

WISE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
Friday, October 13, 2023; 2:00 P.M.
WISE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
501 WEST MAIN STREET - WISE, VIRGINIA 24293

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor
Ben Conway
Jeffery Dotson
Robin Dotson
Caynor Smith, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

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

RESOLUTION #57, 2023:

Chief Police Kevin Yates explained that a total of \$110,000 had been set aside from the ARPA Law Enforcement Grant funds for the purchase of two new vehicles for the Police Department. He noted the funding was required to be expended by June 30, 2024. Yates informed that upon checking with various dealerships, it was determined that none could guarantee the delivery of new police vehicles from the manufacturer earlier than August 2024, which fell after the deadline for use of the grant funding. He added Freedom Ford of Wise had means to obtain two new 2023 Ford Explorer police vehicles within two weeks through a transfer from a dealership in Georgia, allowing the Police Department to receive the needed vehicles as well as satisfy time constraints associated with the grant funds. Yates also suggested transferring one of the unmarked cars that would be replaced to the administrative department to be used as needed for business purposes. Town Manager Laura Roberts explained that the normal procurement process could be forgone due to the nature of the emergency purchase. She cited the deadline to expend the grant funds and acquire said vehicles, the inability of dealers to obtain the vehicles, and no vehicles being available under a State Contract as reasons. There being no further discussion, Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WISE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES BY THE WISE POLICE DEPARTMENT USING ARPA LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS". Robin Dotson seconded the motion with the vote recorded by roll call:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	"Aye"
Ben Conway	"Aye"
Jeffery Dotson	"Aye"
Robin Dotson	"Aye"
Caynor Smith, Jr.	"Aye"

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion made by Caynor Smith, Jr. and a second by Ben Conway, the Wise Town Council moved to convene into closed meeting for the purpose of and including:

Disposition of Real Property – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A)(3).

OPEN SESSION:

Councilman Smith made a motion to reconvene in open session. Councilman Robin Dotson seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

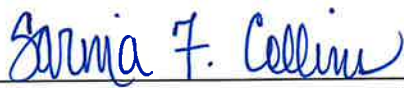
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION – CM RESOLUTION #16, 2023:

Sarina Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer, read Closed Meeting Resolution #16, 2023, “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:

Teresa Adkins, Mayor	“Aye”
Ben Conway	“Aye”
Jeffery Dotson	“Aye”
Robin Dotson	“Aye”
Caynor Smith, Jr.	“Aye”

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional discussion by the Wise Town Council, Caynor Smith, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Mayor Conway seconded the motion that passed 5-0.



Sarina F. Collins, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Teresa Adkins, Mayor