

**WISE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019; 7:00 P.M.
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

Minutes

Members Present:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor
Laura Taylor-Baugh
Billy Bartlett, Jr.
Caynor Smith, Jr.

Members Absent:

None

Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation:

Mayor Dotson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ben Murphy, Pastor of the First Church of God, provided the invocation.

Amended Agenda:

Billy Bartlett, Jr. moved to adopt the amended agenda. Caynor Smith, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Consent Calendar:

Laura Taylor-Baugh moved to approve the consent calendar, which included the minutes of the Tuesday, March 26, 2019 regular meeting, minutes of the April 9, 2019 continued meeting, minutes of the April 16, 2019 budget workshop, the March 2019 Financial, Police, and Water Plant reports, and the March-April 2019 Fire Department Report. Billy Bartlett, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Public Expression:

There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, the public expression was closed.

Public Hearing – Ordinance #2, 2019:

There was a public hearing held on “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 4 SECTION 5.2 AND SECTION 8.2 OF THE TOWN OF WISE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ADOPTED MARCH 23, 1987 TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALLOWING MOBILE FOOD UNITS IN THE B-2 AND B-3 ZONING DISTRICTS”. There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, Mayor Dotson closed the public hearing. Town Planner Laura Craft briefly reviewed the proposed amendment to the Town’s zoning ordinance, which would allow mobile food units in specific zoning districts with certain regulations. She noted that the amendment was approved by the Wise Planning Commission on April 1, 2019. Following the discussion, Laura Taylor-Baugh moved to adopt Ordinance #2, 2019 as presented. Billy Bartlett, Jr. seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	“Aye”
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh	“Aye”
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

Public Hearing – Ordinance #3, 2019:

A public hearing was held on “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, INCREASING ADMISSION FEES FOR THE WISE SWIM FACILITY”. The fee increase was discussed by Council at previous budget meetings and was included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, Mayor

Dotson closed the public hearing. Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance #3, 2019 as presented. Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	“Aye”
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh	“Aye”
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

Resolution #18, 2019:

Town Manager Beverly Owens explained that the resolution under discussion outlined the Town’s share of costs and established the terms and conditions of the agreement with VDOT for the Norton Road Widening Project. She advised that the Town’s portion of the expense was \$851.88 for 31 months. Mayor Dotson pointed out that the Urban Project Construction Agreement referenced an incorrect description of the number of lanes included in the project. Owens responded that the UPC number was correct, which identified the actual project regardless of the description. Following the discussion, Billy Bartlett, Jr., moved to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VDOT FOR COMPLETION OF A PROJECT TO WIDEN NORTON ROAD, UPC #17817”. Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	“Aye”
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh	“Aye”
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

Proclamation #1, 2019:

“A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 25, 2019 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK” was approved on a motion made by Caynor Smith, Jr. and seconded by Billy Bartlett, Jr. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Dotson presented a copy of the proclamation to Rescue Squad Captain Tim Dotson.

Proclamation #2, 2019:

“A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 5-11, 2019 AS MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK” was approved on a motion made by Billy Bartlett, Jr. and seconded by Laura Taylor-Baugh. The motion carried 5-0.

A copy of the proclamation was presented to Town Clerk/Treasurer Robin Meade.

Proclamation #3, 2019:

“A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA TO OBSERVE THE WEEK OF MAY 12-18, 2019 AS POLICE WEEK” was approved on a motion made by Laura Taylor-Baugh. Teresa Adkins seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Mayor Dotson presented a copy of the proclamation to Town Police Chief Danny French.

Proclamation #4, 2019:

“A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA DESIGNATING MAY 2019 AS “ENDANGERED SPECIES MONTH” was approved on a motion made by Billy Bartlett, Jr. and seconded by Caynor Smith, Jr. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of FY 2019-2020 Budget:

Mayor Dotson advised that Council had discussed the fiscal year 2019-20 budget during two previous meetings. He polled members to ask if there were any further comments. There was no additional discussion requested.

Closed Meeting:

Billy Bartlett, Jr. moved to convene into a closed meeting for the purpose of and including:

Legal Matters – Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(8); AND

Personnel – Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1)

Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Regular Session:

Billy Bartlett, Jr. moved to reconvene into the regular session. Caynor Smith, Jr. seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Certification of Closed Meeting – CM Resolution #7, 2019:

Town Clerk/Treasurer Robin Meade, read Closed Meeting Resolution #7, 2019, “Resolving and certifying that to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applied, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council of the Town of Wise,” and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	“Aye”
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh	“Aye”
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

Resolution #19, 2019:

Mayor Dotson read in its entirety “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, COMMENDING THE 2018-2019 CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LADIES BASKETBALL TEAM”. Billy Bartlett, Jr., moved to adopt Resolution #19, 2019 as presented. Teresa Adkins seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	“Aye”
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh	“Aye”
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

Team members and coaches were presented a personalized keychain as a token of pride from the Wise Town Council.

Appointee Reports (Informational Purposes Only) – Acknowledgement of Receipt:

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Cumberland Airport Commission report from the April 18, 2019 meeting. Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Council Comment:

Caynor Smith, Jr. thanked Laura Craft for handling a concern of Roger Viers in regard to handicapped parking on Main Street.

Laura Taylor-Baugh noted that she was pleased to have had an opportunity to attend a newly elected council member training session in Abingdon.

Mayor Dotson requested that the Street Department give extra attention to debris near drainage on various streets throughout the town to keep the rubbish out of the storm sewer system.

Caynor Smith, Jr. thanked the town's staff and his fellow Councilmembers for their efforts in modifying the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget to its final form.

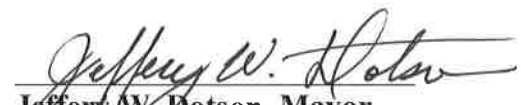
Staff / Manager Comment:

Laura Craft informed that the Great American Clean-Up was scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Big Glades Amphitheater beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business to come before the Wise Town Council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Billy Bartlett, Jr. Teresa Adkins seconded the motion that carried 5-0.


Robin R. Meade, Clerk of Council


Jeffery W. Dotson, Mayor