

**TOWN OF BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE
VIA GO TO MEETING PLATFORM
BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA**

May 21, 2021

5:30 PM

***As a result of the State of Emergency declared by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam on March 12, 2020 by Executive Order No. 51, by Wise County Virginia Executive Michael Hatfield on March 19, 2020 and by the Council of the Town of Big Stone Gap Virginia effective March 20, 2020, due to the public health emergency resulting from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the public meeting scheduled for May 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm, is to be conducted electronically as authorized by Resolution 02-2021 adopted on April 13th, 2021.**

***This Electronic Meeting was conducted via the GO TO MEETING platform and was made available to Council Members, Town Staff, and the public by conference call. All votes called for were roll call votes.**

AGENDA ITEM 1

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Hon. Gary Johnson, Mayor
Hon. Nancy Bailey, Vice-Mayor
Hon. Robert Bloomer, Councilman
Hon. Kent Gilley, Councilman
Hon. Tyler Hughes, Councilman
Hon. Crystal Lyke, Councilwoman

Staff Present: Mr. Stephen Lawson, Town Manager
Ms. Amanda L. Hawkins, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Mr. Steve Hamm, Chief of Police

Council Absent: Hon. Aaron McKinney, Councilman

Staff Absent: Mr. Charles Bledsoe, Town Attorney

AGENDA ITEM 2

ADOPT OR AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Gilley, that the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of May 21, 2021 be adopted as presented. Motion resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, Johnson, Lyke
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: McKinney**

AGENDA ITEM 3

COMMITTEE REPORT – Budget/Finance/Audit Committee

BFA Committee Chairman Bobby Bloomer said the committee met today to review the proposed FY2021-22 Budget and makes the following recommendation.

The Budget/Finance/Audit Committee unanimously recommends that Council authorize a Public Hearing on Ordinance 07-2021 on June 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the proposed FY2021-22 Budget which contains no utility rate increase and no tax rate increases.

This recommendation by the Budget/Finance/Audit Committee constitutes a motion and a second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, Johnson, Lyke

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: McKinney

AGENDA ITEM 4

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bloomer, seconded by Lyke, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, Johnson, Lyke

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: McKinney

Meeting adjourned 5:37 pm.

Minutes Recorded & Transcribed by
Amanda L. Hawkins – Town Clerk/Treasurer