

**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, April 18, 2023**. 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 **Vice Mayor, Justin Addington**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Mayor Chris Powers**, 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: Derek Percy  
Council Member: Gregory Smith  
Council Member: Teresa Tilson  
Council Member: Zackary Salyer

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion to accept the **March 21, 2023 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Justin Addington**; seconded by **Zackary Salyer**.  
Motion passed with **6** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **0** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Motion to approve the **March 30, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Zackary Salyer**; seconded by **Eileen Deckard**.  
Motion passed with **5** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **0** ABSENT, **1** Abstentions (Greg)

The Motion to accept the **December 2022 , January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023 Financial Reports with one vote**, was made by **Greg Smith**, seconded by **Justin Addington**.  
Motion passed with **6** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **0** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

None at this time.

**Public Comment:**

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

The following candidates for offices in the upcoming primaries, came to introduce themselves and ask for the Town's support:

Kevin Helms – candidate for Treasurer of Scott County. He is a native of Scott County and his main campaign platform is investing the County surplus money, and additional office hours.

Hunter Hensley – candidate for District 1 Supervisor, whose campaign platform regards keeping County Taxes steady, and business growth in the Weber City area.

Kristina Hurd – candidate for Commissioner of Revenue, whose campaign platform is to make that office more accessible to the citizens.

Being no further Public Comment, Mayor Chris Powers, closed the floor for Public Comment.

**Old Business:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Greg Smith, and seconded by Teresa Tilson to approve a payment to Mountaineer Computer Systems, Inc. for Accufund software upgrade to add an additional user. This payment will be paid with ARPA funds.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, and seconded by Zackary Salyer, for the purchase of the Accufund Grant Management Module, which will also be covered by ARPA funds.

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

A motion was made by Greg Smith, and seconded by Justin Addington to send out the approved Request for Proposal for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services for the Town of Weber City, for bids to be returned to the Town by May 1, 2023

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

A motion was made by Zackary Salyer, and seconded by Derek Percy to collect further details from the Cintas company regarding a proposal for monthly facility services and logo mats for the foyer, for both the Town offices and the Police Department.

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

**Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico**

Items will be covered in Closed Session.

**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 announced that work on the Budget for FY2023-2024 will begin soon. They also reported that the Town is waiting for responses from the RFP for Audit services. At this time, only one response has been received.

***Maintenance Committee Report:***

Derek Pearcy updated that one bid has been received regarding the new Heating/Cooling units for the WCFD located on Roland Street, and that two additional companies (Boones Heating and Air, LLC and Gilliams Heating and Cooling) have expressed interest and are working on their bids.

***Personnel Committee Report:***

Gave a warm welcome back to Rhonda Neeley, Office Manager who returned to the Town on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other items will be discussed in Closed Session.

***Planning Committee Report:***

No new developments to report at this time, just a reminder that zoning needs to be addressed soon.

***Street Committee Report:***

Zackary Salyer, Committee Member, gave an update that several potholes have been repaired by VDOT on Chapel Street that were large enough to cause vehicle damage. The committee is gathering bids and information regarding the street and drainage problem repair on Maple Street (a Town owned road). They have also contacted VDOT about additional NO Parking and Speed Limit signage required on Johnson Street addressing the parking and speed problems that citizens are having there.

***Police Department Report:***

Chief Donald Harding, III, presented the Council with a brief summary of recent Police Department events. He shared with the Council that new hire, Matt Bledsoe is doing well in his 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Academy. Some attendees have quit already, so please keep Matt in your prayers to succeed. Chief Harding made the request to the Council again, to approve the purchase of 2 new police vehicles through ARPA funds. He has received 2 quotes from Architectural firms for the cost of designing the renovation of the Police Department. He introduced to the Council the COPS Grant and what it entails. He also informed the Council that several people have expressed

an interest in donating towards the purchase of a K9 officer, and the Department plans to initiate a fundraiser for that purchase/program.

***Fire Department Report:***

Bruce Cross, gave the report for the WCVFD. He thanked members of the Council who have stopped by the Fire Department to see the progress being made there. Then he inquired of the money due the Fire Department from the Scott County Administrator's Office, who gave the WCVFD permission to use the surplus funds (\$9,801.41) from the equipment purchase of February 2021.

Lola Dean then spoke on behalf of the WCVFD, requesting the Town to support the good work they do.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter **INTO** Closed Session to discuss personnel and legal issues was made by **Teresa Tilson**, Council member. Seconded by **Justin Addington**, 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 **Justin Addington**.

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 **Eileen Deckard**, Council member, seconded by **Zackary Salyer**, 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, for the Town of Weber City to purchase a Police vehicle using ARPA funds. The Council requested 3 quotes be gathered for a Dodge Durango, a Ford Explorer, and a Chevrolet Blazer, that are PPV equipped.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Greg Smith, to hold a public hearing for adoption of local ordinances for Town of Weber City.

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

The next meeting was announced as follows:

Public Hearing on Local Ordinances: Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 6:50 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting: Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by **Justin Addington**, seconded by **Zackary Salyer**

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

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**Mayor: Christopher Powers**

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**Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps**