TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2018

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Mayor Jason Satterwhite, Vice-Mayor Glenn McDearmon, Otis Wright, Mark Gaines, Martin Hauser, Mary Frances Coleman, Jean Davis, and Tyler Gibson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u> Town Attorney Andrea Erard, Town Manager Reese Peck, Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Lewis, Accounts Clerk Judy Beazley, Police Chief David Lipscomb, Public Works and Utilities Director Billy Deavers, and Events Coordinator Jo-Elsa Jordan, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Wright. <u>AUDIENCE</u>: 27 members of the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and noted a quorum was present.

II. DELEGATIONS:

There were no Delegations.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. <u>Proposed FY19 Water and Sewer Rates</u> – The Town Manager presented a slideshow detailing the reasons for his proposed FY19 Water and Sewer Rate recommendation:

Reside	ntial		Commercial			
In-To	wn		In-Town			
	Water	Sewer		Water	Sewer	
Base	\$5	\$17	Base	\$10	\$37	
Capital Charge	\$9	\$9	Capital Charge	\$9	\$9	
Administrative	\$1	\$1	Administrative	\$1	\$1	
0-4,000	\$1.52	\$9.55	0-4,000	\$1.52	\$9.55	
4,000-8,000	\$1.83	\$9.85	4,000-8,000	\$1.83	\$9.85	
8,000-10,000	\$4.25	\$10.13	8,000-10,000	\$4.25	\$10.13	
Over 10,000	\$4.86	\$11.00	Over 10,000	\$4.86	\$11.00	
Out-of-Town			Out-of-Town			
	Water	Sewer	Water		Sewer	
Base	\$20	\$35	Base	\$20	\$35	
Capital Charge	\$9	\$9	Capital Charge	\$9	\$9	

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Administrative	\$1	\$1	Administrative	\$1	\$1
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8,000-10,000	\$4.25	\$10.13	8,000-10,000	\$4.25	\$10.13
Over 10,000	\$4.86	\$11.00	Over 10,000	\$4.86	\$11.00

At 7:02 P.M. the Mayor called for public comment on the Proposed FY19 Water and Sewer Rates.

- 1. <u>Jim Day 123 Virginia Ave.</u> Mr. Day spoke about the differences in residential and commercial usage. He stated that he was in favor of the increase but felt it should have been done in smaller increments.
- 2. <u>Bobby Beazley, Milford</u> Mr. Beazley stated that he was not in favor of the proposed increase.
- 3. <u>Barbara Allen, 201 Travis St</u> Mrs. Allen stated that she was not in favor of the increase. Inquired about the Town applying for grants to fund repairs of failing infrastructure.
- 4. <u>Spencer Allen, 201 Travis St</u> Mr. Allen stated that he was not in favor of the proposed rates and question the Town's rate in comparison to those of surrounding localities.
- 5. <u>Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main St.</u> Mrs. Cannon stated that she was not in favor of the proposed rate increase.
- 6. <u>Dirk Farmer, 13792 Farmer Dr.</u> Mr. Farmer question the reason for the difference between in-Town and out of Town rates.

As directed by Council, the Town Manger answered questions from the audience regarding:

- Grants for which the Town has applied.
- Training of staff on maintenance practices.
- Useful life of major water and waste water equipment.
- Monthly vs. bi-monthly billing.
- Drinking water quality.

The Mayor reminded the public that the proposed rates were not set in stone and that the Town Manager would take the public's comments into consideration when revising the rates. He stated that the rates would be set via Council vote at a future meeting.

No action was taken.

B. <u>O-2018-003 - To amend Chapter 1 – General Provision of the Town Code to add a section to collect an electronic summons system fee.</u>

The Police Chief gave a brief summary of the proposed ordinance.

At 8:06 P.M. the Mayor called for public comment on <u>O-2018-003 -</u> To amend Chapter 1 – General Provision of the Town Code to add a section to collect an electronic summons system fee. He called a second and third time. Hearing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:06 P.M.

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On Motion by Mr. Hauser, seconded by Mr. Gaines, Council voted to adopt <u>O-2018-003</u> - an ordinance to amend Chapter 1 – General Provision of the Town Code to add a section to collect an electronic summons system fee.

Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Gaines, Hauser, Coleman, Davis and Gibson.

Voting Nay:

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. <u>Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main St</u> – Mrs. Cannon stated that she was disappointed with the state of the Town and would like to see more collaboration between the Town and the Bowling Green Economic Development Authority.

V. STAFF REPORTS:

The following staff reports were noted:

- A. Public Works and Utilities Report March 2018
- B. Police Chief's Report March 2018
- C. Events Coordinator's Report March 2018
- D. Clerk/ Treasurer's Report March 2018
- E. Town Manager's Report March 2018

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Bills March 2018 attached to these minutes.
- B. Minutes March 1, 2018 Town Council Meeting
- C. Personnel Policy Update
- D. Job Descriptions
- E. VML Insurance Renewal Proposal
- F. TSYS Merchant Card Processing

On Motion by Mr. Hauser, seconded by Mr. Gibson, Council voted to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Hauser, Gaines, Coleman, Davis, and Gibson.

Voting Nay: none.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. <u>Designate Newspaper of Record</u> Council agreed that the Free Lance Star should be the first paper of choice, when possible, to publish public notices. The Town Attorney stated it was not necessary to vote on this decision.
- B. <u>Schedule Hearing for FY 2018-FY 2019 Budget & Utility Rates</u> Following a brief discussion, Council chose not to set a Public Hearing on the matter until a work session to further discuss the the Budget and Utility Rates had been held. Council agreed upon holding a work session on Monday April 23 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the FY19 Budget and Utility Rates.
- C. Schedule Public Hearing for O-2018-004 An ordinance allowing annual public utility and tax

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rates to be set annually as part of the Town's budget process and to increase the water reconnection fee – It was decided that the matter would be further discussed by the Town Manager and Town Attorney at a later time. No action was taken.

D. <u>Schedule Public Hearing for O-2018-005 – An ordinance to repeal and replace the Town's sign ordinance.</u>

On Motion by Mr. Hauser, seconded by Mr. Gaines, Council voted to set a Public Hearing on May 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. for O-2018-005 — An ordinance to repeal and replace the Town's sign ordinance and authorize the Town Manager to advertise the hearing.

Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Hauser, Gaines, Coleman, Davis, and Gibson.

Voting Nay: none

E.R-2018-001 – USDA Resolution of Governing Body

On Motion by Mr. Hauser, seconded by Mr. Gaines, Council voted to adopt <u>R-2018-001</u> – USDA Resolution of Governing Body.

Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Hauser, Gaines, Coleman, Davis, and Gibson.

Voting Nay: none

VIII. REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/MEMBER COMMENTS:

- A. <u>Glenn McDearmon</u> Mr. McDearmon noted that the Facilities Committee and EDA both met. He stated that a new restaurant would be opening in early May.
- B. <u>Otis Wright</u> Stated that the Ordinances and Policies Committees met and will be bringing recommendations for recodification to Council its May meeting.
 - C. Mark Gaines had no comments.
 - D. Martin Hauser had no comments
 - E. Mary Frances Coleman had no comments.
 - F. Tyler Gibson had no comments.
 - G. Jason Satterwhite, Mayor had no comments.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. An invitation from Caroline County's Victim Witness Program to the Hero's Ball to be held at Town Hall was noted.

X. CLOSED MEETING:

At 9:16 P.M. On motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council unanimously voted to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A1 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion regarding the salaries of three specific employees.

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

At 9:37 P.M., on Motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Mr. Gibson, Council unanimously voted to come out of closed session.

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CERTIFICATION:

Council certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as stated above, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were discussed or considered in the meeting by the Council:

Wright	Aye	Coleman	Ave
Gaines	•		
McDearmon	Aye	Hauser	Aye
Davis	Ave		•

A discussion ensued about the salaries of the Assistant Administrative Director, Administrative Director, and Police Chief. Mr. McDearmon voiced his concern over the salaries impact on the FY19 budget.

XI. RECESS:

On motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Mr. Wright, at 9:39 P.M. Council unanimously voted to recess its meeting until 6:30 P.M. on April 23, 2018.

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