



TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

November 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Coiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Greg Payne, Daystar Worship Center, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Coiner led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present

Mayor Robert K. Coiner

Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey

Councilmember James L. Bradley

Councilmember Christopher F. Colby

Councilmember Elizabeth Samra

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Colby added item "b" under Closed Session pertaining to assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A1).

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Colby, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters by the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Coiner made the following announcements:

The Town Offices will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, and will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Friday, November 24, 2017 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Town Memorial Tree Lighting will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017.

The December Town Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for the October 16, 2017 Town Council work session and regular meeting and the October 27, 2017 Town Council work session.

Presentation of bills paid for the month of October 2017.

Councilmember Colby made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance – Town Treasurer

Presentation of the Treasurer’s Office activity report for October 2017.

Presentation of Revenue and Expense report for October 2017.

The Town Treasurer presented her report.

Police – Police Chief

Presentation of the Police Department activity report for October 2017.

The Police Chief presented his report.

Streets – Director of Public Works

Presentation of the Public Works Department activity report for October 2017.

The Public Works Director presented his report.

Visitor Center – Visitor Center Director

Presentation of the Visitor Center activity report for October 2017.

The Visitor Center Director was not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Verling Park Master Plan.

Mayor Coiner presented for discussion the Verling Park Master Plan.

Council briefly discussed the Verling Park Master Plan and the submission of a grant application through the Virginia Land Conservation Fund (VLCF).

Councilmember Colby made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to authorize the Town Manager or her assignee to submit a grant application through the Virginia Land Conservation Fund as discussed in the work session.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Bradley	Aye
	Councilmember Colby	Aye
	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Coiner	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of support of 2018 Virginia Municipal League legislative agenda.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the support of the 2018 Virginia Municipal League Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Bradley made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to support the 2018 Virginia Municipal League legislative agenda, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Gordonsville Municipal Airport Vision Statement.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the Gordonsville Municipal Airport Vision Statement.

Mayor Coiner stated he feels Council should develop its own vision statement in a work session, and could get further comments from the Airport Advisory Committee and/or Gordonsville Planning Commission.

Councilmember Bradley made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to have a work session on the vision statement. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of renewal of Certificate of Deposit.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit.

Council discussed the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit.

Mayor Coiner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to move the \$250,000 previously held in a Certificate of Deposit to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Bradley	Aye
	Councilmember Colby	Aye
	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Coiner	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on proposed water and sewer rate adjustments.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the scheduling of a public hearing on proposed water and sewer rate adjustments.

Councilmember Colby made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to schedule a public hearing for December 18, 2017 to receive public comment on an amendment to Town Code Section 23-50 establishing an increase to the Town of Gordonsville water rates based on Scenario 1, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of proposal for Town Hall foundation stabilization.

Council briefly discussed the Town Hall foundation stabilization and reached a consensus to remove the oak tree at the east wing of the Town Hall. Council indicated that the engineer who assessed the building provide something in writing as to why the stabilization of the slab was not addressed in their assessment. Staff will also confirm with the engineer the removal of the oak tree at the east wing of the Town Hall will not damage the foundation of the Town Hall.

Consideration of proclamation for the 2017 Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the proclamation for the 2017 Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting.

Councilmember Samra made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to adopt the 2017 Memorial Christmas tree lighting ceremony proclamation, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of speed study request for Piedmont Street.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the speed study request for Piedmont Street.

Chief Corbin stated a 25 MPH speed limit is the safest speed limit in the area in question.

Council briefly discussed the request and felt no action is needed at this time.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

The Town Manager reviewed her report with Council.

NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

There were no new matters by the Public and Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A7) – consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation concerning the Freight Depot and utility readings where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, and (A1) personnel matters for Town Council.

Councilmember Colby made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, that the Town Council convene into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A7) - consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation concerning the Freight Depot and utility billing where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, and (A1) personnel matters for Town Council.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Colby	Aye
	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Councilmember Bradley	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Coiner	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

Councilmember Colby made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A7) (A1) as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Councilmember Bradley	Aye
	Councilmember Colby	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Coiner	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL

There were no new matters by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Town Council, Mayor Coiner adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Robert K. Coiner, Mayor

Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk