

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

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

June 15, 2021

4:00 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 June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm, is to be conducted electronically as authorized by Resolution 02-2021 adopted on April 13, 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. Charles Bledsoe, Town Attorney
Mr. Steve Hamm, Chief of Police

Council Absent: Hon. Aaron McKinney, Councilman

AGENDA ITEM 2

ADOPT OR AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Lyke, that the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of June 15, 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

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Sale of Real Property

Mayor Johnson recessed the Special Council Meeting and opened the Public Hearing to hear comments from citizens regarding the proposed sale of real property. Hearing no comments, Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Special Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Lyke, that Council authorize the Town Manager to sign and execute the Purchase Agreement with Ballad Health for the purchase of the former National Guard Armory property currently owned by the Town of Big Stone Gap. Motion resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: McKinney

AGENDA ITEM 5

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lyke, seconded by Bloomer, that the meeting be adjourned.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Lawson thanked everyone who has served on the Town Council during the last few years as we have worked on this project. He specifically named the Lonesome Pine Hospital Board – Nancy Bailey in particular – Mike Allen, John Morrissey, John Schoolcraft, Abe Quesenberry, Ryan Witt, Karen Hall, and Betty Fleenor. He also thanked the team from Ballad Health that he has worked with over the last couple of years - Wendy White, Dale, Andy, Mitch and the new CEO in Town, Shannon Showalter. He expressed his appreciation for their support.

Motion resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Bloomer, Hughes, Lyke

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Gilley, McKinney

Meeting adjourned 6:57 pm.

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