



Minutes of Council Meeting
Buchanan, VA

May 8, 2023

Present: Mayor Tristan Harris
Vice Mayor Chris Witt
Councilmember Manspile
Councilmember Marlon Rickman
Councilmember James Eubank

There were 16 citizens and three employees attending.

Mayor Harris brought the May 8, 2023 regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Harris asked Town Clerk Claudine Stump to take roll call. With all Council members present, a quorum was established. A moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the consent agenda which consisted of the financial report for April 2023, the approval of paid bills, and approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2023 Work Session, and April 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Manspile made a motion to approve with a second from Vice Mayor Witt. Mayor Harris asked for further discussion. With no further discussion, the consent agenda was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Next on the agenda was awards, recognitions, and presentations. Councilmember Rickman stated that Community Developer Harry Gleason did a good job at the Garden Festival. Everything looked good. Vice Mayor Witt stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Carol Boblett for the banner program. The banners look great and have had nothing but compliments about them.

Next on the agenda was citizen comments and petitions regarding agenda items. The first person to speak was Mr. Brian Byrd of Thrasher Group. They are an engineering and architectural firm. He wanted to introduce himself and his company to Council. The next person signed up to speak was Michelle Austin who thanked Council for their service.

Next on the Agenda was New Business/Action Items/ Public Hearings. The first action item was the Bank of Botetourt presentation. Mr. Lyn Hayth, the Vice-Chair of the Board at Bank of Botetourt stated that he was there to present the Town with the Bank's franchise check. Mr. Hayth spoke of the bank's history and how far it has come. Bank of Botetourt is the largest community bank in the Roanoke MSA and is 25th in number of employees in Botetourt County. Mr. Hayth stated that the franchise check is

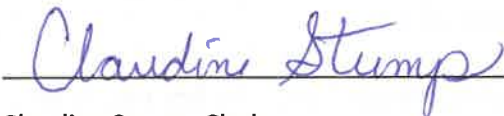
basically the state income tax paid to the Town. Ms. Austin gave the check to Mayor Harris. Mayor Harris stated that this is the perfect example of how shopping and banking local benefits the community. The next action item was consideration of Resolution R23-0508-12: A Resolution to Authorize Full Time Employees of the Town of Buchanan, Virginia Participation in the Group Life Insurance Program as Set Out in Title 51.1, Chapter 5 of the Code of Virginia. Mayor Harris stated this allows any full-time employee to participate in the Life Insurance program. Councilmember Manspile made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Councilmember Eubank. Mayor Harris asked for further discussion. With no further discussion, the Resolution was approved with a vote of 5 - 0. The next action item was Mr. Carol Boblett speaking about the Veteran Banner program. Mr. Boblett stated that there are a few more banners to be put up on the Verizon side of the street. If the banners are going to be put up on the Dominion Power poles, the Town will have to request permission and be responsible for the banners. Mr. Pilot of Dominion will not give permission to the American legion or anyone else. Town already has an agreement to allow banners. Town needs to send a letter stating it accepts responsibility for the banners and fill out the paper work for each pole that a banner will be hung on. Councilmember Manspile stated that since Town has an outside company hanging the Christmas lights there should be no problem with the American Legion hanging the banners. Mayor Harris stated that the staff monthly reports are listed in the packet. Mayor Harris went through the upcoming events listed on the agenda.

Next on the agenda was Citizen Comments and Petitions Regarding Non-Agenda Items. Mayor Harris asked if anyone had any comments. Ms. Jesse Burton asked what BOCO wild was? Councilmember Eubank stated that it used to be the Botetourt Fishing Carnival, but it has grown to include other outdoor activities. It is to encourage young people to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. Mr. Steve Grigg of 19505 Main Street stated that he thought the meet the mayor meeting was excellent. He suggested that each Council member have one so that citizens can learn more about their values and what they want for the Town.

Last on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Manspile made a motion to adjourn with a second from Vice Mayor Witt. With no further discussion, the motion carried with a vote of 5 – 0.

Adjournment was at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudine Stump, Clerk



Tristan Harris, Mayor



At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Buchanan held at the Buchanan Town Hall on May 8th, 2023 beginning at 7:00p.m.:

MEMBERS:

Tristan Harris, Mayor
Chris Witt, Vice Mayor
James Manspile
Marlin Rickman
James Eubank

VOTE:

YES
YES
YES
YES
YES

On motion of Councilmember Manspile, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the following was adopted:

RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA PARTICIPATION IN GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM AS SET OUT IN TITLE 51.1, CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Buchanan, a local municipal government entity of the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Town Council of the Town of Buchanan, Virginia does hereby elect to have those of its employees who are regularly employed full time on a salaried basis and whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment, become eligible to participate in the Group Life Insurance program June 1, 2023, as set out in Title 51.1, Chapter 5 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, effective May 8, 2023 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Buchanan agrees to pay the required employer cost for its eligible employees and further, to deduct from employees' wages and to pay over in the manner prescribed the employees' portion to the extent that such employees' portion is not paid by the Town of Buchanan.

NOW, THEREFORE, George Hayfield, Town Manager, and Claudine Stump, Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Town of Buchanan to execute any required contract in order that employees of the Town of Buchanan may become eligible to participate in the Group Life Insurance program as provided in the aforementioned sections of the Code of Virginia. In execution of any contract which may be require the seal of the Town Council of the Town of Buchanan shall be affixed and attested by the Clerk, and said officers of the Buchanan Town Council are authorized and directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by the Buchanan Town Council and its employees for this purpose.

CERTIFICATE

I, Claudine Stump, Clerk of the Buchanan Town Council certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Buchanan Town Council held at Buchanan, Virginia at 7:00pm o'clock p.m. on May 8th, 2023. Given under my hand and the seal of the Town of Buchanan this 8th day of May, 2023.


Clerk

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk