

WISE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021; 7:00 P.M.
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor
Laura Taylor-Baugh, Vice-Mayor
Ben Conway
Jeffery Dotson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Caynor Smith, Jr.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

There being no one from the public audience wishing to comment, Mayor Adkins closed public expression.

RESOLUTION #34, 2021:

Assistant Town Manager Laura Roberts presented a brief history of the Norton Road Pedestrian Improvements Project Phases I-IV. She reminded Council that in July, 2021 bids were received and Glass Machinery & Excavation, Inc. was the low bidder; however, the low bid exceeded available funds. She continued by informing that since the bid opening, VDOT officials had identified all but \$39,921 in additional funding for the project, including Transportation Alternatives funding in the amount of \$305,480, which required a 20% local match of \$61,096. Roberts added that VDOT would continue to pursue additional funding to cover the remaining balance, but needed a commitment from Council that the Town would cover the remaining balance in order to award the project by the October 20th deadline. She added that excess funds in other line items in the current year's budget had been identified that could be transferred to cover the Town's \$101,017 required commitment. Following the summary, Vice-Mayor Laura Taylor-Baugh made a motion to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA COMMITTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS UP TO \$101,017 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTON ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASES I-IV". Councilman Jeff Dotson seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor-Baugh, Vice-Mayor	"Aye"
Ben Conway	"Aye"
Jeffery Dotson	"Aye"

RESOLUTION #35, 2021:

Laura Roberts, Assistant Town Manager, explained that the resolution under discussion was awarding the contract for the Norton Road Pedestrian Improvements Project Phases I-IV, as previously discussed, to Glass Machinery & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,970,992.40. Following a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Laura Taylor-Baugh made a motion to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AWARDED A CONTRACT TO GLASS MACHINERY & EXCAVATION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTON ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASES I-IV". Ben Conway seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Ben Conway	“Aye”
Jeffery Dotson	“Aye”

RESOLUTION #36, 2021:

Town Manager Beverly Owens stated that the resolution presented for discussion was for a used 2020 Ford F150 with 10,105 miles located at Freedom Ford at a price of \$48,094. She continued by informing that Councilman Jeff Dotson had located a new 2021 Ford F150 with the same specifications as the used truck, but a lower price of \$44,423 located at Friendship Ford in Bristol. Owens presented a substitute resolution for the new 2021 model truck. Following a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Laura Taylor-Baugh made motion adopting “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT WITHOUT COMPETITION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK”. Ben Conway seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	“Aye”
Laura Taylor-Baugh, Vice-Mayor	“Aye”
Ben Conway	“Aye”
Jeffery Dotson	“Aye”

Council Comment:

Jeff Dotson informed that the Town of Wise Annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Wise Kiwanis Club, was scheduled for Saturday, December 4th.

Staff / Manager Comment:

Beverly Owens reported that two additional trucks were appropriated for in the current year’s budget. She informed that one truck had been located in Ohio and the details were still being discussed, but wanted to give Council advance notice that another special-called meeting may be necessary. She also noted that the garbage truck that had been on order, was no longer available, due to Kenworth shutting down all production. Owens reminded that at the last continued Council meeting, Councilman Conway had requested that Council continue evaluating a proposed new pay plan and positioning of employees in that proposed plan. She asked if Council wanted to hold a special-called meeting to discuss the new proposed pay plan. Mayor Adkins suggested the item be placed on the agenda for Council’s regular meeting in October.

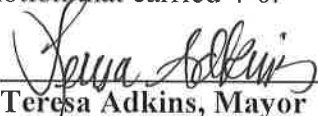
Laura Roberts, Assistant Town Manager, requested direction on whether Council wished to move forward with a public input session on projects for the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Mayor Adkins instructed Roberts to advertise the public session for the October regular meeting. Roberts also asked for direction on the Town’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. She cautioned that because the children would be standing in close proximity to one another and considering that children were not vaccinated against the coronavirus, she would recommend that a public event not be held. Council concurred with the suggestion and instructed Roberts to just turn the tree lights on the same as last year.

Councilman Dotson noted that the Wise Kiwanis Club celebrated its 75th Year Anniversary in September, 2021. He requested a proclamation in honor of this event be declared for presentation at the club's Christmas dinner. Mayor Adkins stated the proclamation would be acted upon at the November meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business to come before the Wise Town Council, Laura Taylor-Baugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Dotson seconded the motion that carried 4-0.


Robin R. Meade, Clerk of Council


Teresa Adkins, Mayor