TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Coiner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Coiner led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:
Mayor Robert K. Coiner
Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey
Councilmember James L. Bradley
Councilmember Ronald Brooks III
Councilmember Elizabeth Samra

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Coiner opened the public hearing and asked for speakers.
There were no speakers.
Mayor Coiner closed the public hearing.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC
Stevean Irving, 102 Holladay Avenue, Gordonsville, VA

Mr. Irving appeared before Council stating he would like to see more community events held in the Town, and suggested trick-or-treating in the downtown area for Halloween and other events for holidays be considered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Coiner made the following announcements.

The August Town Council meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 19, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for June 24, 2019 Town Council meeting and July 1, 2019 Town Council Work Session.

Presentation of bills paid for the month of June 2019.

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, 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 June 2019.

The Town Treasurer presented her report.

Police – Police Chief

Presentation of the Police Department activity report for June 2019.

The Police Chief presented his report.

Streets – Public Works Director

Presentation of the Public Works Department activity report for June 2019.

The Public Works Director was absent.

Visitor Center – Visitor Center Director

Presentation of the Visitor Center activity report for June 2019.

The Visitor Center Director presented his report.

Dix Memorial Pool – Pool Manager

The Pool Manager presented his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Comcast franchise agreement.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the Comcast franchise agreement.

Council discussed at length the proposed Comcast franchise agreement. Staff provided copies of cable franchise agreements from Stafford County and the Town of Rocky Mount, VA for Council’s consideration.

Mayor Coiner stated he had spoken with Nathan Daugherty with Comcast, who confirmed the cable franchise agreement has nothing to do with the internet but is strictly for television reception, and Comcast wants to give the Town of Gordonsville a good product. He further confirmed that the federal government requires Comcast to have a franchise agreement with each locality in which they provide service.

Mayor Coiner stated he will speak with Mr. Daugherty, and also the Orange County Administrator, to ask them to appear at the August 19, 2019 Council meeting to address any further questions from Councilmembers.

Consideration of “Movies in the Park” event series.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the “Movies in the Park” event series.

Council discussed the “Movies in the Park” event series and Councilmembers agreed this would be a good event for the community. Staff will continue working to gather information on what exactly is needed for this type of event and report back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of authorization to solicit construction bids for freight depot renovation.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the authorization to solicit construction bids for the freight depot renovation.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to authorize the Town Manager, upon review and approval by the Town Attorney, to release a solicitation for bids for construction for the completion of the exterior renovation of the freight depot. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of solicitation of applications for Maplewood Board of Trustees vacancy.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the solicitation of applications for the Maplewood Board of Trustees vacancy.
Councilmember Samra made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to authorize staff to advertise the vacancy on the Maplewood Board of Trustees on the Town’s website and also in Town Hall. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of an ordinance to amend Town Code Chapter 14 Article III Nuisance – Noise.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the ordinance to amend Town Code Chapter 14 Article III Nuisance – Noise.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 14 Nuisance, Article III – Noise to address noise from animals, as presented.

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Brooks: Aye
- Councilmember Samra: Aye
- Councilmember Bradley: Aye
- Vice-Mayor Winkey: Aye
- Mayor Coiner: Aye

The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to waive the second reading.

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Samra: Aye
- Councilmember Bradley: Aye
- Councilmember Brooks: Aye
- Vice-Mayor Winkey: Aye
- Mayor Coiner: Aye

The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Authorization of Town Manager to Sign Right-Of-Entry to access CSX Property.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration the authorization of the Town Manager to sign the Right-Of-Entry to access CSX property.

Councilmember Samra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to authorize the Town Manager, upon review and approval by the Town Attorney, to sign the right-of-entry agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc., as presented, to conduct an environmental assessment on the 1.197 acre parcel owned by CSX and known as Verling Park.

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Bradley: Aye
- Councilmember Brooks: Aye
- Councilmember Samra: Aye
- Vice-Mayor Winkey: Aye
- Mayor Coiner: Aye

The vote was unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

The Town Manager reviewed her report with Council.
NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she has been made aware of a complaints about sewer gas smells in homes in the area of South Main Street to Cobb Street.

Mrs. Kendall stated she will follow-up with RSA concerning the issue of sewer gas.

Mayor Coiner stated he and Councilmember Samra recently met in Verling Park with U.S. Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger and Piedmont Environmental Council representatives to discuss the Town’s plans for the park.

CLOSED SESSION

Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A1) – discussion and evaluation of the Town Manager for FY2019.

Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A3) – discussion of possible acquisition of property for a community center and park property where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

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.

Councilmember Brooks 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 (A1) – Discussion and evaluation of the Town Manager for FY 2019; paragraph (A3) – discussion of possible acquisition of property for a community center and possible lease of the Gordonsville Business Center, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and paragraph (A7) - consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation concerning the Freight Depot, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

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

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1), (A3) and (A7) 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 Brooks    Aye
Vice-Mayor Winkey       Aye
Mayor Coiner            Aye
The vote was unanimous.

NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Samra made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to award the Town Manager a 3% merit increase.

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Brooks     Aye
Councilmember Samra      Aye
Councilmember Bradley    Aye
Vice-Mayor Winkey        Aye
Mayor Coiner             Aye
The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Town Council, Mayor Coiner adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

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Robert K. Coiner, Mayor

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Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk