

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

319 North Main Street, Chase City, VA 23924

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## MINUTES

### Call to Order

Mayor Fahringer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member BJ Mull

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Michelle Wilson

#### ABSENT

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

### Invocation

Mayor Fahringer gave the invocation.

Mayor Fahringer presented a proclamation regarding Juneteenth.

### Citizen's Recognition

Clara Sands, 528 W 2nd Street, asked is there a leash law in town. Sgt. Stembridge said the town does have a leash but the problem is finding the owner of the dog not on the leash. He also stated that the officers do call animal control but they have no way to transport the dogs. Bev Wood asked if you can shoot the dogs to which Sgt. Stembridge replied no. He stated you can only shoot the dog if you are being attacked.

Frances Valentino, 223 W Sycamore St, complained about wandering dogs. He stated twice he has called the PD about wild dogs. He stated that animal control is a farce. He said that Chief Jordan and another officer responded and they helped. Council Member Mull responded that he thinks Mr. Valentino is upset with the wrong people. Sgt. Stembridge told Mr. Valentino to call the PD next time and the officer will call animal control. Council Member Mull told Mr. Valentino that he would need to contact the Board of Supervisors about animal control and Mayor Fahringer offered to go with him to the next meeting if needed.

Council Member Wilson asked about the noise ordinance because a citizen asked her. Sgt. Stembridge stated that there are some questions about the constitutionality of the ordinance but that most people will comply when asked to turn down the music. Council Member Wilson said the problem has been at the car wash. Sgt. Stembridge stated that they will patrol the car wash more frequently.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Council Member Wilson, Seconded by Council Member Hatcher. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker.

1. RCM 05/09/2022
2. SCM 05/10/2022
3. Report to Council/Operating Budget May 2022
4. Bills Paid in the Month of May 2022
5. Charge Offs May 2022
6. CCPD May 2022
7. CCVFD May 2022
8. PW May 2022 Report

**Old Business**

Motion to adopt the FY23 budge as presented was made by Council Member Hatcher, Seconded by Council Member Keeton. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

9. Presentation of the FY23 Budget

Motion to adopt the FY23 budge as presented was made by Council Member Hatcher, Seconded by Council Member Keeton. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

General Fund \$2,591,109.00  
Water Fund \$595,700.00  
Sewer Fund \$371,400.00  
Sewer Escrow Fund \$123,000.00  
Wastewater/Rural Development \$73,488.00  
Cemetery Fund \$24,600.00  
Endly Street Project Fund \$150,000.00  
Allen Gregory Fund \$68,250.00  
ARPA - \$1,149,050.00  
Total \$5,146,597.00

**New Business**

10. Employee Handbook Revision

Motion to approve the following changes to the employee handbook was made by Council Member Hatcher, Seconded by Council Member Whitaker. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

**SECTION 8 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS****8.1 Health, Dental and Vision Benefits**

The Township provides a group health, dental, and vision plan for eligible full-time, regular employees and their eligible dependents. Full time, regular hourly employees become eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following 90 days of the date of hire. Full time, regular salary employees become eligible on the first day of the month following the date of hire. Details on this program can be found in the Summary Plan Description specific to this coverage. All questions regarding coverage, changes of status, etc. should be addressed with the Treasurer.

**8.2 Life Insurance**

The Township provides Life Insurance for eligible full-time, regular employees. Full-time, regular, hourly employees become eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following 90 days of the date of hire. Full time, regular salary employees become eligible on the first day of the month following the date of hire. Details on this program can be found in the Summary Plan Description specific to the coverage. Optional Life Insurance is available as well at the employee's cost. All questions regarding coverage, changes of status, etc. should be addressed with the Deputy Treasurer.

**8.3 Retirement Savings Plan**

Eligible full-time, regular, hourly employees may enroll in the Virginia Retirement System on the first day of the month following 90 days of the date of hire. Full time, regular salary employees become eligible on the first day of the month following the date of hire. Details on this plan can be found in the enrollment materials and Summary Plan Description. All questions regarding coverage, changes of status, etc. should be addressed with the Deputy Treasurer.

**11. Contingency Funds**

Council Member Whitaker asked why we needed another truck for public works and Town Manager Forbes responded that he was asked to get rid of all the old vehicles and he did. He also stated that the town needs a vehicle replacement program instead of running them into the ground.

Motion to approve the use of \$28,000 in contingency funds for the purchase of a new truck and to pay for well 15 inspection was made by Council Member Keeton, Seconded by Council Member Mull. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Keeton, Council Member Mull, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Wilson.

**Mayor/Council Comments**

Mayor Fahringer stated that there will be a blood drive on June 23, 2022 at the Estes Center. He encouraged everyone to come out and give blood.

Sgt. Stenbridge asked for council's approval to hold National Night Out on the 1st Tuesday in August. Council members stated that it is a very a good day.

Mayor Fahringer welcomed the new public works director, Eddie Voorhaar and stated that two other positions at the WWTP have been filled.

### **Town Manager's Oral Report**

Town Manager Forbes stated that it is nice to have citizens at the meeting. He also welcomed Eddie Voorhaar as the new Public Works Director.

**Contacts/ Meetings** - Chad Neese Sidewalk Project pre Planning, Kelly Detmer – Microsoft Meet and Greet, SSPDC/ Spectrum Design Garrett and Lee building, Memorial Day Service, Congressman Bob Goode Vietnam Veterans Recognition 75<sup>th</sup>, Town Managers Round Table SSPDC

**Streets** - Hydrant Damaged in MVA at Tom's

**Water/Sewer** - Hydrant Damaged at Fire Training Grounds Replacement Required

**WWTP** - New Hire Patrick Jones

**Grants** - Ongoing process for Garrett and Mecca projects

**Lee Building**- Chair Cleaning Estimate

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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**Alden Fahringer, Mayor**

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**Tonya M. Duffer, Clerk of Council**