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Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2021

The Appomattox Town Council held a Regular Council meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Richard Conner, presiding.

Council members present – Aaron Tilton, Nathan A. Simpson, Mary Lou Spiggle, Timothy W. Garrett, Claudia G. Puckette and James J. Boyce.

Others present – Carlton Duck, Alive Media TV; Chad Hodges, Hurt & Proffitt, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Christie, Executive Director, Central Virginia Planning District Commission, Jeff Elder, Facilities Director; Gary Shanaberger, Town Manager; Kim Ray, Treasurer; and Roxanne W. Casto, Clerk of Council.

The meeting was also broadcast Live on the Town of Appomattox Facebook page.

Mayor Conner called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors.

Rev. Carlton Duck, Pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Conner opened the public hearing and stated the purpose:

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments for proposed changes to the Water and Sewer Policy User Charges (including Water and Sewer Rates), Connection and Availability Fees Administrative Policy with an effective date of October 1, 2021.

c) Proposed Out of Town Water Rates:

	0 – 2000 gallons	Charge per 1000 gallons over 2000
October 1, 2021	\$17.40	\$9.60
July 1, 2022	\$17.85	\$9.90

These rate changes are to be enacted pursuant to Section 15.2-2109 et. seq., with specific reference being made to Sections 15.2-2119 and 15.2-2122, of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended. Documentation, including the complete ordinance and other information concerning the documentation for the proposed fee are available at the Appomattox Town Office, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberley W. Ray, Treasurer or Gary L. Shanaberger, Town Manager at 434-352-8268.

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Public Comments – none

Mayor Conner closed the hearing.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Conner said he hoped this Council was doing the work they were elected to do. He also appreciates working with this team of elected officials and professional staff at the Town Office.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

Mr. Gary Christie, Executive Director, Central Virginia Planning District Commission appeared to present Mayor Conner with a plaque of appreciation for service to the Planning District Commission over the last year serving as Chairman.

Mr. Christie also provided an update on activities performed by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission during the last year.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to adopt the consent agenda for Monday, August 9, 2021, as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

On a motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to amend the Town of Appomattox Water and Sewer Policy to include User Charges, Connection and Availability Fee, Administrative Policy by increasing the out-of-town water rates effective October 1, 2021, and thereafter with a multiplier factor of 1.5. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Tilton, Council voted to approve an Amendment to the Appropriations Resolution of the Appomattox Town Council adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for the Town of Appomattox, Virginia to set the Personal Property Tax Relief rate for FY 2022.

**AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION OF THE APPOMATTOX
TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE
TOWN OF APPOMATTOX, VA.**

Amend Section IV:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 58.1-3524(C)(2) and Section 58.1-3912(E) of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly (2004 Special Session 1) and as set forth in Item 503.E (Personal Property Tax Relief Program) of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly any qualifying vehicle situses

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within the Town commencing January 1, 2021, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 50.93% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 50.93% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of “qualifying” (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

Attest:

Roxanne W. Casto, MMC, Town Clerk

Date

All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Puckette, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to amend the Fund Balance Policy for the Town of Appomattox. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Spiggle, Council voted to advertise a joint public hearing for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for an Ordinance of Vacation for an unopened street by Blue Ridge Medical on Jones Street. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Standing Committee Reports:

American Rescue Plan Act – Mrs. Puckette reported she and Mr. Garrett have not met since the last Workshop meeting to discuss possibilities of funding activities with the American Rescue Plan Act funding. They would like input from other Council members. Mr. Simpson mentioned exploring options to abate blighted buildings and supporting local food banks. Mr. Garrett will also gather information on the cost of indoor air quality equipment for Town buildings.

Citizens Comment Period:

None

Town Manager Updates –

Mr. Shanaberger provided an update on the following activities:

- Church Street Waterline Replacement project – Staff is working with USDA and DHCD to finalize the closing process. He is hopeful the project will be going out for bid in 90 days.
- The Public Works Department has been managing the fieldwork for the Inflow and Infiltration (SBR) project. Approximately \$6 million has been spent on this project.

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- The Request for Proposals for engineering and project management services has been advertised and RFP's are due on September 15, 2021.
- Attended a meeting with Jonathan Garrett and Rusty Small and all agreed to hold the fireworks on Saturday, July 2, 2022.
- The Town EDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Comments –

Puckette – none

Tilton – none

Simpson – inquired about the possibility of installing “No Parking” signs at the corner of Oakleigh Avenue at Church Street. Mr. Shanaberger said he would talk with VDOT. Mrs. Puckette inquired about the truck route. Mr. Shanaberger advised that VDOT is still conducting research for the study.

Spiggle – none

Garrett – none

Boyce – invited everyone to attend the Ball Brothers concert at the Courtland Festival Park on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. In the case of rain, the event will be held at Bible Baptist Church

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Garrett, Council voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Roxanne W. Casto
Clerk of Council

Richard C. Conner, Mayor