

**WISE TOWN COUNCIL CONTINUED MEETING / BUDGET WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023; 5:00 P.M.  
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Teresa Adkins, Mayor  
Ben Conway, Vice-Mayor  
Jeffery Dotson  
Robin Dotson  
Caynor Smith, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION:**

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

**DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Town Manager Laura Roberts summarized the first draft of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. She advised that the draft included the majority of the capital expenditures that were presented by Department Heads at the March 15, 2023 meeting. Roberts reviewed proposed rate increases for the General Fund that included all zoning permitting fees. She noted that the proposal also included water and sewer utility rate increases. She reported that the budget included a 3% cost-of-living adjustment and a 3% step raise for eligible employees as adopted by Council in fiscal year 2022.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On a motion made by Robin Dotson and a second by Ben Conway the Wise Town Council moved to convene into closed meeting for the purpose of and including:

***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)*

***Real Property** – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(3).*

***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).*

**OPEN SESSION:**

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to reconvene in open session. Ben Conway seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION - CM RESOLUTION #5, 2023:**

Sarina Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer, read Closed Meeting Resolution #5, 2023, “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:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	“Aye”
Ben Conway	“Aye”
Jeffery Dotson	“Aye”
Robin Dotson	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

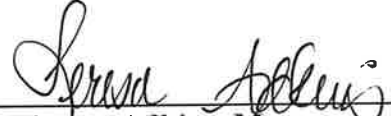
**STAFF COMMENT:**

Town Clerk/Treasurer Sarina Collins informed that a Request for Proposals was being advertised for the Accounting Contract for the preparation of financial statements for the years ending June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2026. She advised that a Finance Committee Meeting would be scheduled following the May 11, 2023 deadline for the RFP.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the governing body, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Jeff Dotson. Ben Conway seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sarina F. Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Adkins, Mayor