

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

525 North Main Street, Chase City VA 23924

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor James Bohannon.

PRESENT

Council Member Brenda Hatcher
Vice-Mayor James Bohannon
Council Member Marshall Whitaker
Council Member Pauline Keeton
Council Member Latrisha McCargo
Town Manager Dusty Forbes

ABSENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer
Council Member Michelle Wilson

Invocation

Vice Mayor Bohannon led everyone in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen's Recognition

Beverly Wood of 700 Sweetwater Lane addressed members of the Town Council. She said she was upset and concerned about Chase City's future. She said Roses is leaving and Family Dollar may have to leave as well. Miss Wood went on to say that we are on the way to becoming a ghost town and we need to reevaluate our views of solar power. She said we need to keep the businesses we have in town.

Consent Agenda

1. The minutes from the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on 7/8/2024 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to accept the minutes from 7/8/24. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

New Business

2. Bills Paid in the Month of July 2024

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to approve the bills paid for July 2024. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

3. Report to Council/Operating Budget July 2024

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the operation budget for July 2024. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

4. The Charge Off report for July 2024 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to approve the charge off report for July 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

5. The Chase City Police Department report for July 2024 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to accept the Chase City Police Department report for July 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

6. The Public Works report for July 2024 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to accept the July 2024 Public Works report. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

7. The Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report for July 2024 submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to accept the Chase City Volunteer Fire Department report for July 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

8. Item: Ogburn Street Storm Damage

Discussion: Ogburn Street was damaged due to recent storms. It has caused road blockage & needs to be repaired. Bids for repairs included for Town Council to look over.

Recommendations: The Town Council votes to approve the Treasurer to use \$57,000.00 of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) to make needed repairs to damages on Ogburn Street.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to approve the Treasurer to use \$57,000.00 of the ARPA funds to make needed repairs to damages on Ogburn Street. It was seconded by Council Member McCargo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Keeton, Council Member McCargo

Mayor/Council Comments

Vice Mayor Bohannon started out his comments by thanking Beverly Wood for her input. He said he agreed we do need to do something and we are currently working on it. He went on to say we have excellent Town Employees out working to prepare for the storm and cleaning up after the storm. He thanked Donald Long & his guys for cutting the grass & cleaning up for the last fly-in. He said they had 80 people at the last one.

Council Member McCargo thanked the public works, Town Manager, Clerks, Police Department and Fire Department for all their hard works. She went on to thank Miss Wood for her comments and saying that everyone is trying hard to get Chase City on track. "We care." We can try to meet people half way but sometimes they will not do their part, no matter what we do. She challenged her fellow Town Council Members to sponsor the upcoming Autumn Jubilee.

Council Member Whitaker said the National Night out was very good. It had great participation. He went on to thank everyone that made it happen. He invited everyone to come out for the next fly-in, saying it is great fellowship and a wonderful breakfast.

Council Member Hatcher thanked the first responders and police for all they do.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Charles "Dusty" Forbes thanked all who came out to the council meeting. He thanked everyone for the national night out and back to school event held at Southside Virginia Community College.

Contacts/Meetings- Several solar meetings with Long Road Energy, Dominion & Board of Supervisor Member Blackwell. Also, interviews for police officers and public works.

Streets - Storm preparation for hurricane Debbie, especially in low lying areas. The Ogburn Street washout bids received for repair.

Water/Sewer - He is currently working on the lead line inventory report that the Federal government requires by October 2024.

Waste Water Treatment Plant - A new pump was ordered for Butcher's Creek at the cost of \$22,000.00. Crews have been using the bypass pump. The return pump should be here this week. There was front end damage to a town truck from Plant Road washout. It is at Lenhart Brothers being repaired.

Police Department - He welcomed new officer Gatling. He comes to us from Blackstone and is already certified. The police department received a new Explorer and put it into service August 6, 2024. They were able to use the American Rescue Plan Act grant for that funding.

Airport - The runway lights were routed without conduit. Moisture has played havoc on the lines and the runway lighting / electrical system is broken. Elliot Electric is working up a quote for replacement. Department of Aviation is working with awarded contractor and construction engineering firm to reduce the cost for project start.

Additional Information- The Town Manager said he sent a certified letter to the owner of the Roses shopping center letting him know his business practices are horrible and asking if he would call us to see what we can do to fix this before Roses leaves town. He said he had also advertised and contacted Robert Newell the owner of 333 Walker Street to proceed with demoing bids on that property.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

James Bohannon, Vice-Mayor

Stacey R Pafford, Clerk of Council