

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, July 08, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Fahringer.

PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

ABSENT

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

Invocation

Mayor Fahringer led everyone in a prayer & the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen's Recognition

Talbert & Bright will address members of the Town Council to update them on the Airport project.

Derrick Bowers of 11384 Hwy 92 addressed members of the Town Council. He thanked everyone for coming out to the Father's Day event. He gave Town Manager Forbes & Mayor Fahringer a certificate of appreciation for all their help.

Charles Thacker, of Talbert & Bright, addressed members of the Town Council. He gave an update on the Airport Project. On 6/24/24 bids were opened for the airport project. They only received one bid. It was submitted to the Virginia Aviation to get funding. Virginia Aviation is projected to fund 95% of the costs. Council Member Whitaker asked when it will start. Mr. Thacker said it depends on when the funding comes through. It could possibly be as soon as August. Council Member Wilson asked how long it would take to complete once it was started. Mr. Thacker said usually about 45 days. The Town Manager thanked Talbert & Bright for their efforts.

Consent Agenda

1. The minutes from the Town Council Meeting on 6/10/24 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to approve the minutes from 6/10/24. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

New Business

The mayor recommended lowering the real estate tax rate to .38 cent per \$100. He thanked Treasurer Walker for researching the options for lowering the rate.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to lower the real estate tax rate to .38 cent per \$100. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

2. Bills Paid in the Month of June 2024

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to approve the bills paid for June 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

3. Report to Council/Operating Budget June 2024

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to approve the report to Council/Operating Budget for June 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

4. The Charge Off report for June 2024 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Motion made by Council Member Hatcher to approve the June 2024 Charge Off report. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

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

Mayor Fahringer read through the Chase City Police Department report for June 2024 & thanked them for all their hard work.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to approve the Police Department report for June 2024. It was seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohannon.

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

6. The Chase City Volunteer Fire Department Report for June 2024 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Mayor Fahringer read through the Chase City Volunteer Fire Department for June 2024. He thanked Marty & the Fire Department for all the do.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to accept the Fire Department report for June 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

7. The Public Works Report for June 2024 submitted to the Town Council for a vote of approval.

Mayor Fahringer read through the public works report for June 2024. He thanked the public works guys for getting down in the mud and muck to fix old broken pipes.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to accept the public works report for June 2024. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

8. **Item:** A member of the Industrial Development Authority's term ends June 2024.

Discussion: Robert Bondurant's term on the Industrial Development Authority ended June 2024. Josh Hatchel has been approved to replace him. Mr. Hatchel sent in an email declining this position right before last meeting. That leaves an open spot on the IDA.

Recommendation: The Town Council votes to approve appointing Trina Champion Burns for a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, replacing Robert Bondurant.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to approve the appointment of Trina Champion Burns. It was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

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

9. **Item:** Replacement for the Butcher's Creek pump.

Discussion: The Butcher's Creek pump will need to be replaced. The cost to replace that is estimated to be \$22,000.00.

Recommendation: The Town Council to vote to approve the allocation of \$22,000.00 to purchase a new pump for the Butcher's Creek pump station.

Council Member Bohannon asked the Town Manager if it is a new pump and if it came with a warranty. Town Manager Forbes said it is a new pump and it does come with a warranty.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohannon to approve the allocation of \$22,000.00 to purchase a new pump for the Butcher's Creek Pump Station. It was seconded by Council Member Keeton.

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

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Fahringer thanked everyone for their hard work the other day at the South Hill Fire.

Council Member Whitaker thanked the Card family for placing flags in the cemetery. He went on to comment that he and Marty are the oldest serving members of the Fire Department and have never seen anything like what they saw in the South Hill fire this past weekend. The large group of fire fighters worked together like a well-oiled machine. He went on to thank Derrick Bowers for working with the youth. Whitaker commented a lot of pipes have burst lately and it seems always on hot days. He said his hat goes off to the public works guys and all they do.

Council Member Bohannon thanked the Fire Department and commented on how wonderful it is to live in a community that supports one another. He also thanked Talbert & Bright. Bohannon said they fed over 80 people at the last fly in. He said July 27 is the next scheduled Fly in.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Forbes started by thanking everyone that came out to the Town Council meeting. He next thanked the Fire Department, saying it leaves a good feeling when volunteers from across the area come out to help. Mr. Forbes thanked the office staff for all they do. He said with all the water leaks the office staff has had to work hard notifying restaurants and residents. Town Manager Forbes said there have been a lot of water leaks where crews have had to work past midnight, sometimes as late as 3 a.m. He went on to give a special thanks to Public Works crew members Zach Franklin & Timmy Bohannon. He said they make a difference for this town with all their hard work.

Closed Session

The Town Council members will meet in closed session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), of the Code of Virginia of 1950 for a matter of real estate & with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950 for Personnel Matters.

Motion made by Council Member Whitaker to enter closed session. It was seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

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

Council Members went into private chambers to discuss.

Motion made by Council Member Keeton to enter back into open session. It was seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohannon.

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

Members were asked by roll call vote to affirm they only discussed matters of real estate & personnel during their closed session. The roll call vote went as follows:

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon - yea

Council Member Brenda Hatcher - yea

Council Member Pauline Keeton - yea

Council Member Marshall Whitaker - yea

Council Member Michelle Wilson - yea

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council