

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, July 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 **Justin Addington, Council Member**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Mayor Mike Carrico, Town Attorney**, 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: Teresa Tilson (via phone in Raleigh, NC)
Council Member: Zackary Salyer (arrived after meeting began)
Council Member #6 still vacant

ABSENT:

Council Member: Derek Percy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion to accept the **June 20, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Public Hearing on the Budget), the **June 20, 2023 Regular Called Meeting Minutes**, and the **June 29, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Adopt the Budget) all together was made by **Justin Addington**; seconded by **Eileen Deckard**.

Motion passed with **3** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **2** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Motion to accept the **June 2023 Financial Report**, was made by **Teresa Tilson**, seconded by **Justin Addington**.

Motion passed with **3** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **2** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Mayor Report and Comments:

The Mayor discussed the Council vacancy, asking attendees if they knew of anyone interested in filling the position. A few people talked with Chris this month, and even one gentleman attended a meeting to observe Council proceedings. Chris suggested that the Council invite and encourage anyone interested to attend the next council meeting, in August, to be considered.

There was much discussion regarding the new Trash service. Clarifying that service is offered without charge until the end of 2023, but still requires a Weber City trashcan. Also, that service is not mandatory after the first of the year, that if a resident chooses to opt out of trash service, they will be responsible for disposing of their garbage

themselves, and that citations will be issued, (per Town ordinance) to anyone who neglects to remove their garbage.

Most residents who want to continue the service, are picking up their cans. A few disabled and elderly residents, or those without a truck are asking to have their cans delivered. Only Police officers are authorized to drive the Police truck, so the Chief (who is on light duty since his injury in April) has delivered some, the Mayor has delivered some with his own truck, and even some Council members have taken some. Eileen suggested that our WC officers deliver the cans, but was advised from Town Attorney, Mike Carrico, that the Town cannot require the officers to do that because it is beyond the scope of their job description.

There was discussion about several complaints of loose dogs in the Town and enforcing the Town ordinance against animals at large.

The Council spoke on the subject of requiring businesses to obtain a Business License for any business or vendor selling goods within Town limits. Some area business owners have failed to renew theirs, due on May 1, 2023. The Council discussed ways to enforce business owners to bring them current, and whether to require temporary vendors (food trucks, etc.) to purchase one. They also discussed that Weber City has a Meals Tax ordinance already that requires paying Meals Tax on any food sold within the Town limits, and questioned does this apply to the food trucks parking in our town twice a month.

Old Business:

A motion was made by **Justin Addington**, and seconded by **Teresa Tilson**, to change the Bank Signees for the Town's accounts at Bank of Marion – Bank of Scott County, with a resolution to remove Greg Smith, Council Member, as a signer, and add Rhonda Neeley, as a new signer.

Motion passed with 3 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 2 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Justin Addington, and seconded by Zackary Salyer for Weber City police officers to deliver letters to businesses in the Town of Weber City who are currently delinquent in renewing their Business License, or are currently operating their business without obtaining a Business License. The letter will give them 30 days to comply with the ordinance, or the business will be issued a cease and desist order until corrected and closed.

Motion passed with 4 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion was made by Eileen Deckard, and seconded by Zackary Salyer to create a Request For Proposal with guidelines for the Police Department Renovation Project. Recent discussions have suggested moving the Police Department upstairs to the

Council room, and creating a new Council meeting room downstairs after the mold issue is remediated. No vote is on record for either location yet.

Motion passed with 4 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion was made by Justin Addington, and seconded by Eileen Deckard to purchase 8 chairs for the Council room not to exceed the price \$139.99 each, a sample product was found at Office Depot where the Town already has a tax exempt account.

Motion passed with 4 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

A motion was made by Zackary Salyer and seconded by Justin Addington to contract to lease a copier, including service and supplies, as outlined in the proposal from Tri City Business Machines of Kingsport. The proposal was for \$53.13/month for 60 months and \$45.00 Quarterly for the Service contract. This is a government rate, and includes parts, labor, supplies and equipment.

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson and seconded by Zackary Salyer to pay in full any past due invoices due the Scott County Building and Zoning Department.

Motion passed with 3 voting AYE, 1 voting NAY, 1 ABSENT, 0 Abstentions

The proposal for Cintas to supply logo mats, touchless dispensers, and paper products on a monthly service contract for the Town Hall and Police Departments has been tabled again for discussion at the August meeting.

Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico

None

Committee Reports:

Mayor Powers appointed Council member, Zackary Salyer, to be a member of the Planning Committee to fill the vacancy.

ARPA Committee Report:

No new comments at this time. .

Finance Committee Report:

Teresa Tilson, expressed that we are now in a new budget year, and to be patient with the committee as things play out.

Maintenance Committee Report:

No new reports at this time. Justin Addington asked that the Council move forward on either re-locating the Police Department upstairs, or renovating their current space, to

include mold remediation. Eileen Deckard volunteered to contact contractors about providing a proposal for the job.

Personnel Committee Report:

Made a comment that the Employee Handbook updates are ongoing and hope to be finished soon after a thorough review.

Planning Committee Report:

No new comments at this time.

Street Committee Report:

No new comments at this time. Met with VDOT engineer about needed road repairs, and the engineer's report was emailed to Rhonda Neeley, who shared it with the Council.

Police Department Report:

Sargent John Gillenwater gave a short activity report. Chief Harding is on vacation.

Fire Department Report:

No report from the Fire Department.

Public Comment:

None

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session this meeting.

The next meeting was announced as follows:

Regular Called Meeting August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by **Justin Addington**, seconded by **Zackary Salyer**
Motion passed with **4** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY **1** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Mayor: Christopher Powers

Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps