

**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, March 21, 2023**. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by **Vice Mayor Justin Addington**, 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:**

Vice Mayor: Justin M. Addington  
Town Attorney: Michael Carrico  
Council Member: Eileen Deckard  
Council Member: Derek Percy  
Council Member: Gregory Smith  
Council Member: Teresa Tilson  
Council Member: Zackary Salyer

**ABSENT:**

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to accept the **February 21, 2023 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Greg Smith**; seconded by **Teresa Tilson**.

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

The Motion to accept the **December 2022 , January 2023, and February 2023 Financial Reports** was tabled until the next Regular Council Meeting due to an error in the report.

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

None at this time.

**Old Business:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Zackary Salyer, and seconded by Teresa Tilson to begin collecting bids for the repair and repaving of the drainage problem and pot hole located on Maple Street and Sugarwood, Weber City, which is to be covered by ARPA funds due to erosion.

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

**Public Presentations:**

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

Citizen, Sherry Tate, made comments regarding the parking issue on Johnson Street. She owns property there, and has observed cars parking in the street, beside the street, etc. blocking the street most of the time, to the point that other residents cannot use it. She has contacted WCPD, Scott County Sheriffs Department, and ultimately the State Police numerous times to have the street cleared of traffic. She is requesting that "NO PARKING" signs be added to Johnson Street, as well as signs restricting the speed limit in that area to 25 mph due to its residential nature. It was discussed, by the Council, that that street is owned and maintained by VDOT, and a request will be made for such signage, by our Street Committee.

She also mentioned concern for the kind of traffic that is frequently using that area day and night for suspicious activity, and requested that it be looked into. A majority of the cars that park there have Tennessee tags. She asked if a Noise Ordinance was in effect for within the Weber City Town limits, and if yes, asked that it be enforced due to the activities currently going on in that area of town.

Citizen, Tim Cox, of 269 Tulip Poplar Street, Weber City, expressed concern for an abandoned property on Tulip Poplar Street. The house is reportedly owned by a dentist in Big Stone Gap. The house is not maintained properly by its owners. It is vacant and draws concern that it is falling into disrepair, and unkempt appearance. He requested that letters be sent to this land owner, as well as others in town, that have allowed their properties to become overgrown, trashed, and becoming a hazard.

Being no further Public Comment, Vice Mayor Justin Addington, closed the floor for Public Comment.

**Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico**

Items will be covered in Closed Session. Mike reported that he is researching who owns the old Scott County Lumber Company building, so that letters can be sent to them requiring them to clean up their property.

**Committee Reports:**

***ARPA Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Finance Committee Report:***

Council Members, Greg Smith and Teresa Tilson, had no new items to report. They requested that any monthly services that the Town uses, have bids or proposals for better prices, be submitted to the Budget Committee for consideration for the Budget FY2023-24, to please submit that information ASAP since they would be working on the Budget soon.

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

Derek Percy updated that no bids have been received yet regarding the new Heating/Cooling units for the WCFD located on Roland Street. Also looking into some prices for plumbing and insulation repairs at the same location.

***Personnel Committee Report:***

Items will be discussed in Closed Session.

***Planning Committee Report:***

No new developments to report.

***Street Committee Report:***

Derek Percy, Committee Member, gave a report regarding a large pot hole on Maple Street (a Town owned road) that will require repair along with drain repair. A motion was made regarding this, and is recorded in the "New Business" section of these minutes.

***Police Department Report:***

Chief Donald Harding, III, presented the Council with a brief summary of recent Police Department events, and call logs. He shared with the Council information regarding the process they are doing currently for selecting the new hires for the Department. Each candidate has been vetted appropriately, and he is pleased with the results. He also updated the Council on new and current grants available from Federal and Local governments that the Department will be applying for in the near future to bring equipment and resources up to date. He also informed the Council of the difficulty in finding Architectural firms that are willing to submit a bid for the design of the Police Department renovation.

***Fire Department Report:***

Matt Ison, gave the report for the WCFD. He informed the Council that he has spoken with Freda Starnes from the Scott County Administrator's Office, who gave the WCFD permission to use the surplus funds (\$9,801.41) from the equipment purchase of February 2021. The Fire Department will collect receipts or new qualifying equipment quotes up to this amount, and present them to the Town for payment.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter **INTO** Closed Session to discuss personnel and legal issues was made by **Greg Smith**, Council member. Seconded by **Derek Percy**, 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 **Eileen Deckard**, and seconded by **Zackary Salyer**. Motion passed with: **6** voting **AYES**, **0** voting **NAY**, **0** **Absent** and **0** **Abstentions**

**CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Vice 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 **Greg Smith**, Council member, and roll call vote made with these members voting “AYE” were: **Justin Addington, Eileen Deckard, Derek Percy, Greg Smith, Teresa Tilson, and Zackary Salyer**.

Voting “NAY” were: **none**, with **0** Absent

**ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Zackary Salyer, and seconded by Derek Percy, to have a public hearing to adopt as the local code and ordinances, sections of the various Virginia Code that allow it to be codified into local code.

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

A motion was made by Greg Smith, seconded by Eileen Deckard, to advertise for an Office Manager for the Town of Weber City.

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

A motion was made by Derek Percy, seconded by Teresa Tilson, to reimburse Chief Donald Harding, III for the 12.24 hours of vacation that was not rolled over with the new year.

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

A motion was made by Derek Percy, seconded by Teresa Tilson, to promote Officer John Gillenwater to Sergeant at a new hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Justin Addington, seconded by Teresa Tilson, to hire Spencer St. Cyr as a full time, Weber City Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$21.75 per hour, with full benefits effective date of hire as voted by Council on September 20, 2022. 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 April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by **Greg Smith**, seconded by **Zackary Salyer**  
Motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

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**Vice Mayor: Justin Addington**

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**Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps**