

TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE (Corrected Copy)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19th, 2021

The Call to Order was made by Acting Mayor Paul Bradshaw at 19:00 (7:00pm)

The invocation was given by Joseph Booker and the Flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) was led by Mildred Grooms.

In Attendance were:

Paul Bradshaw, H. Buddy Goins Sr., Dona Lacy, H. Buddy Goins Jr., Ashley Setterstrom (by phone), J. David Lloyd, Mildred Grooms & Joseph Booker

The Minutes from the March 15th Regular Council meeting and March 25th Special Council meeting were adopted with a motion from Joseph Booker and a Second by Mildred Grooms. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor's first order of business was to inform the town council of the required meeting by the State Auditors office to meet on the third Tuesday of April to consider any objections to and to officially adopt the levy rates for property taxation.

Meeting set for April 20th, 2021 at 6:00

Second: Proposed hiring of Roger Townsend and Townsend Government Administrative Services (T-GAS)

Roger Townsend; owner. Has handled government affairs in all types of aspects that include Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Procurement and the Preparation of Financial statements. He has handled and been associated with the WV CHIP Program which is a 50+ Million Dollar Federal program administered by a staff of 9 individuals. Mr. Townsend handles all the Financial aspects of this program, including budgeting, investing program funds, monitoring program expenses, and preparing various Federal and State reports. He has managed the Department of Transportation Financial Reporting Section. Mr. Townsend holds an Accounting Degree from the University of Charleston (82-86) and is currently contracted with the Town of Clendenin and comes highly recommended by Mayor Kay Summers. She states he has been a great asset to the Town of Clendenin and has helped guide them with the Cares Act money and is currently researching the America First Act and its dissemination of funds.

Fees would be taken from the City Clerks position for the remainder of FY21 (June 30th) and not to exceed the current budgeted amount. A revised budget could be made if

both clerk positions are filled on a fulltime basis for the FY22 budget. Refer to 3.25.21 meeting minutes for more information.

Motion to accept made by: Harry "Buddy" Goins Sr.

Motion seconded by: Ashley Setterstrom

Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Third: Proposed hiring of an Intern Clerk over the summer to assist with administrative duties and to assist the street commissioner on-site with annotating discrepancies, listing addresses and general findings of the sewer system smoke test (as ordered by DEP). This position would also be funded from the City Clerks vacant position for FY21 and into FY22 if both positions are not filled as full time. This would give a young Chesapeake citizen an opportunity to receive a wage and get valuable experience during their transition from high school to college or during the summer college break.

Motion to accept made by: J David Lloyd.

Motion seconded by: Dona Lacy

Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fourth: Review status of city indebtedness and an updated standing on the same.

Worksheet given to each councilman/councilwoman showing the bills being paid for the Town of Chesapeake.

Fifth: Town Street Commissioner: Review/Update/Information concerning the Porter Cotton Park from Steve (PJ) Johnson

Street Commissioner Johnson made a proposal to use already budgeted parks and recreation money previously approved in the FY2021 city budget to refurbish the Porter Cotton Park.

A motion to front \$1500.00 toward the upkeep of the Porter Cotton Park was made by Mayor Bradshaw. The idea was to have enough money permitted for the initial start up fees so that a second trip to the council would not be warranted for an approval of more money.

Motion to accept made by: Joseph Booker

Motion seconded by: Mildred Grooms

Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Concerns of Council:

Requested update on the sewer system. Status of indebtedness covered. Also, covered the issue of non-human waste turning up in the sewer system causing major issues with keeping the pump stations in good operating condition.

Ward I – Overgrown yards and yards with waste that needs the attention of the police commissioner, police and street commissioner.

Inmate Work – Possibility of getting the inmates to work in the city.

Inmates have not been vaccinated – We will not allow them around our employees.

Restart the Yard of the Week/Month program for the late spring/summer and fall season.

Look into a beautification project to welcome citizens home into Chesapeake. Signs on each end of town possibly.

Light pole at 131st street (railroad side) by alley with no light. Buddy Goins will investigate.

Gold church at 116th St. Still a pile of garbage/waste that needs cleaned up behind the church.

Small company looking for a place to put a small hot dog stand. Anyone interested with a small plot of land should contact Councilwoman Ashley Setterstrom.

Volunteer Facebook group looking to clean up the town on April 24th. Makeup date May 1st.

Does the garbage truck(packer) require a CDL license to operate – No

Town Council YouTube Channel for citizens to learn of the city business. (Councilwoman Setterstrom will consider a motion for the next council meeting.

Concerns of Citizens:

Jackee Baskin 860-840-6393 11634 – 42 Venable Ave Landowner(heirship)
Concerned with Budget, recommends going to Governor's office for extra funding
Complaining of neighbor (MH) harassing family living in her homes.
NEED CHIEF OF POLICE to look into this issue

Kay Scraggs – 11623 MacCorkle Ave
Complains of storm water runoff into her yard from the street.
Also of the mess created while the city fixed the storm drains in her yard.
Rainwater runoff from the roadway is settling in her yard. She complains of it prematurely rotting her wooden picket fence. Also, looking to the city to possible reclaim her yard.

Standing Water and sand build up issue at 11947 MacCorkle Ave. Citizens are complaining that the sand is being tracked into cars, homes and businesses. It is also creating a mess on the roadside. Need to look for a solution to clean up this area if possible.

Senator Eric Nelson attended the Town of Chesapeake council meeting. Greeting the council and letting us know he was serving as our Senator and that he was at our service. No issue to big or small for him to assist us on. We just need to let him know what help we need.

A motion to adjourn the Budget meeting:

Motion to Adjourn: Buddy Goins Sr. Time: 20:15 (8:15 pm)

Motion Seconded: J. David Lloyd

Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.