

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

319 North Main Street, Chase City, VA 23924

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MINUTES

Invocation

by Mayor Alden Fahringer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

ABSENT

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Town Council recognize William Stenbridge for his promotion to Lieutenant of the Chase City Police Department. Stenbridge was presented with a certificate by Mayor Fahringer.

Citizen's Recognition

Mary Ann Wood of 1 Norwood Drive spoke to announce the 150th celebration is only a month away and deadlines are getting close. She thanked the town council members for all their consideration regarding the Lee Building.

Richie Richards of 909 W Sycamore Street spoke regarding the wonderful turn out for the first Uptown at the Lee concert. He said they had raised over \$1300.00 for the Mecca and that people came from as far as Richmond, Petersburg, and Emporia. Some of these people had never been to Chase City before.

Derek Bowers of 11384 Hwy 92 spoke thanking the town for allowing his basketball tournament. He said he did not have the money for the road closure fee. Bev Wood spoke up saying she would donate the fee.

William Moran, who identified himself as being from out of town said he enjoyed the concert at the Lee Saturday night.

Consent Agenda

Motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Council Member Whitaker and Seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Keeton, Council Member Wilson, Council Member McCargo, Council Member Hatcher and Council Member Whitaker

1. The joint public hearing minutes from 05/08/2023 submitted for approval.
2. Minutes from the regularly scheduled town council meeting on 5/8/23 submitted for approval.
3. Minutes from the 2nd budget workshop on 6/1/23 submitted to council for approval.
4. Bills Paid in the Month of May 2023
5. Report to Council/Operating Budget May 2023
6. Charge Offs for May 2023
7. May 2023 Chase City Police Department Report
8. May 2023 Public Works Report
9. May 2023 Chase City Volunteer Fire Department Report

Old Business

10. Presentation of FY24 Budget for first reading and vote.

Motion made to accept the first reading of the 2024 budget made by Council Member Whitaker and Seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson, Council Member McCargo

It was agreed that a second reading and vote of the budget would be June 20, 2023.

New Business

11. Renew appointment for Monty Hightower to remain on the Industrial Development Authority for four more years. Renew appointment for Glenn Wood to remain on the Planning Commission for four more years.

Motion made to renew both members was made by Council Member Whitaker and Seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson, Council Member McCargo

12. The Town Council to vote to adopt the resolution for the water works project.

Motion made to adopt the resolution for the water works project made by Council Member Whitaker and Seconded by Council Member Hatcher.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson, Council Member McCargo

13. Town Council Members will vote on which offer they want to accept regarding the Lee Building.

The vote regarding the Lee Building was done via roll call. Each member had to state if they voted for the Uptown at the Lee group or the Gaskin group to have control of the building.

Council Member Hatcher- Uptown at the Lee
Council Member Whitaker- Uptown at the Lee
Council Member Keeton- Uptown at the Lee
Council Member Wilson- Uptown at the Lee
Council Member McCargo- Uptown at the Lee

Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Fahringer spoke on how pleased he was to see so many at the town council meeting and how he hoped we would continue to see this much participation. He went over the town reports for the police department, fire department and public works.

Council Member Keeton spoke about how much she too enjoyed seeing this much public participation at the town council meetings. She said more community input is needed to make this a better town. She went on to congratulate Lt. Stembridge for his promotion. She recognized Chief Jordan and Lt Stembridge for the grant they had obtained for the police department.

Council Member Whitaker spoke about how much he loved seeing the community get involved and thanked the Uptown at the Lee group for their persistence. He congratulated Lt. Stembridge for his promotion. Whitaker also addressed Town Manager Forbes saying the town crew was looking good. Whitaker then thanked Public Works Superintendent Donald Long for him and his crew working after hours to fix things.

Council Member McCargo spoke saying way to go Lt Stembridge and thanked him for his hard work.

Council Member Hatcher spoke thanking Public Works Superintendent Donald Long for letting her come to the town shop and familiarize herself with the town equipment.

Town Manager's Oral Report

Town Manager Dusty Forbes spoke saying the Bike Show this past weekend was a success. They had 45 bikes on the poker run. He also said a water main grant for an engineering study has been applied for to upgrade water lines in town.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council