

WISE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 23, 2024; 7:00 P.M.
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Conway
Jeffery Dotson
Robin Dotson
Caynor Smith, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION:

Lieutenant Christopher Kent of the Wise Police Department led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Jeffery Dotson provided the invocation.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Town Manager Laura Roberts advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent calendar, which included the minutes of the June 25, 2024 regular Council meeting and the July 10, 2024 special-called Council meeting, the June 2024 Police, Water Plant, Fire Department, and Recreation Specialist Reports, and the July 2024 Planning Department and Special Events Reports. Robin Dotson seconded the motion that passed 4-0.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

Regina Gibson, on behalf of the Health Wagon, requested approval to place banners on Town-owned properties and the marquee sign located at Big Glades in advertisement of the Davey's Back to School Shuffle event to be held on August 1, 2024 at the Shelcy Mullins Sr. Fairgrounds. Following a brief discussion, Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to approve signage placement at the specified locations to advertise the event. Jeffery Dotson seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion made by Robin Dotson and a second by Caynor Smith, Jr., the Wise Town Council moved to convene into closed meeting for the purpose of and including:

***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).*

OPEN SESSION:

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to reconvene in open session. Jeffery Dotson seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION – CM RESOLUTION #9, 2024:

Sarina Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer, read Closed Meeting Resolution #9, 2024, “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:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #8, 2024:

Town Manager Laura Roberts informed the rezoning of three parcels of property located on Norton Road would allow mixed residential and business use, enabling Cavalier Housing to convert unused space into business properties. Following a brief discussion, a public hearing was held on “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA TO RECLASSIFY THE ZONING DISTRICT OF THREE PARCELS OF PROPERTY ON NORTON ROAD FROM R-B MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENCE ZONE TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT”. There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, Vice-Mayor Conway closed the public hearing. Councilman Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #8, 2024. Robin Dotson seconded the motion with the vote recorded by roll call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #9, 2024:

A public hearing was held on “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AMENDING SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH H, SUBPARAGRAPH 5 OF THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMART SCALE PROGRAM”. There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, Vice-Mayor Conway closed the public hearing. Robin Dotson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #9, 2024. Caynor Smith, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

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

RESOLUTION #19, 2024:

Town Manager Laura Roberts informed two bids for sidewalk construction along Lake Street were received, with Jones Road and Bridge, Inc. submitting the lowest bid. She added the sidewalk would be constructed from the intersection of Hurricane Road to Virginia Avenue. Following a brief discussion, Caynor Smith, Jr. moved to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ALONG LAKE STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HURRICANE ROAD TO VIRGINIA AVENUE”. Jeffery Dotson seconded the motion with the vote recorded by roll call:

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

RESOLUTION #20, 2024:

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA REAPPOINTING KELLY SORAH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION”. Robin Dotson seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

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

RESOLUTION #21, 2024:

Robin Dotson moved to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA REAPPOINTING TERESA ADKINS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION”. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

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

RESOLUTION #22, 2024:

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TOMMY ROBERTS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”. Councilman Jeffery Dotson seconded the motion with the vote recorded by roll call:

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

ORDINANCE #10, 2024:

Town Clerk/Treasurer Sarina Collins provided delinquent tax lists as of June 30, 2024, pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3924. She advised the adoption of Ordinance #10, 2024 would authorize the publication of delinquent tax lists, which would be scheduled for September 2024. There being no further discussion, Jeffery Dotson made a motion to adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, ADOPTING THE PROCEDURES FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES AND DELINQUENTS AS PROVIDED IN VIRGINIA CODE SECTIONS 58.1-3921 AND 58.1-3924, REQUIRING PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN LISTS AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION THEREOF”. Robin Dotson seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

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

APPOINTEE REPORTS (Informational Purposes Only) – Acknowledgment of Receipt:

Caynor Smith Jr. made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following appointee reports:

1. Cumberland Airport Commission regular meeting from June 20, 2024
2. Economic Development Authority regular meeting from February 8, 2024
3. Economic Development Authority regular meeting from June 13, 2024

Jeffery Dotson seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Caynor Smith, Jr. stated the recently held Chillin’ & Grillin’ event was a success. He also provided a brief update regarding recent work completed at the Town of Wise Sports Complex.

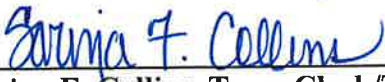
Jeffery Dotson requested feedback from Council on including a drone show in the upcoming Centennial Celebration. Dotson was advised to obtain pricing information for further consideration.

STAFF COMMENT:

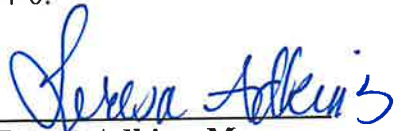
Town Manager Laura Roberts requested Council approval to hold a joint meeting with the Town of Wise Planning Commission at the August 27, 2024 regular Council meeting. She noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a Conditional Use for the Food Truck Incubator project. Roberts also noted the Employee Picnic would be held at Arrowhead Park on July 31, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional discussion by the Wise Town Council, Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Dotson seconded the motion that passed 4-0.



Sarina F. Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Teresa Adkins, Mayor