

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 **6:30 p.m. (actual start time 6:38 pm) on Tuesday, December 10, 2024**. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by **Vice Mayor Wendell Tipton**, and opened with Prayer by **Eileen Deckard, Council Member**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Wendell Tipton, Vice Mayor**, and joined by all in attendance.

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Justin M. Addington (joined in person at 7:00 pm)
Vice Mayor:	Wendell Tipton (moderator)
Council Member:	Eileen Deckard
Council Member:	Jeff Flanary
Council Member:	Keltie Kerney (joined by Teresa Tilson's phone 6:57 pm)
Council Member:	Teresa Tilson

The vote count reflects these times.

Town Employees: Penney Capps – Clerk, Frank Tittle – Public Works,
Donald Harding, III - Police Chief

ABSENT:

Town Attorney:	Michael Carrico
Council Member:	Zackary Salyer
Treasurer:	Rhonda Neeley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT:

A motion to accept the **November 19, 2024**, Regular Called Meeting Minutes was made by Teresa Tilson; seconded by Jeff Flanary.

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

Motion to accept the **November 2024** Financial Report, was made by Jeff Flanary; seconded by Teresa Tilson .

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

Mayor Report and Comments:

Mayor, Justin Addington, was not present at the time to give an updated Mayor report.

Old Business:

Hurricane Donation Money

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Jeff Flanary, to follow the church's direction to distribute the Hurricane Helene donation money received from Greenwood

Chapel Baptist Church, in the full amount of **\$1,000.00**, to the Town of Damascus Hurricane Relief Fund per the church's wishes.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Renovation Budget Changes

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Eileen Deckard, to allow the **\$17,812.00** set aside in the ARPA funds for the Byrne/Justice JAG matching grant (voted on August 20, 2024) to be used for the Police Department Renovation Project, bringing the project budget total back to \$100,000.00, as originally voted for on May 14, 2024 and make the final decision for the source of that funding at the January Council meeting, when more of the Council members are present.

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

Legal Affairs – by Attorney Mike Carrico

None. Town Attorney was absent.

Committee Reports:

ARPA Committee Report: Teresa Tilson and Zackary Salyer

The Police Department Renovation work is ongoing!

Finance Committee Report: Teresa Tilson and Wendell Tipton

Jeff Flanary asked the Finance Committee to clarify the request from Police Chief Donald Harding, III, to replace the **\$17,812.00** used from ARPA funds for Police equipment to be given back to the original \$100,000 voted on 5/14/24 for the Police Department Renovation Project from the Town's reserve funds.

On August 20, 2024 Council voted to use a portion of the designated renovation project funds, in the amount of \$17,812.00, to claim a match grant for Police equipment. Now that the renovation has begun, and additional needs have presented themselves, the Chief is asking that those funds be added back into the project, possibly using some of the Town's reserve funds, since the remaining ARPA funds have already been designated for street repair and paving. There was much discussion as to the source of the funds if Council voted to do so. Wendell Tipton of the Finance Committee stated that the Treasurer can request funds be transferred to the General Fund Checking Account from the Money Market Account easily, and also from the state investment account if necessary.

Personnel Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Keltie Kerney

Table the revisions to the Employee Handbook until January 2025.

Zoning/Planning Committee Report: Eileen Deckard and Zackary Salyer

Committee has not had a chance to meet since the previous Council meeting. There have been some concerns from citizens of mobile homes being allowed on random properties in town. And Eileen asked the Council their opinion on Billboard regulations in town and whether a Business License is required by the companies who install them. The Committee hopes to have a typed draft soon to share with Council members.

Street Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Wendell Tipton

Jeff Flanary asked Frank Tittle for an update on the ongoing street drainage repairs. Frank Tittle informed that the work has begun at both locations. The areas have been cut out and new tiles have been placed with rock to improve drainage. The concrete basin has been ordered, and they anticipate the work being complete before Christmas.

Maintenance Committee Report: Eileen Deckard and Frank Tittle

The Committee brought to Council attention the need for repair to Laurel Street. A portion of the street is maintained by VDOT. Preliminary estimates to repave the part of the street not maintained by VDOT would be \$80,000. But if the town chose to regrade the street, insert proper drainage tiles, use tar and rock instead of asphalt, the cost could be near \$40,000 instead. This was received as information.

Police Department Report:

The WCPD has been asked to participate with the Sheriff Department's "Shop with a Cop" – Dec 14th at 11:00 am

The WCPD will host its 3rd year of "Santa Cop Christmas Party" for Headstart – Dec 17th at 11:00 am, any council and staff are encouraged to join the WCPD delivering gifts and lunch to the classroom.

Recently the Department arrested an individual who was stealing copper from a closed business location. Two business owners in town assisted the Department with information, and Chief Harding plans to honor those people next month.

Chief Harding asked the Council for permission to hire a plumber for current sewage issues plaguing the Police Department restrooms. The Council agreed that this would fall under Emergency Maintenance and gave Frank Tittle, Public Works, the authority to investigate the problem and contact a plumber to resolve it. No vote was necessary, since the current condition presents a health hazard to the occupants. Mayor Addington stated that it must be done, and he has authority to approve the cost up to \$500.00, so just get it done.

Fire Department Report:

No one present to report. Council members observed that the new garage doors have been installed, and some of the trucks are now housed in the new building. The HVAC systems are yet to be installed, so the Fire Department cannot make the permanent move yet to this facility.

Public Comment:

None. No one present.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by **Jeff Flanary**, seconded by **Teresa Tilson**.
Motion passed with **3** voting AYE, **0** voting NAY **2** ABSENT, **0** Vacant, **0** Abstentions
(*Keltie was on Teresa's phone for part of the meeting, but had become disconnected at time of adjournment.*)

Vice Mayor: Wendell Tipton

Town Clerk: Penney C. Capps

Announcement: Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm