

Minutes of an Emergency Called Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, held in the Council Chambers, located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

There Were Present:

Mayor: L. Benjamin Green

Council Members: Christopher Page, Nathaniel Miller, Eric Nash, Jake Allman

Town Staff: Philip Vannoorbeeck, Town Manager; Jennifer Daniel, Town Clerk

Town Attorney:

Those Absent: Wesley Gormus, Lloyette Wynn, Carolyn Williams

Special Called Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia for 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Pursuant to the authority vested in us as Council for the Town of Blackstone, we (JAKE ALLMAN, CHRISTOPHER PAGE, ERIC NASH) call a Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia to be held in the Council Chambers located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2024, for the purpose of considering the following:

1) Food Trucks – Historic Business District & Town Owned Property

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Mayor Green said this was called as an Emergency Meeting by Councilman Allman because it was time sensitive. He said he verified with Attorney Harf that the proceedings today are very much legal. He said we have four members present and makes a quorum. He then called the meeting to order.

Councilman Allman said this meeting was his fault, he forgot to include on the last meeting's Agenda. He said he was here to talk about Grand Illumination.

Councilman Allman said there had been a lot of talk on Facebook about the future of food trucks in Blackstone. He asked for comments to be at a minimum since this is not a regularly scheduled meeting, and all participants may not have been able to be here. Mayor Green said he had no intention of hearing from the public.

Councilman Allman said there would be future talks about food trucks, but wanted to save that when everyone could be here.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Chamber was interested in having food trucks as well for the Christmas Parade. Clerk Daniel said the food trucks for the parade had not been approved.

Councilman Allman said he would include the parade in the motion just in case it had not been approved.

Councilman Allman made a motion to waive the Food Truck Ordinance in the Historic Business District and on Town owned property with coordination with the Town Manager for the day of Grand Illumination.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he spoke to an individual that was proposing a food truck during Grand Illumination on private property, and he told them it was not permissible. He said if we are waiving this for the Town, this should be waived as well. Councilman Allman agreed, he said it should be covered in his motion.

Mayor Green asked about the Christmas Parade. Councilman Miller suggested having the motion include Grand Illumination and the Christmas Parade.

Councilman Allman amended his motion to also include the Christmas Parade for waiving the Food Truck Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.

Mayor Green asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilman Gormus	-	Absent
Councilwoman Wynn	-	Absent
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Absent
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Green declared this Special Called Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

MAYOR
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

December 16, 2024

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

TOWN CLERK
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA