

**WISE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026; 7:00 P.M.**  
**WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Caynor Smith, Jr., Mayor  
Laura Taylor  
Teresa Adkins  
Robin Dotson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

S. Duane Phillips

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION:**

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

**RESOLUTION #1, 2026:**

Town Manager Laura Roberts reported Mr. Charles Hibbitts was constructing a residence on a vacant lot adjacent to Modoc Avenue. She added in order to connect the home to the Town's sewer system, an easement was necessary to install sewer lines across the Town's recently acquired property located at 111 Modoc Avenue. Roberts noted she discussed the proposed easement with Town Utilities Superintendent Jerry Kilgore and Engineer Jonathan Broskey of The Lane Group, the firm providing engineering services for the Glade Creek Drainage Project. She informed that both indicated the easement would pose no issues moving forward. Following a brief discussion, Laura Taylor moved to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA GRANTING CHARLIE L. HIBBITTS A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERPETUAL UTILITY EASEMENT". Robin Dotson seconded the motion and the vote was recorded by roll call:

Caynor Smith, Jr., Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor	"Aye"
Teresa Adkins	"Aye"
Robin Dotson	"Aye"

**RESOLUTION #2, 2026:**

Fire Chief Jack Mullins informed if adopted, the resolution under discussion would be submitted to the General Assembly in an effort to secure increased funding for Fire/EMS entities for communities with higher percentages of residents at or below the poverty level. Laura Taylor made a motion to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION REFORMING THE AID TO LOCALITIES PROGRAM". Robin Dotson seconded the motion. The vote was recorded by roll call:

Caynor Smith, Jr., Mayor	"Aye"
Laura Taylor	"Aye"
Teresa Adkins	"Aye"
Robin Dotson	"Aye"

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Robin Dotson commended Wise Rescue Squad for securing grant funding toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Laura Taylor expressed appreciation for the diligence shown by Wise Rescue Squad and Wise Fire Department in seeking additional funding opportunities.

All Council members congratulated Robin Dotson on the recent dedication of the Robin Dotson Gymnasium at Central High School.

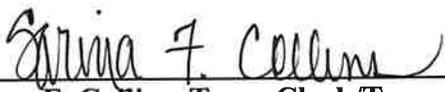
Mayor Smith noted the increased presence of homeless individuals in the Town needed to be addressed, emphasizing the need to assess potential avenues of assistance for them.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

All staff members commended Dotson on the dedication of the Robin Dotson Gymnasium, noting the honor was well-deserved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional discussion by the Wise Town Council, Laura Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Dotson seconded the motion that passed 4-0.

  
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Sarina F. Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Caynor Smith, Jr., Mayor