

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, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

There Were Present:

Mayor: William D. Coleburn

Council Members: Christine Hasbrouck, Shelia Jones, Lonnie Morgan, Nathaniel Miller, Eric Nash, Tom Wilkinson

Town Staff: Philip Vannoorbeeck, Town Manager; Jennifer Daniel, Town Clerk; Jennifer Hardy, Finance Director; Dion Tomer, Fire Chief; Christopher Mathias, Police Sgt.

Town Attorney: Tessie B. Bacon

Those Absent:

Mayor Coleburn called the October Council Meeting to order.

Councilman Miller delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Coleburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance Changing Municipal Elections

The public is hereby notified that there will be a public hearing held by the Town Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, to be held on October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 100 West Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia, for the Town Council to hear the public's comments on adopting the following ordinance:

The text of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

An Ordinance Changing Municipal Elections from May to November

Wherefore, the Town of Blackstone's Town Charter, section 3.1 (C) provides that:

"The mayor and council shall each be elected for a term of four years and each shall serve until his successor shall have qualified. They shall be elected on the first Tuesday in May immediately preceding the expiration of the terms of their predecessors, and shall enter upon their duties on the first day of July succeeding their election."

Wherefore, Virginia Code section 15.2-1400(E) provides that:

“E. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 24.2-222 and 24.2-222.1, any city or town charter, or any other provision of law, general or special, beginning with any election held after January 1, 2022, elections for mayor, members of a local governing body, or members of an elected school board shall be held at the time of the November general election for terms to commence January 1.”

Now, THEREFORE, let it be ordained that:

Every election for the Mayor of the Town of Blackstone and for the Town Councilmembers of the Town of Blackstone held after January 1, 2022 shall be held at the time of the November general election, beginning in November 2022 and being every four years thereafter for terms to commence January 1 of the following year.

The terms of office for the Town Councilmembers and Mayor currently serving the Town of Blackstone shall be extended from July 1, 2022 until January 1, 2023 when the Town Councilmembers and the Mayor elected at the November general election’s terms shall begin. The full text of the proposed ordinance is also available for viewing during business hours at the office of the Town Manager, Town of Blackstone, 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia prior to the hearing.

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing to express their views.

Mayor Coleburn said for years, and numerous other towns in Virginia, have had elections in May and now the General Assembly is requiring these elections be held in November. He said in order to do this, the Town must change their Code to reflect the changes in State Law.

Mayor Coleburn opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against the Town changing its Charter.

Mayor Coleburn closed the Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt Section 3.1 (c) – Election, qualifications and term of office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

2. Blackstone Town Charter - Elections

The public is hereby notified that there will be a public hearing held by the Town Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, on October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 100 West Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia, for the Town Council to hear the public's comments on submitting the following addition to the Blackstone Town Charter to the Virginia General Assembly for its consideration and vote:

The text of the proposed Charter change is as follows:

Section 3.1. - Election, qualification and term of office.

C. The mayor and council shall each be elected for a term of four years and each shall serve until his successor shall have qualified. They shall be elected on the first Tuesday in November immediately preceding the expiration of the terms of their predecessors, and shall enter upon their duties on the first day of January succeeding their election.

The full text of the proposed Charter Amendment is also available for viewing during business hours at the office of the Town Manager, Town of Blackstone, 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia prior to the hearing.

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing to express their views.

Mayor Coleburn said Blackstone remains under a Court Order from 1986, a civil rights voting suit, which he remembered it stating voting precincts had to be in their particular ward. He said he was hoping there would be a waiver from that, next November, because we don't want citizens having to go to two different locations to vote. Attorney Bacon said she would review this and work with the property person.

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

Mayor Coleburn closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Nash made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented, which would allow the General Assembly to amend the Town's Charter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn said this motion would be pending a satisfactory approval from the United States Justice Department or the appropriate authorities.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

MINUTES:

Councilman Nash made a motion to dispense with reading and approve as presented minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

VISITORS:

Ms. Tisha Stewart – Care Unto You Lab Services

Ms. Stewart said she was the new owner of Care Unto You Lab Services, located at 920 South Main Street, Office E. She said her business is local lab services that provide routine blood work, DOT and NON DOT drug screening, and COVID Rapid Testing and Antibody Testing. She said she did not have a provider in her office and was not a nurse practitioner, so with her just being a collection site, it was hard for her to accept insurance at this time. She said if someone has an order, she can do the draw and her fee is \$20.00. She said she can do mobile services as well and would be \$45.00. She added, currently she was by appointment only.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Tomer said their Grant to AFG got declined again.

Chief Tomer said Old Business was unchanged. He said Engine 3’s production was pushed back until November and delivery should still be around the first of the year.

Chief Tomer said the Fire Department would be doing the concessions at the Bull Blast this year. He said the final Car Show this year would be October 30th. He hoped the Christmas Banquet would happen this year and was scheduled for December 11th.

Chief Tomer said they would be doing a Fire Truck Trick or Treat on October 31st.

Chief Tomer said the position for Emergency Services Coordinator had been posted. He believed this would be a great asset to Nottoway County and the community.

Chief Tomer said the COVID Vaccine they provided was a success, totaling 29. Mayor Coleburn believed 21 of those shots were the booster.

Chief Tomer asked to start the process to bid out Turn Out Gear. He said there is usually \$20,000.00 allocated in the Budget. He believed 5 sets of gear were purchased with this amount last year. He said every year he requests more money in the Budget, but it is still at \$20,000.00. Chief Tomer said the second longest serving member, Phillip Armes, has 42 years of service.

Clerk Daniel asked about Halloween this year. Manager Vannoorbeeck believed it would be held on October 31st.

Mayor Coleburn said the Police Department polled the residents of Brunswick Avenue and the residents were against closing the street.

Councilman Nash suggested setting out the traffic calming devices the Town purchased last year. Sgt. Mathias did not believe the Police Department would have a table set up on Halloween. He said there would be a police presence, but they would not have an officer at every street.

Sgt. Mathias believed the speed bumps would be a good idea.

Councilman Nash asked about the items purchased for the Open House. Chief Tomer said they were being given out at the schools.

Clerk Daniel said she and Deputy Chief Beares would be working together on the house numbers.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills that have already been paid are in the amount of \$342,321.67.

Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the bills that have already been paid in the amount of \$342,321.67. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Councilman Nash asked about refugee reimbursements. Manager Vannoorbeeck said parts had to be purchased from Ace to set up meters for the fire hydrants. He said these are not metered, but for billing purposes, this will allow the post to bill DHS.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn stated the bills not yet approved, and to be paid, are in the amount of \$291,951.48.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve as presented, the bills not yet paid in the amount of \$291,951.48. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Councilman Nash asked about American Federal Security, the recorder system for \$2,800.00. Finance Director Hardy said there was an appropriation to follow tonight for this. She added, CARES money paid for this. Councilman Nash said this should show as a reimbursement.

Councilman Nash asked about the Library's CenturyLink bill, being charged \$195.00 a month for phones and internet, plus a long distance charge. Finance Director Hardy said this was probably coded wrong.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

APPROPRIATIONS:

Appropriation #1 – Police Department = \$500.00

Appropriation #2 – Administration = \$2,780.00

Councilwoman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the two appropriations as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Meetings this month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Consent Agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Armory – Site Remediation Grant

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this would be the Brownfields Site Remediation Grant. He said he had been working with DEQ and the Virginia Business Partnership to upgrade a space that can be used for different private activities. He was hoping the Town's Averitt University association would qualify us for such. He said the amount applied for was \$168,000.00, to help remove asbestos, lead based paint and an underground storage tank. He said a portion of this grant, if awarded, would pay the administration fee to Commonwealth Regional Council, who prepared the Grant. He said the grant application was included in the packet and had already been submitted.

Councilman Nash made a motion to affirm the grant submission already submitted by Manager Vannoorbeeck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

2. Award Bid – Water Tank Maintenance

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the bid proposal was for a 10 year period. He said the Town had not been doing this recently, but believed a contract was signed in maybe 2005 and renewed in 2014, but stopped due to the cash situation. He believed it was time to start cleaning out the water tanks again. He said the low bid was from Suez in the amount of \$798,426.00, and will be billed on the work as done.

Councilman Nash asked if this should wait to be included in the Budget.

Mayor Coleburn said he didn't want anybody to get the wrong idea, we have not neglected the tanks, and asked if they would be in the tanks cleaning. Manager Vannoorbeeck said certain years the tanks will get a wash out, which will drain the water. He said this will also paint the exterior and interior of the tanks.

The gentleman from Suez was present and said the paint was all NSF approved, with OSHA standards.

Councilman Nash asked when this would start expending. The gentleman from Suez said it would start once the contract was signed, and work would begin when it was determined a tank could be taken offline. Manager Vannoorbeeck suggested in the spring.

Finance Director Hardy said there was \$100,000.00 in the Budget for water tank maintenance.

Councilman Nash made a motion to award the water tank maintenance to the low bidder, Suez in the amount of \$798,426.00, with work being done over a ten year period. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hasbrouck.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

3. Award Bid – Asphalt Patching

Manager Vannoorbeeck said bids were opened for asphalt patching for calendar year 2022. He said the low bid was from Colony Construction in the amount of \$406,236.00, which is based on an expected 3700 tons of SM 9.5A overlay and approximately 32,184 square yards of 2” milling. He said this would include Church Street, from Main to the western Corporate Limits and Brown Street, from Church Street to Nottoway Avenue. He said he did not want to go past Nottoway Avenue if the Town was going to proceed with the new parking project.

Councilman Nash thought it was approved for this year. Manager Vannoorbeeck said it was, but they did not make it back in time, so it was rebid.

Councilman Nash asked if the price was higher. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would have to check the prices and if there is a difference, he would contact the contractor. He said it will probably be more expensive, because of more volume.

Mayor Coleburn said the bid we are talking about is \$406,000.00, and VDOT allocates to the Town \$275,000.00 quarterly.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said asphalt is typically reserved for primary streets, highly traveled streets.

Councilman Nash made a motion to award the low bid for asphalt patching to Colony Construction in the amount of \$406,236.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

Councilman Nash asked if Town staff could clean up the excess gravel at Tenth Street and Brunswick Avenue, along with other intersections.

4. Veterans Day Ceremony

Mayor Coleburn said he had a speaker in mind, but wanted to run by the Committee first. He said he was tired of honoring those at funerals, he wants to do more when they are alive.

Mayor Coleburn said it would be November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in Seay Park. He said if there is threat of weather, it would be moved to the Fire Department.

Councilman Miller made a motion to close a portion of South Main Street during the Veterans Day Ceremony in Seay Park. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

1. Dilapidated Buildings

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there were two homes slated for demolition in the East End project, one on Broad Street and the other is 305 Fitzgerald Street.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the two blighted homes, one on Oak Street and the other on Fifth Street, are being handled by Attorney Bacon, she has arranged for them to be appraised.

Mayor Coleburn clarified; blighted homes are more a physical deterioration.

Clerk Daniel said a demolition permit had been issued for the house next to Dollar General.

Mayor Coleburn asked about the property on South Main Street, where a tree fell on the property. Manager Vannoorbeeck said a letter had been sent and they have cleaned the yard to a degree. He said the improvements may be a litigated situation.

2. Meals Tax / Lodging Tax

Clerk Daniel advised; the one outstanding Meals Tax paid today.

3. Street Improvement Projects

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Council had approved this project, which is about \$1.1 Million. He said the Town and State's money was in place. He said the package had been submitted to the State and we are awaiting their response in order to move forward. He thought the construction would begin in early 2022.

4. Wigglesworth Sports Complex / TAP 21

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we are awaiting approval from VDOT. He said there were already some pipe and culverts onsite, this is for the Town's portion that will be on Jackson Street.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said between South Main Street and TAP 21, the state is funding roughly \$640,000.00.

5. East End Neighborhood Project

Manager Vannoorbeeck said (3) residences are being bid out. He said one home was slated to be demolished and reconstructed on Harris Street. He said two were rehabilitations, one on Tavern Street and the other is on Fitzgerald Street.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said sanitary sewer was being replaced in the project area, slowly. He said the water line may get started quicker than expected.

Mayor Coleburn said all together between the Town and grant funds, the East End project is \$5 Million.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Taylor Bottom would be the next project.

Mayor Coleburn said several residents would like to see curb and gutter on Taylor Street, along with speed bumps.

6. Weatherization

Councilman Miller asked how much money was in weatherization. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied, right now we have \$2,650.00. He said we have not put in this year's \$50,000.00 that was budgeted.

Councilman Miller said he had a plan for weatherization and would present it next month.

Mayor Coleburn clarified, the Electric Fund supplies \$50,000.00 every year towards weatherization, to help those low to moderate income people get their utility bills lower.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there had been a third pool of money called Program Income, but the State has forgiven all loan payments. He said the Town was using Program Income to work on a house on Epes Street, adding a handicap bathroom to the back of the house. He said another home using Program Income is on Broad Street, installing a handicap bathroom, insulation and weatherization as well.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there is an application process for weatherization. He said he was trying to spread weatherization around town. He added DHCD projects are neighborhood specific.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Truck Purchase – Police Department

Manager Vannoorbeeck said when the Town sells surplus items, it is put in a particular line item in a money market account. He said this money goes towards purchasing new vehicles.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he was waiting on an MOU with the County, to have the Town's personnel be able to legally access the inside of the animal control shelter. He said the intention is to give this new truck to the Police Department and would be given to Officer Robertson. He said Officer Robertson's car could possibly replace another police car. He said if all else fails, and we decide not to do the animal control officer, it could replace a truck in the Electric Department.

Councilman Morgan did not believe he would agree to having a police officer doing this part time, because the position was going to get overrun. He suggested adding another position in next year's budget. He said we need to get straight with the County first.

Councilman Nash believed another officer would have to be hired, he felt like the Town was bailing the County out. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the County does not enforce the Town's Code of running at large.

Mayor Coleburn said the Town has year round confinement, plus a leash law. He said animals are an issue in Blackstone.

Councilman Nash asked if the number of animals in Town is enforced.

Councilman Nash said before the new position is approved, he wanted to see figures.

Councilman Morgan asked to talk more about this with the Employment & Police Committee.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said \$82,000.00 had been saved up in this line item. He said the Town has an obligation of \$50,000.00 for the dump trucks, when they arrive.

Councilwoman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the purchase of a new truck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

Clerk Daniel asked if the amount included outfitting it for animal control. Manager Vannoorbeeck replied no.

Councilman Nash said this truck is considered a town utility department truck until further notice. Manager Vannoorbeeck said it would replace the old green truck, until the animal control issue is resolved.

2. Talbert & Bright – Annual Contract

Mayor Coleburn said Manager Vannoorbeeck is requesting the Town re-enter into contract with Talbert & Bright.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said they were doing a project now for the Town, repaving the taxiway and apron area.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this contract has no set fees; it is for on call services.

Councilman Wilkinson made a motion to enter into a one year agreement with Talbert & Bright for engineering services at the Airport per their Amendment #4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

3. Headstone Request – Mr. Kenneth Webb

Manager Vannoorbeeck said typically the Town sells lots in the Cemetery as one grave, two graves, four graves or eight graves. He said by Policy, the headstone is supposed to be in the center of the twos, fours or eights. He said this request is a four grave section and the parents are already deceased and buried on the two right hand side graves. He said if the policy were followed, only one of them would have a headstone, but they want to slide it over one space.

Councilman Nash asked if it would stay in line with mowing. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the north south orientation would be the same, but the east west orientation would be over one space.

Councilwoman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the headstone request as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

COMMITTEE REFERRALS:

There were no referrals.

MAYORS MINUTE:

Mayor Coleburn said from time to time he receives complaints about Bon Secours. He said the Town has say about this because the people of Virginia built the building in 2009. He said he and the Town Manager had a good meeting this past Thursday with the Case Manager and an executive from Richmond of Bon Secours. He said the meeting was favorable, they have rented the building for 10 years and have two five year renewals coming up. He said they were hiring a new physician, who is a Blackstone native, Dr. Lisa York. He said they do have Resident Physicians at the Medical Center.

Mayor Coleburn said Bon Secours has goals for Blackstone, Bon Secours is a large organization that just merged with a group from Ohio called Mercy Medicine. He said Manager Vannoorbeeck provided some good ideas such as broadband, so their telemedicine could be used. He said they got a good response, but he requested having a meeting every three months. He said Bon Secours was interested in the building, but he has had two viable health providers wanting this building, but Bon Secours has the first right. He said there would be another meeting in January.

Mayor Coleburn said he had a conference call today with Ft. Pickett, which the Town really has no say, in how many evacuees come to Pickett. He said the number of evacuees right now is 7,300, with 969 already being placed. He said the concern was if this goes 6-9 months, might it interfere with annual training that goes on at Pickett.

Councilman Wilkinson said there were three buses that left last week with people on them. He believed this would last at least a year.

Mayor Coleburn said another concerning thing that came from the Zoom call today was, Team Rubicon, who has been based out of Crenshaw, they have been distributing items approved to the evacuees, their presence may be going away by mid-November. He was concerned if adequate winter clothing was being received.

Mayor Coleburn said people have asked about adopting a family, but the Feds have said it is not time for that yet. He said there was a crew coming from New York this weekend, to start a documentary on Blackstone and the evacuees. Manager Vannoorbeeck added, he and the Mayor have independent meetings tomorrow, with a writer from the American Press, about renaming Pickett.

Mayor Coleburn said he recommended renaming Pickett, Ft. Blackstone, Ft. Freedom and Ft. Patton.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he had been petitioned by those in Amelia to present the name, Col. Barfoot, he was a metal recipient and lived in Amelia. Councilman Wilkinson added, he was in the Virginia National Guard as a Senior Army Advisor.

Mayor Coleburn asked Mr. Justin Sarafin if there would be a Holiday Open House in November. Mr. Sarafin said they were investigating.

Mayor Coleburn said it was still planned to have Grand Illumination the night after Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. in Seay Park.

Mrs. Molly Black said the Christmas Parade was planned for Friday, December 10, 2021.

POLICE REPORT:

Councilman Nash said the police report showed 279 traffic stops, but did not show how many were ticketed. Sgt. Mathias said he would check into it.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION:

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711

1/ Personnel – Ward D Council Vacancy

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:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn said we had a 10 minute Closed Session with the Ward D Candidate, Ms. Carolyn Williams.

Councilman Miller 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 Councilman Wilkinson.

Mayor Coleburn asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Certify
Councilman Morgan	-	Certify
Councilman Miller	-	Certify
Councilman Nash	-	Certify
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Certify
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Certify

Councilman Miller made a motion to appoint Ms. Carolyn Williams to succeed the remainder of Councilwoman Thompson's term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan.

Mayor Coleburn said Council had already petitioned the court for a special election, which must be done, according to Code.

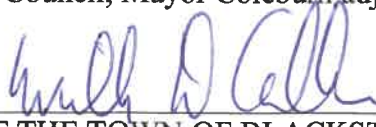
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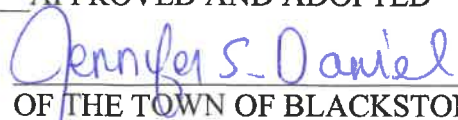
VOTE:

Councilwoman Jones	-	Aye
Councilman Morgan	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Wilkinson	-	Aye
Councilwoman Hasbrouck	-	Aye

Mayor Coleburn congratulated Ms. Williams and said, we look forward to serving with you. He said staff would contact the Circuit Court Clerk to get you sworn in.

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Coleburn adjourned this meeting at 8:22 p.m.


MAYOR
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

November 15, 2021 APPROVED AND ADOPTED

TOWN CLERK
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

