

**WISE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019; 7:00 P.M.  
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor  
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor  
Laura Taylor-Baugh  
Billy Bartlett, Jr. *\*(arrived at the meeting at 7:17 p.m.)*  
Caynor Smith, Jr.

**Members Absent:**

**Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation:**

Mayor Dotson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Collie provided the invocation.

**Consent Calendar:**

Caynor Smith, Jr. moved to approve the consent calendar, which included the minutes of the Tuesday, November 27, 2018 regular meeting, minutes of the Monday, January 7, 2019 special-called meeting, November and December 2018 Financial, Police, Water Plant, and Fire Department Reports, and the Yearly Police Report for 2018. Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**Public Expression:**

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

**Resolution #1, 2019:**

There being no questions or comments, Laura Taylor-Baugh moved to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO ADMINISTER A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD, AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADMINISTER SAID GRANT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS". Teresa Adkins seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	"Aye"
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor-Baugh	"Aye"
Caynor Smith, Jr.	"Aye"

The resolution passed with a vote of 4-0. Councilman Billy Bartlett, Jr. was absent during this agenda item.

**Request of Use of Municipal Facilities:**

Beverly Owens advised that Phil Meeks with the Wise County Extension Office wanted to hold monthly workshops in the Wise Municipal Building conference room or Council Chambers. She reminded that the town's policy for use of the municipal building required a town employee to be present at all functions held in the building. Council woman Adkins added that personnel costs should be charged to those using the facilities. Councilmembers suggested several other sites for the Wise County Extension Office workshops. Mayor Dotson instructed Town Planner Laura Craft to forward the information, including the rental costs, to Mr. Meeks.

**Recreation Committee Meeting Report:** *(Councilman Bartlett arrived at the meeting at 7:17 p.m. during the committee report)*

Caynor Smith, Jr., Chair of the Recreation Committee, presented the committee's report on *Admission Charges for Upcoming Pool Season*. Smith reported the recommendation of the committee was to transition from the current two rate structures for weekend and weekday use to only one rate schedule for the coming year and that being the higher weekend rate for each age group. The single rate structure would be as follows:

<i>Under 2:</i>	<i>Free</i>
<i>Ages 2-7:</i>	<i>\$4.00</i>
<i>Ages 8 and over:</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>Non Swimmers:</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>

Following the report, Laura Taylor-Baugh moved to approve the committee's report as presented. Teresa Adkins seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	"Aye"
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor-Baugh	"Aye"
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	"Aye"
Caynor Smith, Jr.	"Aye"

**Discussion of Wise Rescue Squad:**

Tim Dotson, Captain of the Wise Rescue Squad, provided a status update on the financial situation of the squad. Councilman Billy Bartlett interjected that he did not want Captain Dotson to report on the operations of the Squad, but rather wanted him to provide solutions to their financial crisis. When asked about the Wise County Board of Supervisors meeting with area rescue squads, Town Manager Beverly Owens informed that the meeting was basically a fact-finding meeting. Mayor Dotson added that Wise County was working to find a long-term solution to the financial situation plaguing most rescue squads across the county.

**Annual Reports: (For Informational Purposes Only – Acknowledgement of Receipt):**

The Town of Wise Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals submitted annual reports for calendar year 2018 for Council review and acknowledgement of receipt. There being no questions or comments, Councilman Caynor Smith made a motion acknowledging receipt of the annual reports. Councilwoman Laura Taylor-Baugh seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

**Closed Meeting:**

Caynor Smith, Jr. moved to convene into a closed meeting for the purpose of and including:

*Legal Matters – Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(8).*

Teresa Adkins seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

**Regular Session:**

Councilman Smith moved to reconvene into the regular session. Councilman Bartlett seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**Certification of Closed Meeting – CM Resolution #2, 2019:**

Town Clerk/Treasurer Robin Meade, read Closed Meeting Resolution #2, 2019, "Resolving and

certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applied, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council of the Town of Wise," and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Jeffery Dotson, Mayor	"Aye"
Teresa Adkins, Vice-Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor-Baugh	"Aye"
Billy Bartlett, Jr.	"Aye"
Caynor Smith, Jr.	"Aye"

**Appointee Reports (Informational Purposes Only) – Acknowledgement of Receipt:**

Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Cumberland's Airport Commission reports from the December 20, 2018 meeting. Billy Bartlett, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

**Council Comment:**

Caynor Smith, Jr. asked for a status report of the Downtown Improvements Project previously approved by VDOT and originally scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2018. Laura Craft reported that the Town was waiting approval from the Federal Highway Administration for permission to advertise bids. Beverly Owens reminded that the FHA was not currently working due to the recent government closures.

Vice-Mayor Adkins thanked the Town Manager for contacting the post office about the dangerous pot hole in their parking lot. She thanked everyone involved with the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. annual march.


Mayor Dotson requested a status update on the issues at the Wise County Plaza. Beverly Owens advised that she had reminded the Wise County Building Inspector that the County imposed deadline for compliance, issued to the owners of the shopping center, had expired. She noted that as of this date no response had been received. Mayor Dotson encouraged council members to submit fiscal year 2019-20 budget requests to the Town Manager as soon as possible.

**Staff / Manager Comment:**

Laura Craft informed that the Federal Emergency Management Agency would be meeting with flood-prone property owners interested in participating in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program on Monday, January 28, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

There being no additional business to come before the governing body, Councilman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Billy Bartlett, Jr. seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

  
Robin R. Meade, Clerk of Council

  
Jeffery W. Dotson, Mayor