

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, held in the Council Chambers located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

There Were Present:

Mayor: William D. Coleburn

Council Members: Annie Scott, Shelia Jones, Lonnie Morgan, Carolyn Williams, Nathaniel Miller, Eric Nash, Tom Wilkinson

Town Staff: Philip Vannoorbeeck, Town Manager; Jennifer Daniel, Town Clerk; Dion Tomer, Fire Chief; Sam Murphy, Police Detective, Brittany Harris, Treasurer; Mary Murphy, Transit Director

Town Attorney:

Those Absent: Jennifer Hardy

Mayor Coleburn called the January Council Meeting to order.

Councilwoman Williams delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Coleburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS:

Nottoway Gators

Mayor Coleburn said a long time ago he decided when young people do special things in our community, athletically or culturally, we are to celebrate them.

Mayor Coleburn welcomed the Gators Football Team. He said they were 11-0 in regular season, Southside Superbowl Champions, he said it was unfortunate to end it with a forfeit, but that's how it works out sometimes.

Mayor Coleburn presented framed letters to the following players and coaches: Adrian Johnson, Amari Campbell, Ephraim Stokes, Freddie Gray, Isaiah Satterwhite, Isaiah Thomas, Jaheim Jones, Jakhye West, Jase Fitzgerald, Jayden Smith, Jayshawn Blanton, Kamarion Johnson, Katavion Hill, Kayden Carpenter, Kevin Khokhar, Lamar Eppes, Promise Tracy, Tyzon Taylor and Zy'Mire Jennings, Coaches: Frank Walker, Jay Jones, Marcia Walker, Paul Hardy, Walter Craige and Willie Lawson.

Mayor Coleburn said years from now you Gators will see this plaque and remember some of the special moments you had and friendships you formed. He said he hoped these letters would bring them warmth and comfort in years ahead.

Mayor Coleburn said the Town was in the process of seeking bids to put a football field in Blackstone, along with a press box and concession stand, so next year the games may be played there.

PUBLIC HEARING:

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BLACKSTONE*

*The Town of Blackstone Town Council shall hold a Public Hearing on January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers, 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Va. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a Conditional Use permit request from **George Olin Hardy, IV** to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the B-G, General Business District. The subject property is located along N. Main Street and is designated as Nottoway County Tax Map Number 50A19-8-C-58. The Town Council may make a final determination on this request following this public hearing. Any person desiring to speak for or against the request should attend the Public Hearing at the above stated date and time.*

Mayor Coleburn said this was a request to build a home in the 500 block of North Main Street. He said the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said single family homes are recognized as a Conditional Use in the General Business District. He said there was also going to be a Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting on February 9th, to discuss setbacks.

Mayor Coleburn opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against the proposal.

Mr. Olin Hardy said he has had this lot for about 21 years, and should have built a house on it 19 years ago. He said he would like to put a small home there to improve the lot. He said Mr. Humphrey was here tonight, who is the neighbor to this property, and Mr. Hardy actually owned his house and sold it to Mr. Humphrey.

Mayor Coleburn closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the Conditional Use request to allow a single family dwelling be located in the General Business District on N. Main Street and designated as Nottoway County Tax Map Number 50A19-8-C-58. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

MINUTES:

Councilman Nash made a motion to dispense with reading and approve as presented minutes from the Special Called Meetings on November 10, 2021 and December 15, 2021, minutes from the Continued Meeting on November 17, 2021 and minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on November 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

VISITORS:

Nottoway Gators

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Ellen Eppes – 105 Viewbank Street

Ms. Eppes said she was on the committee for the Juneteenth Celebration and they had started to discuss the upcoming event.

Ms. Eppes said it had recently come to her attention that Councilman Miller had an issue with her being on the committee. She asked Councilman Miller if he would like to clarify.

Councilman Miller said he would like to clarify between him and her. Ms. Eppes said it has been made public.

Mayor Coleburn said he had not heard anything of that nature and asked Manager Vannoorbeeck if he would be willing to meet with them to help iron it out. He appreciated Ms. Eppes candor, but the Chambers might not be the best place to discuss.

Ms. Eppes said things have been said in the public and she was uncomfortable with it, she said she was not happy about it.

Councilman Miller said he would meet with Ms. Eppes and Manager Vannoorbeeck to address each other's issues; he would come to her as a man. He said after this meeting, he believed they would both be able to walk out satisfied.

Mayor Coleburn said he would sit in on this meeting if needed. He said everything he heard about Juneteenth from then until now is positivity.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Tomer said the Fire Department was burning a barn tonight near the Courthouse.

Chief Tomer said they were still waiting to hear something from the Federal side on the grant for the aerial device. He said it may be as late as September.

Chief Tomer said they were awarded the Virginia Department of Health EMS Grant, which will help replace airbags, which have been expired for several years, and a set of rescue tools. He said the funding and acceptance of the grant has to be approved by Council, which is a 50/50 grant.

Chief Tomer said the total of the Grant is \$40,434.00, with the Town's portion being \$20,217.00. Mayor Coleburn asked if there were funds set aside for this. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied, no, not specifically, but we can make it happen, but there will have to be an appropriation and it may take away from depreciation.

Councilman Nash made a motion to accept the grant and approve the Town's match of \$20,217.00 for the Fire Department's grant application with the Virginia Department of Health for airbags and a set of rescue tools. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Councilman Nash said this would go on the list of appropriations from Finance Director Hardy that are outside the budget.

Chief Tomer said a group would be coming out February 7th – 10th to do the final inspection on Engine 3, and hoped for a March delivery of the fire truck.

Chief Tomer said elections were held at their Business Meeting in January.

601 Fire Chief – Dion Tomer; 602 Deputy Fire Chief – Zachery Beares; 603 Assistant Fire Chief – Benjamin Haug; 604 1st Captain – Cody Lewis; 605 2nd Captain – Devin Foster; 606 1st Lieutenant – Phillip Armes Sr.; 607 2nd Lieutenant – Lee Williams; Treasurer – Tony Bradford; Secretary – Kaity Morgan

Chief Tomer said Ray Armes voluntarily stepped down as an officer, but has been an officer for 24 years. He said Ben Haug has taken over for Ray Armes in purchasing.

Councilman Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Slate of Officers for the Fire Department as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Chief Tomer said he reviewed the video from the Special Called Meeting earlier this month, where there were questions about Cost Recovery for the Fire Department. He said we started this in 2016, with Council approval and a Resolution was signed. He said this allows the Fire Department to bill insurance companies for their services. He said all homeowners with a policy are required by the State to have a minimum of \$250.00 for a fee for service for agencies that go to their house or building for a fire. He said house fires are one of the most expensive things to go to, and recover the least amount of money. He said there is one insurance company here in Blackstone that ups the coverage to \$500.00 on policies, so with that company, they receive \$500.00 instead of \$250.00.

Chief Tomer said the average house fire costs \$5-\$7 Thousand. He said the main recovery is for car accidents, and they can usually recover \$480.00. He said since 2016, they have collected \$75,000.00. He said the goal was to try and figure out how to sustain some security for the Fire Department. He said from 2016 to now, their Operating Budget is \$3,000.00 less than it was.

Chief Tomer said currently, they do not direct bill anybody unless they are asked. He said they are not allowed to collect over the \$250.00 or \$500.00 from a homeowner's policy. He said for a car accident, if someone has a \$25,000.00 liability coverage, the Fire Department takes from that. He said their big recoveries are from hazmat spills and semi-trucks that roll over, the costs add up.

Mayor Coleburn said if someone doesn't have insurance, or on hard times, the Fire Department is not knocking on people's doors. Chief Tomer replied, that is correct.

Chief Tomer said false alarms for residential, they do not bill, but businesses they do, they are allowed to get three false alarms, then they bill \$100.00, and each time it increases, but is maxed at \$500.00. He said they had already been to one building twice this week. He said this resets every year.

Chief Tomer said the billing company recommends moving forward, to direct bill non-residents of Nottoway for motor vehicle accidents. He said if their insurance does not pay, then direct bill them, we will not pursue collections or take people to court, but they are trying to survive.

Chief Tomer said State Farm was one of their big claims, they have billed them since 2016, \$19,300.00, and have recovered \$11,876.00. He said State Farm says as a Town, we are supposed to provide fire service, so they don't pay it. He said Farm Bureau fights them, they have invoiced them \$14,500.00 for car wrecks, and have received \$0 from them because to them it is the responsibility of the government to provide these services. He said they do not bill medical.

Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the Fire Department billing non-residents of Nottoway County, when the Fire Department responds to accidents. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Nash said this would be under the assumption these people would not be pursued personally.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Councilman Nash asked Chief Tomer what percentage does Fire Recovery get. Chief Tomer replied, 20% off the top. He said they process all the funds, the insurance companies pay Fire Recovery, they get their 20%, then they write a check to the Town of Blackstone.

Chief Tomer explained the codes, a 111 is a structure fire. He added, Blackstone was the only one who charges in Nottoway County. He said they can charge individuals for DUIs, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and driving without insurance.

Councilman Wilkinson asked about the higher charges, \$4-\$5 Thousand. Chief Tomer said with a structure fire, they are able to charge per apparatus, people and foam hours. He said Code 322 are car wrecks with injuries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills that have already been paid are in the amount of \$637,172.75.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the bills that have already been paid in the amount of \$637,172.75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills not yet approved, and to be paid, are in the amount of \$340,478.96.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve as presented, the bills not yet paid in the amount of \$340,478.96. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town finally finished the switch gear upgrade at the Peak Generating Plant.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

APPROPRIATIONS:

Mayor Coleburn said these are items that come up during the course of the year, but are not budgeted.

Appropriation #1 – Fire Department = \$33,602.00

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this appropriation is from CARES Funding to purchase a commercial washer and install a recording system in their conference room.

Chief Tomer said the recording system is to allow members to watch meetings, and if there is ever a need for an alternate location for town meetings.

Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the appropriation as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire & Water – met 12-14-21 – minutes included in January’s Council Packet

Crewe Water Line

Mayor Coleburn said it looks like Blackstone may not be selling water to the Town of Crewe. He said Blackstone was contacted many months ago, and provided the necessary information to the State and the Town of Crewe, but the State was now talking with Prince Edward County.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said as part of the Town’s due diligence, he had the Town’s engineers look into this to see what needed to be done to upgrade the Town’s water system. He said between the State facilities and the Town of Crewe, they requested 1 Million gallons of water. He said the engineers reported that in order to provide the water, the cost would be \$6 Million to replace the water lines from the National Guard Armory on Route 40 back to the water tank on N. West Avenue. He said they also reported to the State that the raw water line from the Reservoir to the Water Treatment Plant needed to be replaced as well, it is 80 years old.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the State was asked to attend the Fire and Water Committee Meeting, and they blew us off, they didn’t even show up.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the original Task Order from B&B Consultants was \$10,000.00 but after the work, their time wise was \$26,000.00, and the Town was on the hook for \$10,000.00. He said he sent a bill to Mr. Joe D’Amico and Senator Ruff. He said Mr. D’Amico did not feel like it was their responsibility, but Manager Vannoorbeeck believed it was.

Councilman Nash believed this may be better for the Town of Blackstone, we can have control over all the water.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town of Crewe is also in need, he said a loss of those State facilities will be catastrophic to Crewe financially.

Account & Finance – met 1-12-22 – minutes included in January’s Council Packet

Benchmark CD RFP

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town placed funds in an account at Benchmark, to include the Reserve Fund, which at that time was \$3.7 Million. He said this also included ARPA Funds at \$1 Million, \$370,000.00 for the fire truck and \$200,000.00 of deposits from utilities. He said with all this money there was a significant amount of interest, so when the CD matured the first of this month, there was over \$5.4 Million. He said the money that needed to be reinvested was the \$1 Million, the fire truck money and the interest. He said this money also included the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this CD paid 2.58% when it was opened three years ago. He said we recently solicited proposals and the highest rate received was .25% in a CD, and our current money market account pays .25% as well.

Manager Vannoorbeeck recommended keeping it in the money market account at Citizens Bank and Trust, and if the interest rate drops, then look at a CD, to keep in a money market account.

Councilman Nash made a motion to reject the bids received, and retain the money already in the money market account at Citizens Bank and Trust. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town did receive the first installment of reimbursement from the Ice Storm, in the amount of \$310,000.00 of the \$849,000.00 spent. He said from this money, the \$250,000.00 we borrowed from ourselves in 2020, has been put back in the Reserves. He said the amount in the undesignated Reserve Account is now back to \$3.7 Million.

FY23 Bus Budget

Transit Director Murphy said she was here seeking approval of the upcoming 2023 BABS Budget, in the amount of \$898,631.00. She said the Town's obligation will be \$53,100.00. She said there is a Use of Fund balance being used to counteract the \$10,000.00 increase, so the Town's portion will still be \$42,000.00, as in the 2022 budget.

Mayor Coleburn asked how BABS has the \$10,000.00 nest egg. Transit Director Murphy replied, that comes from the reserve funds from selling buses and other surplus items.

Councilman Nash said there was a 6% increase across the board in the proposed budget, and he believed the 6% should be stretched across all the bus lines in the other localities. Transit Director Murphy said she did not foresee any issues with that. She added she had already submitted the fund request to Dinwiddie County and included the 6%.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the 6% was included based on inflation, and if we ask for 2%, but decide on 3%, we cannot change the budget. He said the salaries will be what Council approves.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the Blackstone Area Bus System’s Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Consent Agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Blighted Properties – Oak Street / Fifth Street

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the property on Fifth Street had been sold to a private entity and the Town had to do nothing but have an appraisal prepared. He said 4H Construction purchased the property.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Attorney Bacon had been in contact multiple times with Mr. Acevedo and Ms. Rodriguez about the property on Oak Street, to get a deed signed, that would gift the property to the Town. He said if the deed was not signed by Friday, we will ask Council for authorization to proceed with legal action.

Councilman Nash made a motion to authorize legal action with the property owners of 415 Oak Street if a deed is not signed by Friday, January 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the asbestos removal alone is \$8,300.00.

2. Trash Cans

Manager Vannoorbeeck said these would be roll off cans and have been discussed previously. He said they were under \$100.00 each and would work with our current garbage trucks. He said this would require residents to bring the trash can to the street. He recommended this be included in the budget. He believed this may improve the litter issue in Town because it has a heavier lid.

Councilman Nash said he was not cutting employees, but if they are not going to be picked up by the arm, what's the purpose of the Town purchasing the trash cans. He said in essence we are just saying put your trash at the street. Manager Vannoorbeeck said this would keep the employees out of residents back yards. Councilman Nash said we can do that without purchasing \$100,000.00 in trash cans.

Manager Vannoorbeeck asked how do you do that. Mayor Coleburn replied, through an Ordinance. He said the new policy would be trash gets picked up by the road and that's it. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would be more inclined to have a can with a lid, because he knew what the result would be. Councilman Morgan said people will start putting trash bags at the curb and trash will be everywhere.

Councilman Nash said an Ordinance could be created to state trash must be brought to the street and cans must have a lid on it.

Mayor Coleburn asked this be discussed with the budget.

3. Armory Use Policy – Short Term

Mayor Coleburn said this Council had a policy allowing rentals of the Armory through December 2021. He believed the asbestos remediation would begin soon. He said he and the Town Manager received an email today from an auctioneer, Ann Underwood of Victoria, wanting to rent the Armory in April or May, for a month for some auction sales. He told her that would be tight on the timeline.

Councilman Nash did not believe there would be any work started prior to April. He said we have someone saying they will rent it for a month, that will be \$350.00 a day. Mayor Coleburn said he told her that's what was in the rental policy. He asked not to rule out the rental for Ms. Underwood, he would get a more definite date and time.

Mayor Coleburn said we are not renting the Armory, but will consider requests on a case by case basis.

4. Award Bid – Blackstone Hotel Storm Sewer Improvements

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this bid is for the Blackstone Hotel for storm sewer improvements. He said this is the second component of four, that is being submitted through DHCD for Industrial Revitalization Funds that we received in the amount of \$600,000.00. He said the Town has spent \$168,000.00 in water and sewer with Lee's Excavating.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the bid for storm sewer improvements came in at \$309,703.00. He said the estimate from the contractor that was already working over there, was \$212,000.00. He said there is money from the \$600,000.00 to pay this, and asked DHCD if the Town could give \$212,000.00 to the developer to let them pay their contractor. He said DHCD said yes, but it becomes a loan and not a grant.

Manager Vannoorbeeck and Mr. Raj Patel recommended awarding the bid to S. Walker Construction in the amount of \$309,703.00 for curb and gutter, sidewalks and storm water, associated with the parking lots at the Blackstone Hotel.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to award the storm sewer improvements at the Blackstone Hotel to S. Walker Construction in the amount of \$309,703.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we advertised in the Richmond Paper, and still just got one bid.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

5. Redistricting

Mayor Coleburn said the Council did go on record earlier as wanting to keep the 5 Wards and 2 at large, and be consistent with the court ruling that 3 of the 5 Wards will have minority majority.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was meeting with Ms. Melody Foster of the Commonwealth Regional Council, tomorrow at 9:00 a.m., and planned to bring three options to Council for a vote.

Mayor Coleburn said the Redistricting Committee is the Council as a whole. He added, another thing that Council agreed on, where at all possible, the current incumbents would remain in their current Ward. He said once the map is proposed, there will be a Public Hearing.

6. Ft. Pickett – Water/Sewer Rates

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town had been working with Pickett for about a year on water and sewer rates. He said the MOU that was signed with the National Guard said they would earmark an additional 400,000 gallons of water and sewer per day for the Town's use. He said the MOU said their utility bills would be 1 for 1. He said because Pickett is going 1 for 1, that means the Town is accepting all the inflow and infiltration, so the rate proposed should help with replacing the old utilities. He said the Town is proposing \$10.30 on the sewer rates because that is where the MOU started with sewer capacity. He said the proposed rate needs to be enough before we borrow money to replace the sewer lines.

Mayor Coleburn said with the rate of \$10.30 on sewer, it should net the Town \$200,000.00 annually. Councilman Nash said this money would only be used to repair the sewer lines at Pickett. Mayor Coleburn said that is the goal, but heaven forbid we need to fix something in Town, we can use that money. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied no, it is supposed to be set in a separate account by agreement with the Town and the Post.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we have not been billing Pickett the new rate, it will start this month.

Councilman Wilkinson made a motion to approve the sewer rates for Pickett as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

7. Draft MOU – Nottoway County Animal Shelter

Manager Vannoorbeeck said in order to have a part time animal control officer, who is also a sworn police officer, this person needs to have access to the shelter on weekends and after hours. He said the County will not pick up dogs in Blackstone because the leash law is a Town law, not a County law.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said one of the officers has agreed to do this, as part of his duties, with some compensation at some point. He said an MOU has been submitted to the County, and believed the County Administrator has denied to move forward.

Councilman Morgan said before this moves forward, he would like to have another Committee Meeting, because what he has been hearing, it was not fair to have someone pull double duty. He asked to have the Chief attend the Committee Meeting to discuss further.

Councilman Nash asked to have this done within the budget.

Manager Vannoorbeeck believed the County Administrator wanted to come up with another document that was more suitable.

Councilman Nash said he was hearing the Police Department wanted two additional officers this year, which is fine, we just need funding. He asked if this would mean the Police Department wanted three new officers.

Mayor Coleburn referred the Animal Control Officer to the Employment and Police Committee.

8. Old Blackstone Intermediate School Building Agreement

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town has been talking about the demolition of buildings on the School Board property. He said the County submitted an agreement, which mentioned a community center, and we now have the Armory. He said last time Council talked, there was discussion for a possible rehabilitation for the two story building, but he has not found one yet.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said in the proposed agreement enclosed, he is asking to have until January 2025 to present a plan to the School Board, for demolition or rehabilitation of the two story building.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would like to demolish the one story building before January 2023. He said the agreement also included eliminating the community center responsibilities.

Mayor Coleburn asked Manager Vannoorbeeck if he was looking for approval to submit the revised agreement to the School Board. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied yes.

Councilman Wilkinson asked if the two story building was becoming a safety issue, and should we wait three more years. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he did not have funds or activities to commit to it.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there was someone that wanted to put apartments in the two story building, but the School Board rejected that. Mayor Coleburn said there is a different Board now, than who we talked to three years ago.

Councilman Nash said we need to get rid of the blight, but we cannot take care of our own stuff halfway, and asked what the cost was to demolish the building. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he could not remember, but just the asbestos was \$20,000.00.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town would do the demolition and ask the School Board to support our application to the County, to waive the tipping fees at the landfill.

Mayor Coleburn said the argument with the County about apartments, they were concerned about who might move in, and that Blackstone Primary School was nearby. He said the concern about sex offenders was raised, but you can go on the sex offender registry, they are amongst us in this community.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to present the revised School Property Agreement to the School Board in writing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Nay
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

9. Airport – Apron Rehabilitation

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the engineer’s estimate was \$320,000.00, and the asphalt work at the Airport came in at \$489,000.00. He said this is an 80/20 grant, so it does give us some reason for hope. He believed the Department of Aviation, who is meeting in February, would reject this bid, but our consulting engineer believed it may be approved because of a surplus of funds.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town’s portion would be about \$90,000.00. He said there is no need for approval tonight, we need to wait on the Departments of Aviation’s decision at their February 17, 2022 Meeting. He said if they do not approve the funds, then this is a moot point.

Councilman Nash asked for the February Council Meeting, to have a map and layout of the proposed area.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Nottoway County Landfill

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he asked Ms. Allison Payne to join us, she prepares the County’s invoice for leachate. He said we recently worked out a deal with Edmond’s Waste, who services all the port-o-johns for the Afghan refugees, and we are charging \$.15 a gallon for the septage to be delivered to our Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the County gives the Town a lot of leachate, hundreds of thousands of gallons. He asked Ms. Payne to provide what the Town charges the County for leachate, it is eight tenths of a cent per gallon and we do not bill for 100% of consumption, we bill 50%. He said we are not charging enough for leachate.

Manager Vannoorbeeck suggested holding a Public Hearing and adopt a rate schedule. He said he got some figures and Hopewell was under \$.10 and South Hill was over \$.30, because people do not want this.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Manager Palmore and County Administrator Roark had an agreement that the County would leave the Town's tipping fees for rubbish and sludge the same, and the Town would leave the leachate charges the same. He said in October 2020, we found out the County significantly increased our rubbish and sludge charges, so he believes the hand shake agreement went out the window.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was not asking to stop septage delivery at this time, but the allow a Public Hearing to be held for a rate schedule, for public and private haulers.

Councilman Nash said the rates went up in 2020, but we are going to tear the school building down.

Councilman Nash made a motion to advertise a Public Hearing at the February Council Meeting for a rate schedule on septage and leachate rates for public and private haulers. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Councilman Nash asked if there was a Public Hearing with the County for their increase. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied, Logan at the County said yes. Councilman Nash asked to do a FOIA request to see those minutes.

9. Utility Write-Offs

Mayor Coleburn believed we write these off, but never cease collecting.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said these write offs are because they are under \$5.00 or the person is deceased.

Ms. Allison Payne said \$387,000.00 had been submitted this year to IRMS.

Councilman Nash made a motion to write off \$3,541.05 in utility debt, due to being under \$5.00 or the person is deceased. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

1. Dilapidated Buildings

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we are winding down with the properties on Oak Street and Fifth Street.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there are two commercial buildings that have begun to show signs of deterioration, the Velvet Textile Building and the former Dillard Crawley Building on Main Street. He said he would like to see windows replaced and structural improvements made, specifically to the Velvet Textile Building. He said there has been a permit issued for the Velvet Textile Building, but no action to date.

Councilman Nash said he spoke with the roofing contractor for Velvet Textile, and they have a signed contract, but are waiting on insurance proceeds.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there is a home on Nottoway Avenue, and was not sure if he could find the property owner. He said there was another house on High Street that is storm damaged.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was still dealing with the house on South Main Street, and is a delicate situation. He said pursuing the Blight Policy would include condemning and taking the property, which have people living in it.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we do have some homeowner grant opportunities for new homes, and maybe this property owner would qualify.

Councilman Nash asked if Weatherization Funds would help. Manager Vannoorbeeck did not believe there were enough funds.

2. Meals Tax / Lodging Tax

Treasurer Harris said there were still the two Meals Taxes not paid.

Mayor Coleburn said the Policy is to proceed with a letter from Attorney Bacon. Treasurer Harris said she expected payment from both this week.

3. Street Improvement Projects

Mayor Coleburn said this is in reference to the South Main Street Project, from Sixth to Tenth Street.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town had a Pre-Construction Meeting with HG Reynolds and all documents have been executed, with the Notice to Proceed being issued. He said the start date would be June 2022, because the elliptical pipe will not be available until then.

Mayor Coleburn asked that two weeks out, we remind people that South Main Street may want to be an area to avoid, but there will be no detour.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was meeting with Colony Construction on Wednesday for a paving schedule. He said this would include Church Street, Brown Street and he was adding Main Street, from Irvin to Broad Street, and will be asphalt. He said VDOT wrote the Town up for that section of Main Street. He said this will include street painting as well.

Mayor Coleburn asked about the timetable for Downtown. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would find out this week, but it would not be before March. He said he was going to ask about night time paving and if there would be a difference in cost. He said Colony Construction did honor last year's price for this year.

4. Wrigglesworth Sports Complex / TAP 21

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the antique lighting would be along Birch, Jackson and Powell Streets.

5. East End Neighborhood Project

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the contractor had completed the installation of sewer lines and was now connecting the homes to the sewer lines. He said water construction should begin thereafter.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the contractor had ordered new automatic read water meters, but have a very long lead time, so they will not be complete by the substantial completion date.

6. Weatherization

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ward C Resignation

Councilman Wilkinson said with heavy heart, he was announcing his resignation from Council. He said for the last four years he had been fighting a divorce and has reached a final hurdle. He said it was not what he wanted, but could live with it. He said he realized life is short and it was time for him to move on. He said he had the opportunity to fully retire and has purchased a house in Tennessee, and in the process of moving there now. He apologized for not finishing his term, but has enjoyed it, it is eye opening and a service to the community. He said his resignation would be effective March 1, 2022.

Mayor Coleburn said Councilman Wilkinson has been a dedicated and entertaining public servant. He said he was not just a Commander at Pickett, but involved with the Rotary, and he would dress up for Oktoberfest.

Mayor Coleburn said for the calendar, Council would accept Councilman Wilkinson’s resignation with regret, then seek letters of interest through Friday, March 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., and then interview those applicants and rank them, as done before.

Mayor Coleburn was not sure if Council had to wait for the seat to be vacated before Council could vote. He said Attorney Bacon would check into this and give her opinion.

Councilman Miller made a motion to accept Councilman Wilkinson’s resignation effective March 1, 2022, and receive letters of interest for Ward C through March 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

2. 2022 Misc. Engineering Services – Progressive Engineering

Mayor Coleburn said this is for our electric engineers.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the rates are specific to when requested for services. He said there is an increase in rates, maybe 5-6%.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the engineering services contract and rate schedule with Progressive Engineering Consultants. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

3. Deed – Bird Road

Manager Vannoorbeeck said enclosed is a Deed, prepared by Ken Walden for the Blackstone Building Group. He said Blackstone Building Group built the townhouses on Bird Road. He said they had 8 lots, and one is unbuildable because the Town has water and sewer lines on a lot, so only 7 units were built.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said enclosed is a Deed and Survey showing the lot, and they want to give it to the Town.

Councilman Nash made a motion to accept the Deed from the Blackstone Building Group for property on Bird Road, that has Town utilities on it, at no cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

4. Lease Agreement – Post Office Parking Lot

Manager Vannoorbeeck said a lease agreement has been presented by a realtor, who has been hired to work out leases with Post Offices. He said currently the Town receives \$2,800.00 annually, and this new proposal includes a five year lease for \$3,200.00 annually.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this lease is specific to the parking lot next to the Post Office, which is owned by the Town. He added the realtor is asking for a one-time \$200.00.

Councilman Nash said he did not realize the Town received funds for this, and asked if those funds could be used to seal and line the parking lot. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he has all four parking lots proposed in the budget for the Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement as presented for the parking lot at the Blackstone Post Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

5. Trash Removal Invoice

Mayor Coleburn said the Town received a bill from a town resident, asking for \$15.00. He said his name is Mike Bushbell of College Avenue. He said the letter says on November 11th his trash was not picked up, and Mayor Coleburn clarified that was a holiday. He said Mr. Bushbell contacted the Town the next day and on Saturday he had to take his trash to a dumpster site, so the bill is for his time and expenses.

Mayor Coleburn asked if his trash was supposed to be picked up on Friday, since November 11th was a holiday. Manager Vannoorbeeck said logically it would be a day behind.

Councilman Nash said this will open a can of worms.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to deny the \$15.00 reimbursement request from Mr. Bushbell for not having his trash picked up on November 11th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn asked Manager Vannoorbeeck to inform the resident tomorrow. Councilman Morgan asked Manager Vannoorbeeck to explain to Mr. Bushbell the holiday schedule.

6. Christmas Decorating

Manager Vannoorbeeck believed taking down the Christmas decorations a week early, became a hot topic on social media. Mayor Coleburn said they were gone December 28th.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the week between Christmas and the New Year, we are shorthanded with guys hunting. He said we have a lot of construction going on right now, and Mr. Dan Martin wanted to a full crew to be ready with this after the first of the year.

Councilman Nash said it was actually beneficial to the park, because then it started raining so much. Mayor Coleburn believed Mr. Dan Martin's rational was the right thing.

Mayor Coleburn said there was questions about lighting the houses in Seay Park. Manager Vannoorbeeck said staff lit the exterior of the houses, but decorating the inside has always been clubs or schools.

Councilman Nash said the Town would have to start overseeing this, and suggested in September, start soliciting organizations to decorate the houses.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said decorating Schwartz Tavern is typically done by Mr. Robert Thomas. He said Mr. Thomas had been sick, so he and Clerk Daniel hung the wreaths and placed lights in the window.

7. Code Blue Contract Renewal

Manager Vannoorbeeck asked to hold off on this until next month, due to the absence of Finance Director Hardy.

8. Nottoway County Landfill

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. Utility Write-Offs

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. Southeastern Power – Rate Increases

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this is in reference to SEPA, which is where the Town buys a portion of power from Kerr Lake. He said the Philpott Commission was going up slightly in April. He said this will be covered in the Power Cost Adjustment on the bill. He said the three items included in the Post Cost Adjustment on utility bills is SEPA, Fuel Adjustment and any true-ups required, so this will be a pass through to the customer.

11. New Bus Purchase

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Transit Director Murphy obtained a State Bid from Sonny Merryman for a new bus in the amount of \$82,757.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the purchase of a new bus through State Bid with Sonny Merryman in the amount of \$82,757.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn said the Town's match will come from funds previously saved after the sale of other buses. Manager Vannoorbeeck said that is the \$23,000.00 talked about earlier.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the cost to the Town is 4% of the purchase price, but the cash was already set aside.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

12. Real Estate License Agreement – Patio Area – Town Square

Mayor Coleburn advised, the patio area at the Corner Kitchen is actually owned by the Town.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said previously, Council granted a license for the patio area and has to be renewed with any new property owner, which will now be Mr. Winston Moss.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to grant the License Agreement for the patio area between the Town and Winston Moss, the new property owner, of 101 S. Main Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

13. Byrne Justice Grant – Local Law Enforcement Block

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this grant is a small amount, but is actually from FY2019. He expected so see FY20, FY21 and FY22 forthcoming.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to accept the Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$4,532.00, with no local match. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Councilman Nash asked what strengthening crime control was. Detective Murphy replied, it is a very lenient grant, it covers a lot.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

14. CRC – Affordable Workforce Housing Program Application

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he received a notice over the holidays that there was going to be a new program offered by the Commonwealth Regional Council, where localities could apply for Affordable Workforce Housing. He believed this would be more with Southside Outreach and they qualify people. He said this would be a homeownership program.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town did submit an application, because the deadline was January 7, 2022. He said the grant request is for \$403,050.00, but had a recommended cap of \$300,000.00. He said if Council approves this, the Town's match would be site prep, utility connections and waiver of tap fees, in the amount of \$31,800.00. He said this is not all cash, but in services.

Councilman Miller made a motion to support the application being submitted to the Commonwealth Regional Council for an Affordable Housing Program Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked where these homes would be built and what would be the application process. Manager Vannoorbeeck believed the Housing Rehab Board would be involved with the decisions. He added the Town and Southside Outreach purchased the old Tucker place on Broad Street, the old Dove Homes property on Broad Street, which may be split into two lots, this was purchased by Southside Outreach, and there is a lot on Fitzgerald Street that is already owned by the Town, so these are some locations for new homes to be built.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the grants would come through the Town and build the homes, but then it would be deeded to a property owner and that person would make the payments. He said the goal is to build homes for people that are working, and cannot afford a \$300,000.00 home.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

15. BABS – Title VI Plan & Procedures Adoption

Mayor Coleburn said this is boiler plate.

Councilman Nash made a motion to adopt the BABS -Title VI Plan & Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

16. Lakeview Cemetery

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there is a four grave section with the name Guy Paul. He said according to Policy, this family is entitled to one upright headstone for the four lots, centered in the middle of the two lots. He said the family is asking to allow Mr. Paul to have one headstone, and a second headstone be placed on the residual three lots.

Mayor Coleburn asked if they would be in align with others. Manager Vannoorbeeck said this would not be aligned in the east west orientation, but would be aligned in the north south direction.

Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the headstone requests as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

17. Auditing Services

Mayor Coleburn said the Town has an auditing firm that has done a great job for 30 plus years, Robinson, Farmer, Cox. He said it was discussed issuing an RFP to see if there is anybody new out there, which is never a bad idea, but for him, familiarity is not always a bad thing.

Mayor Coleburn asked to have on the February Agenda when Finance Director Hardy is here.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he placed a document at Council's desk, this is from Dominion Power, and is received every January showing estimated rates. He said new rates go into effect July 1st of every year and this year, so far, there is a proposed decrease of 6%. He believed the proposed decrease if because it was so dramatic this past year. He said there are differences in the Generation Capacity, previously the Town received \$11,500.00 a month for having a peak shaving plant, and the Generation Energy Cost has decreased as well.

COMMITTEE REFERRALS:

There were no referrals.

MAYORS MINUTE:

Mayor Coleburn said Council graciously agreed last year to support a Black History Heroes Program and this will be the second year. He said the Town seeks nominations for leaders who are natives or current residents of Blackstone, who have achieved in the fields of education, medicine, government, and civil service. He said we take nominations during Black History month and announce up to five winners during Juneteenth. He said he would announce the Committee next month.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to renew the Black History Heroes Program for 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

POLICE REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION:

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711

1/ Personnel – Admin / Bus Shop

Councilman Morgan made a motion to go into Closed Session for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Scott	-	Aye
Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye

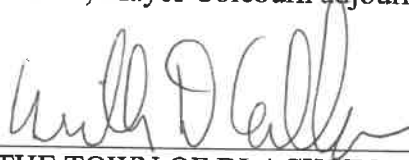
Councilman Nash made a motion to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilman Miller	-	Certify
Councilman Nash	-	Certify
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Certify
Councilwoman Scott	-	Certify
Councilwoman Jones	-	Certify
Councilman Morgan	-	Certify
Councilwoman Williams	-	Certify

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Coleburn adjourned this meeting at 9:40 p.m.


MAYOR
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

March 21, 2022 APPROVED AND ADOPTED


TOWN CLERK
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

