

# TOWN OF



TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Mayor's Office

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:01 pm

Call to Order: Jack Lavender

Invocation: Dona Lacy

Flag Salute: Jack Lavender

Roll Call of Elected Officials: Present - Mayor Jack Lavender, Dona Lacy, Mildred Grooms, Joseph Booker, Ashley Setterstrom; By phone - Recorder Paul Bradshaw, David Lloyd

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Mayor: Jack Lavender – Present, Recorder: Paul Bradshaw – by phone

Ward 1 – Dona Lacy, Ward 2 – Ashley Setterstrom, Ward 2 – J. David Lloyd – by phone

Ward 3 – Mildred Grooms, Ward 3 – Joey Booker (Absent – Arrived at 7:23 pm)

Absent: Councilman at Large – Vacant, Ward 1 – Vacant

No Minutes from the prior meeting were presented. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting will be reviewed at next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mayor's Correspondence:

1. Balances as of March 6th: General Fund - \$312,138.49; Sanitary Fund - \$242,091.45
2. Mayor Lavender provided a rundown of the outstanding balances he inherited on his first day in office and where the city stands now in relation to those unpaid invoices. (Town is debt free except for the new trash truck/packer)

Council Concerns:

1. Approval of ADA transition plan: Motion - Ashley Setterstrom; Second - Mildred Grooms; Passed unanimously.
2. Twenty-year lease agreement of Lisa Curry Annex building between Town of Chesapeake and DAV-LEW-Welch post 8363 VFW for \$1.00. VFW has acquired grants for painting and minor updates: Motion to accept the lease agreement as written made by Mildred Grooms; Second by Dona Lacy; Voice vote passed unanimously.
3. Personnel Resignations: Town Clerk retired, Town clerk resigned, Councilman at Large resigned, Councilman Ward 1 resigned. Mayor Lavender reported that he would be

stepping down due to health reasons for a second time and swearing Recorder Paul Bradshaw as the Mayor on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to be effective at 12:01 March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Damon Caudill and John Adamson also resigned their place on the Sanitary Board.

4. Resolution #4 and invoice from Chapman Technical, \$2,000 from IJDC fund and \$2,000 from Town of Chesapeake ARP Fund: Motion - David Lloyd; Second - Ashley Setterstrom. Passed unanimously.
5. Giannini quote of \$4,900.00 for laying block and installing flags and Chesapeake sign: Motion - Dona Lacy; Second - Mildred Grooms; Passed unanimously.
6. Giannini quote on demolition of old sidewalk and installation for new sidewalk of Town Hall, \$6,820.00: Motion - Ashley Setterstrom; Second - Mildred Grooms; Passed unanimously.

#### Concerns of Citizens:

1. Melissa Hill - Inquired about VFW services. VFW Quartermaster of the Chesapeake post Charlie Butta reported they do the Buddy Poppy twice a year and those funds are set aside to help veterans with housing and/or utilities, and that they also have a general fund from the dues collected that is used to purchase candy for parades and Christmas gifts for kids.
2. Melissa stated that most citizens are priced out of renting the Lisa Curry Annex Building and reminded the Council the vision of that building was to provide minority services. Mayor Lavender stated he felt the current pricing rate was acceptable. Melissa stated the pricing was above market price.
3. Juanita Shearers - Inquired about the property at Hutch's property if they are paying rent and stated that there was someone living in there. She would like to see the fence around it removed. Wanted to know if they paid rent at Hutch's.
4. Herb Shearer - wanted to know where the timbers from the Senior Garden came from and where they went. Had heard they were given to the contractor. The mayor reported he didn't know where they went. Herb stated he wanted to restore the Senior Center turn out to what it used to be.
5. Jennifer Chapman - Inquired about the delinquency to Marmet and if the sewer rates could be revisited and possibly lowered. Asked if there was anyone working in the administrative office now and of the jobs would be posted. Commented that they never see job postings but that rather positions are always filled.
6. Paul Lavender - Recognition of the VFW.
7. Robin Taylor - Inquired who individuals running for office should file with due to the recent resignation of office staff. Recorder Bradshaw reported that there will be a notary available and that he will also be available after work hours. Also stated that jobs are supposed to be posted, that hiring should be fair, and the nepotism must stop.
8. Melissa Hill - Suggested filing with the Department of Labor.

#### Mayor's Remarks:

1. Recognized John Adamson and Damon Caudill for their service on the Sanitary Board.
2. Update on 2 properties they're seeking to file on in court to acquire an order for demolition.
3. Update on houses that have been torn down.
4. Reported that Loftus is currently working in Pratt and working his way toward Charleston.

Adjournment: Motion - Ashley Setterstrom; Second - Dona Lacy: Passed unanimously.  
Adjournment at 7:54 p.m.