

Chesapeake Minutes May 16th

At 19:02 (7:02pm) Mayor Jack Lavender call the Town council meeting to order.

Harry (Buddy) Goins Jr. led the Flag Salute (Pledge of Allegiance)

Dona Lacy led the Invocation.

Members Present included Mayor Jack Lavender, Recorder Paul Bradshaw, Councilmember at Large Harry (Buddy) Goins Sr and Councilmembers 1) Dona Lacy, 1) Harry Goins Jr., 2) Ashley Setterstrom, 2) J. David Lloyd, and 3) Mildred Grooms. Absent during Roll call was Joey Booker. (Mr. Booker arrived at 19:15 (7:15pm).

The April Town council meeting minutes from April 18th, 2022, were read and J. David Lloyd made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. A 2nd was made by Dona Lacy 2nd on the motion and a voice vote to accept the minutes was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

The April Special Town council meeting minutes from April 19th, 2022, were read and Harry Goins Sr. mad a motion to accept the Town Budget and Levy. A 2nd was made by Ashley Setterstrom on the motion. A voice vote to accept the Special town council meeting minutes was made by the mayor and was approved unanimously with no dissents.

Mayor Correspondence:

Rusty Webb rose to speak on behalf of the lawsuit the town has against the drug industry in relation to their culpability to the town's drug epidemic. Settlement document will be forthcoming as finalizations of the court cases wrap up. The town will not see any money from the lawsuits until they are 100% settled. Memorandum's Of Understandings (MOU's) have all been signed and the Attorney General will distribute the money. 72.5% will be in a trust fund that will be ran by private citizens of the State of WV. 24.5% will be divided to the Cities, Towns and Counties with a 3% State Administrative Fee.

Dr. Andy Yerrid has asked that the council consider selling the 120th st in the unit block to himself so that he can use that space for parking for the new planned Dentist office he is proposing to install next door to the Chesapeake Health Care Center in the red brick building. (There is a right of way underneath that street that allows rain runoff from the mountains and train tracks to empty into the Kanawha River. Also, there is a residence that uses that street for access to his private property. Council discussed options and the mayor answered any questions the council had. Recorder Paul Bradshaw mad a motion to lease the property to Dr. Yerrid for the sum of \$1 dollar per year for 20 years that allows the citizen to maintain access to their property and allows for upgrades to the current pavement and striping for customer parking. A 2nd was made by Harry Goins Sr. on the motion. A voice vote to confirm moving forward with a lease was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative. There were no dissents.

Citizen of the Year Announcement: The Mayor formally recognized Mr. Jon Adamson as the 2021 Chesapeake Citizen of the year.

Motions:

1) A Motion to change Ordinance Article 549 (Weeds) paragraph 549.02 Growth of Weeds Over One Foot to read Growth of Weeds over Eight Inches.

549.02 GROWTH OF WEEDS OVER EIGHT INCHES

No person having control of any lot of ground, or any part of any lot, shall allow or maintain on any such lot, any growth of weeds to the height of over eight inches. (May 16th, 2022, Upgrade)

The motion to change the Ordinance as written above was made by Harry Goins Jr and seconded by Mildred Grooms. A voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

2) A second reading of the new proposed Drug paraphernalia ordinance was read and reviewed. A motion to accept the 2nd reading of the proposed ordinance was made by Ashley Setterstrom and seconded by Harry Goins Jr. A voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

3) The Garbage disposal in the Towns Kitchen/Senior Center has “burnt up” due to carelessness. There is a repair and replace bill for \$2175 to fix the issue. Harry Goins Sr. has made a motion to buy a new garbage disposal and the motion was seconded by J. David Lloyd. A voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

4) Currently the Mayor’s office and administrative office have carpet on the floors that was last installed in the 1990’s. Due to deterioration, age and stains the mayor would like the council’s approval to update the flooring with high grade laminate flooring. Harry Goins Sr. made a motion that we should look to accept bids on the replacement of the flooring. Dona Lacy seconded the motion and a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

5) Currently the Senior Center/Town Kitchen flooring is in disrepair. The flooring has old carpet that has trip hazards, coming apart at the seams and needs repaired/replaced for the safety of the citizens and seniors who use that facility. The mayor would like the council’s approval to update the flooring with high grade laminate flooring and/or Indoor/Outdoor carpet. Harry Goins Sr. made a motion that we should look to accept bids on the replacement of the flooring. J. David Lloyd seconded the motion and a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

6) Garbage Fee – Citizens Failure to Pay. Three proposals were made to the council to ensure citizens kept current on the payments for services from the Town of Chesapeake. The 1st being to sue the resident in court for monies owed. The 2nd was to file a lien against the property and the 3rd was to continue with the Code Enforcement Offices issuing letters of written notification. Harry Goins Sr. made a motion to accept the 3rd option of continuing with the Code Enforcement Offices issuing written notification to those residents who are in arrears. Joey Booker seconded the motion and a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

7) Security System – During recent events it has become clear that the Chesapeake Town Hall needs a security system to ensure the safety of employee's as well as the integrity of the building. After a short question and answer period Dona Lacy made a motion to accept sealed bids from security companies for the upgrade and installment of a new security system for the Town Hall building. Harry Goins Sr. seconded the motion and a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

8) The Town of Chesapeake almost lost 2 of its voting precincts due to issues with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) concerning the problems of disabled individuals easily accessing the voting precinct at the Lisa Curry Memorial Annex and the Town Hall. After a short questions and answer period Paul Bradshaw made a motion that the town accept bids for paving the parking lot in front of the Lisa Curry Annex to include in front of the playground, to pave the parking lot in front of, beside and behind the Town Hall to include fixing the Handicap ramps at the front of the building and to the senior center entrance to make them ADA compliant, then continue paving on the city parking area behind the volunteer fire department. Ashley Setterstom seconded the motion and a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative with no dissents.

9) The Chesapeake Fire Department had asked that Town council sign on to an endorsement of a bid request to receive American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding from the Kanawha County Commission. The request is for money to cover the cost of replacing the roof and fixing integrity issues with some parts of the building in the back. Council supported the fire department with all elected leadership signing on to their backing of the request for funding.

Police Report: Monthly report given. Copy in the minutes.

The hiring of police officers to work in the city has seen an increase. There is a probability of another full-time officer coming on duty once some state certifications are up and running. The Chief also mentioned getting better school zone notification coming into the town. Possibly getting new lighting with higher visibility.

Council Concerns:

- A. Look into the possibility of painting the fence at Porter Cotton Park
- B. Possibly look at installing security cameras at the parks within the town
- C. Dogs are reportedly running the town loose without owner's having them on a leash. There is a leash law in town.

Citizens Concerns: (Citizens who signed up upon entering the meeting to speak to council)

- 1. Mrs. Annie Grooms would like attention paid to the Playground at the Porter Cotton Park. There seems to be a big hole that could present a safety issue to anyone getting to close. Possibly look at filling the hole in or marking it with a warning.

Mayor's Closing Comments:

Sanitary Board Infrastructure funding committee approved 192K for smoke testing, cleaning, and cameras through our sewer system. Those funds will be matched by the town's sanitary board.

Stevens Motors has ordered our new police car that was purchased by the Kanawha County Commission.

The Town is in possession of the Town Charter. The previous town charter could not be found in the town hall by the current staff. Mayor Lavender requested the Kanawha County Commission supply us a new one. It arrived the week of May 9th, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Bradshaw and seconded by Harry Goins Sr. a voice vote to accept the motion was conducted by the mayor with a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Council adjourned at 20:30 (8:30pm).