

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
3:30pm

Mayor Paulin and Vice Mayor Sitoula met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady. There was one Town resident in attendance and newly appointed Councilwoman, Cassandra Grumbine.

Resolution 11-01-21 Filling Council Vacancy – Town Clerk Brady read Resolution 11-01-21 appointing Cassandra Grumbine to fill the Council vacancy left by Councilman Albright. Mayor Paulin made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-01-21. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Motion carried by voice vote 2-Ayes 0-Nays. Ms. Grumbine will be sworn in by the Clerk of the Court on Monday, November 22nd, and her term will go through May of 2023.

Proclamation: Municipal Government Works Month – Town Clerk Brady read the resolution declaring November as Municipal Government Works Month. Mayor Paulin made a motion to approve the proclamation. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Henderson Property RFP – Town Manager Hicks informed the Council that legal counsel's changes are currently being reviewed by ARRO. Town Manager Hicks hopes to have the final copy by the end of the week. The Council is in favor of moving forward with the RFP once ARRO provides the final copy. Town Manager Hicks will keep the Council informed of the progress.

In Person Meetings – Mayor Paulin is in favor of continuing to hold the work sessions virtually, but he is open to discussion of holding the Town meeting in person. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested having in person Town meetings starting in January, he agreed that the work session should continue to be held virtually. The Council tentatively agreed to begin holding Town meetings in person starting in January 2022.

December Town Meeting Agenda – Mayor Paulin requested to add introduction of the new Councilwoman following the roll call. Vice Mayor Sitoula agreed.

Roundtable:


Mayor – Mayor Paulin stated that Charles County has decided to give their employees off on November 24th. Mayor Paulin and Vice Mayor Sitoula were in agreement with giving employees that day off. Town Manager Hicks might have a crew come in on Saturday to pull dumpsters.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested Council send something to Tommy from the Indian Head Service station to recognize his work since he is currently not doing well. Vice Mayor Sitoula also shared that the business may be changing hands. Vice Mayor Sitoula will get additional information on Tommy for a Town seal.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks asked if the Council would like to continue to rent the Pavilion since there had been discussion on changing the use of the building. The Town is having an issue as it relates to the Base renting the facility. They have a new form they would like the Town to sign that will require the Town Manager to fill out a disclosure form. It is a section 889 disclosure guidance that they are requiring. It states that the Town will not use particular technologies, but since the Town does have technologies listed it previously prevented Town Manager Hicks from signing the form. Town Manager Hicks can sign a form stating we do have some of the listed technologies and fill out additional disclosures if the Council would like him to. Council suggested filling out the necessary form for the Base, but slow down on all other rentals. Town Manager Hicks has received an email from Fantasy World about 4th of July. Town Manager Hicks asked if Mayor Paulin would be able to testify at the hearing for the rehab tax credit. Mayor Paulin agreed to attend and testify.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady asked if the Council would like to move the December work session to the week before the holiday, they agreed.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the work session at 3:48pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk