

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
November 14, 2023

Council Members: Mayor Paige, CM Reams, VM Moss, CM Baker, CM Harris

Council Members Absent: CM Frank, CM Venable

Others: Clerk Reams, Dennis Carney, Consultant, Faye Shumaker, Sandra Moss,

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Mayor Paige established that a quorum was present.

Minutes: CM Reams made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting as written. The motion was seconded by VM Moss. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Congratulations on the newly elected Councilmembers.

Dennis Carney, Consultant: Mr. Carney asked for a motion on scheduling and holding the Open House on December 17, 2023 to coincide with the parade and the visits to Santa. A motion was made by CM Reams to hold the Open House with the Christmas Parade and visits with Santa. The motion was seconded by VM Moss. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Jennie Wood is helping the Council with amending the Charter. VM Moss, Clerk Reams, Consultant Carney and Ms. Wood all met at Town Hall to review the recommended amendments to the Charter. The amendments are a reduction in the number of Town Councilmembers from six to four. That would take effect in January 2026 following the 2025 election cycle. Next, add the Mayor to be part of the quorum. Next, remove the language regarding the Town Sargeant. Next, permit the Clerk and Treasurer's jobs to be merged, but could be divided if necessary in the future. Next, remove the language and references to the Water System that is owned by the County of Buckingham. Keep in place the position of Town Manager, if ever one would be needed.

A Public Hearing is required for these changes. The Town Council discussed the matter and decided to reconsider the matter at the January meeting. A motion was made by CM Baker to table the discussion until the January 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS:

Zoning and Residential:

Ordinances:

PARK EVENTS:

GRASS CUTTING:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

Halloween Event: There were 937 that attended the annual vent. Mr. Meyers has a way that he counts the children. Mr. Meyers would like to serve in some capacity for the Town. The Council will discuss it and find a position for him to serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Plots: Nancy Rush is asking to sell five cemetery plots back to the Town for \$250 each. VM Moss made a motion to purchase the plots at the asking price. CM Reams seconded the motion. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Old Grey Building: There was a complaint sent to the Mayor via email regarding removal of the building located behind the old jail. There is a street sweeper and Council needs to find a way to either sell it or dispose of it. VM Moss motioned to sell the street sweeper for scrap. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Announcements:

There will be a Christmas Parade Committee meeting on November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, Janel Venable

Town Buildings/Grounds – Ossie J. Harris, III, Gilbert W. Reams

Planning Commission – Karen Sue Moss, James O’Bryant, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney, Robert L. Pinelli

Beautification – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor

Ordinance – Linda Paige,

Christmas Parade – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Rachel Frank, Amy Call

Community Service Workers – Linda Paige, RW Maxey, Janel Venable

Halloween Event – Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Rachel Frank

Adjournment: VM Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.