



TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Robert Coiner

Mayor Coiner called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Coiner led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Robert K. Coiner
Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey **left meeting at 9:23 p.m.*
Councilmember Ronald Brooks III
Councilmember Elizabeth Samra
Absent
Councilmember James L. Bradley

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters by the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Coiner made the following announcements.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.
The September Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for July 18, 2022 Town Council meeting.
Presentation of bills paid for the month of July 2022.

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance – Town Treasurer

Presentation of the Treasurer's Office activity report for July 2022.

The Town Treasurer presented her report.

Police – Police Chief

Presentation of the Police Department activity report for July 2022.

The Police Chief presented his report.

Councilmember Samra stated she was happy to see the speed limit monitor on Main Street and asked if it was able to collect data.

Chief Arrington stated it does provide data on the number of cars passing and those that are speeding. Chief Arrington stated he will be locating the speed limit monitor at different locations around Town.

Streets – Director of Public Works

Presentation of the Public Works Department activity report for July 2022.

The Director of Public Works was not present.

Visitor Center – Visitor Center Director

Presentation of the Visitor Center activity report for July 2022.

The Visitor Center Director presented his report.

Mr. Solomon stated he has two new visitor center volunteers. Mr. Solomon stated numbers still look good and Sundays are busy with some merchants and restaurants open for business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of delinquent tax listing as of June 30, 2022.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of delinquent tax listing as of June 30, 2022.

Councilmember Samra stated she had a couple of questions on the tax listing and had reached out to the Town Treasurer on the processing of delinquent tax and the work that needs to be done on the list.

Mayor Coiner stated research needs to be done to see what other localities are doing to keep list current.

Councilmember Samra made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to accept the delinquent tax listing as presented by the Town Treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of BOST benefit cost increase.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of BOST benefit cost increase.

Council briefly discussed the increase in the monthly cost for users of the BOST benefit. Currently, twelve Town employees have BOST with a cost of \$11.50 per month that the Town pays for each employee that wishes to participate. It was noted that BOST offered three options with the Town having to choose which option to pursue moving forward.

Councilmember Samra asked if employees had been queried about their choice and finds it difficult to decide without input from employees who use BOST.

It was further noted that Telehealth is available through the Town offered health insurance with a cost of the co-payment for an office visit.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to select option three for the Town's continued participation in BOST, as presented.

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Brooks	Aye
Councilmember Samra	Aye
Councilmember Bradley	Absent
Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
Mayor Coiner	Aye

The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of location and letter of approval for placement of the "Lafayette Tour" marker.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of location and letter of approval for placement of the Lafayette Tour" marker.

Council discussed the "Lafayette Tour" marker with Mayor Coiner requesting further verification on the date General Lafayette made his visit to Gordonsville and also the proposed wording on the marker. Mayor Coiner suggested other wording be proposed.

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she has issues with the \$1,000.00 donation and is not in favor of making the donation.

Mr. Solomon, Visitor Center Director stated he will reach out to The Lafayette Trail organization to verify the date and also the suggested updated wording on the marker and report back to Town Council at the September 19, 2022 Council meeting.

Consideration of park project work session date.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of park project work session date.

Council reached a consensus to schedule a work session for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. to review and discuss the draft schematic plan for the park development project.

Consideration of re-establishing the Maplewood Researcher position.

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of re-establishing the Maplewood Researcher position.

Mayor Coiner stated he was not happy about the grass not being cut on Saturday after being told that it would be cut that day.

Mayor Coiner briefed Council on what is going on with Preddy Funeral Homes no longer marking graves for the Town. Mayor Coiner stated back-up procedures need to be in place for the marking of graves at Maplewood Cemetery.

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she needs more information on what is considered part-time and what duties this person will be tasked to complete.

Council held a lengthy discussion on the Maplewood Researcher position and wants more information about the position.

Vice-Mayor Winkey and Councilmember Samra stated more information is needed before any decision can be made on the Maplewood Researcher position.

Mayor Coiner stated he believes the business model for Maplewood Cemetery is no longer working.

Councilmember Samra stated the Town could have the Maplewood Cemetery grave mapping digitized as a separate project for which there is a possible grant to cover the cost.

Mayor Coiner stated a maintenance fee could be instituted to help with cost of maintenance of the cemetery.

Mayor Coiner stated the older areas are more problematic than newer areas of the cemetery.

Council reached a consensus to schedule a work session for Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager presented her report.

Councilmember Samra asked for a follow-up on the Verling Park design project.

Mrs. Kendall stated she will follow-up with Jessica Mauzy at Land Planning Design Associates (LPDA) when information will be available for Council to review prior to the September 1, 2022 Council work session.

NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

There were no new matters by Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) – discussion or consideration of salaries for Town employees; (A3) – discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real property for a public purpose; and (A8) – consultation with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property within the Town.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, that the Town Council convene into closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) - discussion or consideration of salaries for Town employees; (A3) - discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real property for a public purpose; and (A8) -consultation with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property with the Town.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Brooks	Aye
	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Councilmember Bradley	Absent

Vice-Mayor Winkey Aye
Mayor Coiner Aye
The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Samra, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1), (A3) and (A8) as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Roll call vote: Councilmember Brooks Aye
 Councilmember Samra Aye
 Councilmember Bradley Absent
 Vice-Mayor Winkey *Absent *left meeting at 9:23 p.m.*
 Mayor Coiner Aye
 The vote was unanimous.

NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL

There were no new matters by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Town Council, Mayor Coiner adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Robert K. Coiner, Mayor

Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk