

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

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
505 E 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET S  
BIG STONE GAP, VA**

**May 25, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**AGENDA ITEM 1**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice-Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

Those Present:       Hon. Nancy Bailey, Vice-Mayor  
                              Hon. Robert Bloomer, Councilman  
                              Hon. Kent Gilley, Councilman  
                              Hon. Tyler Hughes, Councilman  
                              Hon. Aaron McKinney, Councilman

Staff Present:         Mr. Stephen Lawson, Town Manager  
                              Ms. Amanda L. Hawkins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Those Absent:         Hon. Gary Johnson, Mayor  
                              Hon. Crystal Lyke, Councilwoman  
                              Mr. Charles Bledsoe, Town Attorney

**AGENDA ITEM 2**

**ADOPT OR AMEND THE AGENDA**

**Motion by Hughes, seconded by McKinney, that the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of May 25, 2022 be adopted as presented. Motion resulted as follows:**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 3**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Utilities Committee**

Chairman Hughes said the Public Utilities Committee met on May 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposed utility rate increases for the FY2022-2023 budget and makes the following recommendation.

**The Public Utilities Committee unanimously recommends to ask Council to increase in-town and out-of-town water and sewer rates by 3% as part of the FY2022-23 budget and to advertise a public hearing on the rate increase.**

**This recommendation by the Public Utilities Committee constitutes a motion and a second.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, McKinney**

**Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Johnson, Lyke**

**Budget/Finance/Audit Committee**

Chairman Bloomer said the Budget/Finance/Audit Committee met on May 25<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed FY2022-23 and makes the following recommendation.

**The Budget/Finance/Audit Committee unanimously recommends that Council authorize a Public Hearing on Ordinance 10-2022 on June 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed FY2022-23 budget which contains (1) a 3% in-town and a 3% out-of-town water and sewer rate increase, (2) a 1% rate increase to the meals tax rate, and (3) a \$0.15 per pack increase to the cigarette tax rate.**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, McKinney**

**Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Johnson, Lyke**

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Hughes, seconded by Gilley, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion resulted as follows:**

**Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, McKinney**

**Nays: None          Abstain: None          Absent: Johnson, Lyke**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.**

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