

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

Call to Order

This special meeting was called to order by Mayor Alden Fahringer at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Urgent Meeting Items

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is meeting with representatives from the Uptown at the Lee Group to hear their proposal. Representatives from the town will also be presenting the Lee Group with two possible proposals. Acceptance of any proposal would need to be forwarded to the town council to be put to a vote.

Richie Richards presented the Lee Group's proposal for a timeline and path to ownership. A note from Glenn Hood of Lunenburg was read in support of the Lee Building and his personal connections in the entertainment industry.

Bobby Thompson of Victoria VA spoke in favor of the Lee Group.

Dickie Harris of Kenbridge shared what he did with the old Kenbridge H.S. and his renovation project there to turn it into a Community Center/P.D.

Janice Edwards (formerly of the Chase City Players) discussed royalty free shows for non-profits using children to draw crowds. She was also willing to provide financial records for the Chase City Players.

Charlotte Newcomb would like to see the facility remain open and act as a backup for town events that are scheduled for the pavilion and that get rained out.

Mayor Fahringer discussed the 2 options for ownership of the building for the Lee Group should the Council decide in their favor to allow them to take ownership instead of the unsolicited bid from the land developer.

Option 1 being the Lee Group purchasing the building for \$300K upfront with the stipulation that if their plans do not materialize in a certain number of years, ownership of the building will revert to the Town with no refund and retaining all improvements.

Option 2 allows the Lee Group to rent the building for \$1K per month for an initial period of 12 months at the end of which an evaluation will be made that the group has been able to materialize their plans for the building acceptable to Council. Also in the first 12 months, the Lee group will take over all maintenance, repairs, and bills for the building all while making completion on the town's required list of improvements to the site that must be completed each quarter. If there occurs any failure in payment of rent or bills, failure to maintain the building to the satisfaction of town maintenance employees and council, or failure to complete the required quarterly list of repairs and work, the deal would be nullified, and all ownership and control reverts to the Town along with any payments and improvements made being non-refundable. If the Group was successful in the first year, the council may agree to allow them to continue to a second 12-month period with the same arrangements as before and new quarterly lists of improvements to be made. At the successful completion of the 2nd 12 months, the Lee Group may purchase the Lee building for the same \$300K as Option 1 minus the total amount of rent payments made in the preceding 24 months (\$24K). If the Lee building again falls into disrepair after this period or fails to continue successful operation as presented to council after a certain number of years, ownership of the building will revert to the Town with no refund and retaining all improvements.

Diana Ramsey of Chase City and the MMMG museum, stated her desire to use the Lee Building as a backup for some of their outdoor events in inclement weather.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council