

**WISE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 3, 2023; 3:45 P.M.**  
**WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Teresa Adkins, Mayor  
Ben Conway  
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.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**-Feasibility Study for Indoor Recreation Facility:**

Caynor Smith, Jr., Chair, summarized the meeting of the Recreation Committee held to discuss citizen requests for an indoor recreation facility with basketball courts. He advised that the committee recommended that Council authorize a feasibility study, which would consist of a market opportunity analysis and a recommended facility report. Smith also noted the need for a master plan for recreation uses for the Town of Wise Sports Complex, stating the committee recommended a master plan be completed during the upcoming FY 2023-2024. Ben Conway added that Town property located on Lake Street was also discussed as a potential location for an indoor recreation facility. Robin Dotson inquired if Wise County would be partnering with the Town financially for the feasibility study. Town Manager Laura Roberts stated Wise County was interested in contributing half of the \$18,500 fee to The Sports Facilities Companies for the study if the Town of Wise Sports Complex, located in Wise County, was going to be the potential location for the indoor recreation facility. She added that the Town property located on Lake Street being under consideration for the said facility may affect Wise County's decision to participate financially. Mayor Adkins directed Roberts to contact Wise County regarding financial participation in the feasibility study.

Councilman Robin Dotson moved to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE MARKET OPPORTUNITY AND RECOMMENDED FACILITY REPORT BETWEEN THE SPORTS FACILITIES COMPANIES AND THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA". Councilman Smith seconded the motion, with the vote recorded by roll call:

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On a motion made by Ben Conway and a second by Jeff Dotson, 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)*

**OPEN SESSION:**

Robin Dotson made a motion to reconvene in open session. Ben Conway seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION – CM RESOLUTION #7, 2023:**

Sarina Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer, read Closed Meeting Resolution #7, 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, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Jeffery Dotson	“Aye”
Robin Dotson	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

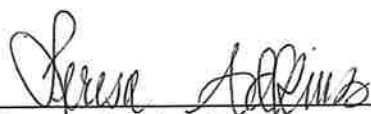
**MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROBERT C. ENGLAND:**

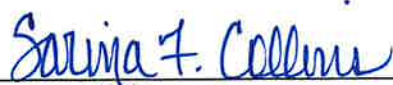
Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion for the Town of Wise to enter into a contract with Robert C. England to provide professional consulting services leading to the employment of the Town's Chief of Police, as presented by Mr. England. Councilman Jeff Dotson seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional discussion by the Wise Town Council, Jeff Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Conway seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

  
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Teresa Adkins, Mayor

  
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Sarina F. Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer