

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, June 20, 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: Derek Percy
Council Member: Teresa Tilson
Council Member: Zackary Salyer

ABSENT:

Council Member: Gregory Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion to accept the **May 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes** (Public Hearing to adopt the Code of VA) was made by **Derek Percy**; seconded by **Zackary Salyer**.
Motion passed with **4** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **1** ABSENT, **1** Abstentions

Motion to accept the **May 16, 2023 Regular Called Meeting Minutes** was made by **Teresa Tilson**; seconded by **Eileen Deckard**
Motion passed with **4** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **1** ABSENT, **1** Abstentions

Motion to accept the **May 25, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes (Budget Workshop for Council)** was made by **Zackary Salyer**; seconded by **Derek Percy**.
Motion passed with **4** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **1** ABSENT, **1** Abstentions

Motion to accept the **May 2023 Financial Report**, was made by **Teresa Tilson**, seconded by **Justin Addington**.
Motion passed with **5** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **1** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Mayor Report and Comments:

Addressed during New Business

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Zackary Salyer, seconded by Teresa Tilson, to accept the resignation of Council Member, Greg Smith.

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

A motion was made by Justin Addington, and seconded by Zackary Salyer, to change the Bank Signees for the Town's accounts at New Peoples Bank, with the removal of Greg Smith, Council Member, Teresa Tilson amended the motion to add Rhonda Neeley, as a new signer, amendment seconded by Eileen Deckard.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, and seconded by Zackary Salyer to adopt the new 80/20 rule as the way to pay for employee and dependent Health Insurance. The Town pays 80% with the employee paying 20%. (This is a change from the current amount of the Town paying 100% of the employee coverage and 40% of the dependent coverage).

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

A motion was made by Justin Addington, and seconded by Zackary Salyer to update the Employee Handbook to reflect the changes regarding Health Insurance benefits provided by the Town.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, and seconded by Justin Addington to accept the bid from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates RFC) to perform the Audit for the Town for FY June 30, 2022. Based on the fact that they performed the Town's previous Audit, and using the same firm allows for increased continuity in the reporting.

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

A motion was made by Justin Addington, and seconded by Teresa Tilson to accept the proposal from New Life Garbage that quoted \$18/can curbside pick up, trash removal service, with requesting a reduced pricing of \$15.25/can curbside pick up, as amended by New Life Garbage if the Tipping Fees charged by Scott County can be waived.

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

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson to contract for rental a copier, including service and supplies up to \$120.00/mth from Appalachian Business Communications of Kingsport. Several council members had questions and comments regarding the motion, so with no second, the motion was tabled until the July 18, 2023 meeting when more details can be presented and additional quotes from other suppliers.

Likewise, 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 postponed for discussion at the July meeting.

There was a brief mention, by Mayor Chris Powers, that the Town is considering moving the Police Department upstairs in the Town Hall building. This is only in beginning stages of discussion.

Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico

None

Committee Reports:

Mayor Powers commented that he will be looking for volunteers on the Council to replace Greg Smith's vacant Committee spots.

ARPA Committee Report:

No new comments at this time. .

Finance Committee Report:

No new comments at this time. Most items were discussed at the Public Hearing regarding the FY2023-24 Budget.

Maintenance Committee Report:

No new comments at this time.

Personnel Committee Report:

No new comments at this time.

Planning Committee Report:

No new comments at this time.

Street Committee Report:

No new comments at this time. Streets in need of repairs and attention, including Maple and Wilmeth, were updated by Derek Percy during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Police Department Report:

Chief Donald Harding, III, presented the Council with a brief summary of recent Police Department events. He also thanked the Council for their support of his efforts in the last year as Police Chief, with his 1 year anniversary of that position approaching.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, Bruce Cross, gave a brief summary of the recent Fire Department activities this month. Thanked the Town for their support.

Public Comment:

Gabe Edmunds from the Virginia Star asked if a special election would have to be held to fill the vacant council seat. The council can appoint someone to fulfill the duties until the next election. Then a special election will take place.

Billy Hensley stopped in to find out more about the trash service changes.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session this meeting.

The next meetings were announced as follows:

Special Called Meeting to Adopt Budget Thursday June 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by **Justin Addington**, seconded by **Zackary Salyer**
Motion passed with **5** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY, **0** ABSENT, **0** Abstentions

Mayor: Christopher Powers

Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps