paul D. Harvey, Mayor