

TOWN OF RICHLANDS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Richlands Town Council held a “Regular Monthly Meeting” on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Richlands Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Rod. D. Cury
Town Manager: Ron Holt
Project Manager: Susan Whitt
Town Clerk: Absent
Town Attorney: Mike Thomas
Finance Manager: Ronnie Campbell
Council Members: Seth White, Gary Jackson, Rick Wood, Jordan Bales, Jan White, and Laura Mollo.

The Town Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Cury.

IN RE: Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

Mayor Cury stated the following changes were requested by Mr. Holt.

- Remove “Bulk & Brush Schedule”
- Town Manager’s Report- (f) I/EDA Updates- Dr. Buskill has resigned and Dillon Smith will serve his term through June, at which time both positions will be vacant.
- Remove (h) Paving Update under Town Manager’s Report
- Add (k) Project Pipeline Discussion.
- Add (h) REC Park Conversation- Alternate Shelter.
- Add Executive Session- “Fire Contract” under Legal Consultation.
- Add Executive Session 2.2-3711 A (7): Potential Litigation- Accident on Kents Ridge
- Add Ernest Edgell to Unscheduled Public Comment
- Add Sheriff Brian Hieatt to Unscheduled Public Comment
- Add Lynna Mitchell to Unscheduled Public Comment

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Laura Mollo and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

IN RE: Authorization to Pay Bills (April)

There were no questions regarding the Bills for April.

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Gary Jackson, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to approve paying the bills for April.

IN RE: Minutes

Upon a motion by Jan White, seconded by Laura Mollo, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the following Minutes.

- April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- April 16, 2025, PH Meeting Minutes
- April 30, 2025, SC Meeting Minutes
- May 6, 2025, PH Meeting Minutes (Budget)

IN RE: Scheduled Public Comments

There were no Scheduled Public Comments.

IN RE: Unscheduled Public Comments

Ernest Edgell, 206 Terry Drive-

- Gave Council Members letter regarding the Teen Center.
- Asked if there was an Ordinance for leaving garbage cans out all the time, Mr. Holt advised there is. Mr. Edgell stated that residents in Hidden Valley and on Cresswood Drive and are leaving theirs out and advised there were vehicles parked halfway in the streets also.
- Asked if the Town is working on the derelict buildings in Town. Mr. Holt advised the Town was slated to receive around \$500k in funds from the state that they were going to use for the abatement of those properties, but unfortunately it did not survive the last revision from the Governor and that the Council and Staff were going to need to have conversations on how to address this in the future.
- Asked if Virginia has a provision that properties can be sold if they don't pay their taxes. Mr. Holt advised yes and that staff had just sent out the first round of legal notices regarding back taxes and there is a list in this weeks newspaper.

Sheriff Brian Heatt, TCSO-

- Advised the Council that it was National Police Week and that Thursday is National Peace Officers Memorial Day.
- Stated that two weeks prior they had received a 911 Hang-up call and when the deputy arrived on scene, there was a man sitting on his porch with two guns. When the deputy started talking with him, the man started firing at him. Sheriff Heatt advised that when he and his Chief Deputy arrived on scene it was good to see Chief Holt and two of his officers already there to help as well.
- Thanked the Council for everything they have done and for the positive changes they have seen in the police department under Chief Holts' leadership.
- Stated that every officer in the Police Department was hard working and dedicated and appreciates that they are willing to back his deputies up in a moment's notice.

Mayor Cury declared a moment of silence and prayers for the officers.

Chief Holt thanked Sheriff Heatt and advised this goes both ways; the Sheriff's Office has always lent their deputies and resources when the Town has been in need and stated they have a very good working relationship.

Lymna Mitchell, 406 Buchanan Street-

- Thanked the Town for promptly posting the Proposed Budget on the Towns website, for better accessibility by the citizens.

IN RE: Tazewell County Public Library Update

Regina Roberts advised the Council of the following updates on the library renovations.

- There was a setback on the elevator by the manufacturer that has caused a delay, it is now supposed to be delivered sometime by the end of the week.
- The contractor advised her that everything for Phase 2A will be complete by May 22.
- Will be scheduling a Grand Opening once the elevator is completed.
- Advised that while working on installing the elevator, contractors discovered there was no main shut-off in the library, in case of an electrical emergency. Mrs. Roberts stated when Phase 2B begins they would like to work with the Towns Electrical Department on this issue. Will bring back a formal presentation to the council on this at a later date.

Mrs. White asked if the elevator issue added to the cost, Mrs. Roberts advised it was around \$48k more than originally planned.

IN RE: Conditional Use Permit Request for 1472 Raven Road

Billy Shelton spoke briefly about this property and advised this is the property that Council had requested pictures of during last months meeting.

Mr. Shelton provided the Council with pictures of this property and advised that the owner is requesting to rezone this property from Business to Residential.

Mr. Thomas inquired if this was just for the zoning map change. Mr. Shelton advised it was and that the owner of the property will need to submit the Conditional Use Permit after it is rezoned. The Council thanked Mr. Shelton for the pictures and advised it was very helpful. Mr. White asked Mr. Thomas what the next steps for this should be.

Mr. Thomas asked if the Planning Commission had a suggestion or a request regarding this, Mr. Jackson advised they supported the rezoning of this property.

Mr. Thomas advised he typically does an Ordinance for Zoning Map Changes, and he does not have that ready at this time.

IN RE: Bristol VA Fire Department Resolution (R-2025-05-01)

Mr. Holt read Resolution R-2025-05-01 recognizing the Bristol Virginia Fire Department. Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Gary Jackson and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to adopt Resolution R-2025-05-01.

IN RE: Virginia Beach Fire Department Resolution (R-2025-05-02)

Mr. Holt read Resolution R-2025-05-02 recognizing the Virginia Beach Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jordan Bales and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to adopt Resolution R-2025-05-02.

Mrs. White asked if the Town done anything for the Town of Abingdon and Mr. Holt advised they sent a Letter of Appreciation to the Town of Abingdon and also the Army National Guard for their help as well.

IN RE: National Federation of Music Clubs

Mayor Cury advised that he was asked by the Tazewell Music Club to ask the Town of Richlands to adopt a Proclamation declaring National Music Week.

Mayor Cury advised they could not formally adopt this, due to it being past the time frame, but it was suggested that the Council give consensus.

Mayor Cury read the National Music Week Mayors Proclamation to the Council.

The Council came to a consensus to adopt this Proclamation.

IN RE: First Bank & Trust Note R-2025-05-05

Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of this “Note” to Council and stated that it was to bridge the gap on the financing for the natural gas generator.

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to waive the reading of Resolution R-2025-05-05.

Mrs. Mollo stated the only reason they were waiving the reading of this Resolution is due to the size of the document and that citizens are welcome to read this public document.

Mr. White advised the purpose of this loan was to get the Town to their long-term financing until the grants begin to come in.

Mr. Bales stated that on Page 17 there was a blank space in Section B and asked if there was supposed to be a dollar amount listed in that space. Mr. Campbell was inaudible.

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 5-1 with Jordan Bales voting no, to adopt Resolution R-2025-05-05.

IN RE: Five Year Rate Structure Plan for Water/Wastewater Resolution (R-2025-05-04)

Mr. Campbell advised these rates are a 5-year plan and that it is a requirement to enter into VRA Loans for both the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant upgrades.

Mr. Holt advised these rates are cheaper than initially proposed due to the contributions of the PSA and Cedar Bluff having not been factored into the initial rates.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to dispense the reading of Resolution R-2025-05-04.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to adopt Resolution R-2025-05-04.

Mrs. White asked if there was a possibility that these rates could change. Mr. Holt advised they could potentially change; however, this is confirmation to VRA that in good faith the Town intends on sticking with the rate schedule. Mr. Holt advised they understand that things do change though.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.12 Water & Sewer Rates- O-2025-05-01

Mr. Thomas advised there had been an amendment to the advertised rate on this Ordinance. The rates are now lower than advertised. The In Town Water Rate per 1,000 gallons decreased from \$8.19 to \$7.50 and Out of Town Water Rates decreased from \$9.38 to \$8.60. The In Town Sewer rates decreased from \$9.05 to \$8.00 and Out of Town Sewer rates decreased from \$11.49 to \$10.44.

Mr. Holt advised the lower rates are reflected in the Proposed Budget in terms of revenue.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to dispense the reading of Ordinance O-2025-05-01.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to adopt amended Ordinance O-2025-05-01 as amended.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.03 Electric Rates (Residential)- O-2025-05-03

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 6-0 to dispense the reading of Ordinance O-2025-05-03, O-2025-05-04, O-2025-05-05, O-2025-05-06, O-2025-05-07, and R-2025-05-03.

Mr. White advised that the rate is \$0.14580 per kWh instead of \$0.16755 per kWh.

Mr. Bales asked how it was reduced to this rate. Mr. Holt advised during the Budget Meeting it was Council's desire to not exceed current AEP rates.

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2, with Jordan Bales and Laura Mollo voting no, to adopt amended Ordinance O-2025-05-03.

Mr. White advised the Town should not exceed AEP rates and that staff have done a good job at keeping it below that. Mr. White stated if everything goes well with the generator and they can hold this line; they will be having a different conversation this time next year.

Mrs. Mollo stated this was a hard vote for her, but she agrees with Mr. White.

Mr. Wood advised it is mostly transmission fees.

Mr. Bales asked if they would still be in a deficit with this rate increase, Mr. Holt advised they were, and staff were following the will of the Council to keep Town rates below AEP rates.

Mr. Bales advised he was concerned with the exponential growth, and voted no to this rate because he cannot in good faith run a deficit. Mr. Bales stated he does think the generator will help.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.04 Electric Rates (Worship)- O-2025-05-04

Mr. White advised the advertised rate decreased from \$0.17834 to \$0.15659 to be in line with AEP's rate.

The council dispensed of the Second Reading of O-2025-05-04 with a 6/0 vote.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2, with Jordan Bales and Laura Mollo voting no, to adopt amended Ordinance O-2025-05-04.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.05 Electric Rates (Small General) - O-2025-05-05

Mr. White advised the advertised kWH rate decreased from \$0.16410 to \$0.14235.

The council dispensed of the Second Reading of O-2025-05-05 with a 6/0 vote.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jan White and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2, with Jordan Bales and Laura Mollo voting no, to adopt Ordinance O-2025-05-05.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.06 Electric Rates (Large General)- O-2025-05-06

Mr. White advised there were two changes to this Ordinance.

The rate changes from \$16.09344 to \$16.07169 for All kWH of demand and the rate changes from\$ 0.11438 to \$0.09263 for All kWH.

The council dispensed of the Second Reading of O-2025-05-06 with a 6/0 vote.

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2, with Jordan Bales and Laura Mollo voting no, to adopt amended Ordinance O-2025-05-06.

IN RE: Amendment to 50.07 Electric Rates (Medium General)- O-2025-05-07

Mr. White advised there were two changes to this Ordinance.

The rate for All of demand kWH changed from \$4.79344 to \$4.77169 and All kWH changed \$0.14724 to \$0.12549.

The council dispensed of the Second Reading of O-2025-05-07 with a 6/0 vote.

Upon a motion by Jan White, seconded by Rick Wood and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2, with Jordan Bales and Laura Mollo voting no, to adopt amended Ordinance O-2025-05-07.

IN RE: 2025/2026 Budget Resolution (R-2025-05-03)

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Jan White and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 5-1 with Jordan Bales voting no, to adopt Resolution R-2025-05-03.

Mayor Cury declared a ten-minute recess.

IN RE: Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Campbell advised he included a list of Loan Balances in the Monthly Reports.

Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of the Monthly Financial Report for March as follows:

- General Fund- Year to Date Net Income Loss is -\$904,763
- Water- Year to Date Net Income Loss is \$2,854
- Sewer- Year to Date Net Income Loss is \$254,632
- Water and Sewer Line Maintenance Year to Date Net Income Loss -\$483,119
- Electric w/o Generator Year to Date Net Income Loss -\$999,091
- Electric w/Generator Year to Date Net Income Loss -\$7,535,564
- General Fund- Reserved Cash Balance \$2,377,626
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- Water Department Reserved Cash Balance \$1,082,180
- Water Department Unreserved Cash Balance \$649,016
- Sewer Department Reserved Cash Balance \$493,432
- Sewer Department Unreserved Cash Balance- (\$491,006)
- Electric Department Reserved Cash Balance \$1,797,809
- Electric Department Unreserved Cash Balance -\$695,210. This significant decrease is primarily the result of the seventh milestone payment of \$441k for the natural gas generator and costs associated with purchased power from restricted funds.

Mrs. Mollo inquired about Building Repairs and Additions in the Electrical Department; it was budgeted for \$500 but \$8,000 was spent during this period. Mr. Campbell advised it was for the garage door that was damaged. Mr. Holt advised the Town may receive some of those funds back from insurance.

There were no other questions regarding the Monthly Financial Report.

IN RE: Budget Amendment

Mr. Campbell advised the purpose of this amendment is to appropriate funds to the Fire Department Salaries Expense Account from the Police Department Salaries Expense Account and the Fire Department Health Insurance Expense Account in the amount of \$16,000 for additional staffing.

Mr. Wood asked what the all in cost of the position was, Mr. Holt advised around \$60k-\$65k.

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to approve this Budget Amendment.

IN RE: Attorney Report

Mr. Thomas advised there are certain requirements under the ADA that the Town must fulfill when providing a livestream of their meetings, such as closed captioning and/or an interpreter. Mr. Thomas advised the decision has been made to temporarily stop providing the livestream until he can fully research the issue.

Mr. Bales suggested the Town also look at their website. Mr. Thomas advised they have until 2027 to have the website in compliance.

Mr. Holt advised the cost per month for the storage was nominal. Mr. Dorton advised for a 50gb meeting it would cost .18 cents.

Mrs. Mollo stated that no one wants to stop providing the service to the citizens, however they must be complaint with the law.

Mayor Cury also stated he did not want to stop the service and inquired about the subtitles. Mr. Thomas advised someone would need to make sure it was converted correctly.

Mayor Cury stated the Town is trying to do the right thing.

Mrs. Mollo advised that citizens are not held to the same ADA standards that the Town is and are welcome to attend the meeting and livestream.

IN RE: Town Manager Report

Chief Holt gave the following updates to Council:

W & L Paving (Paving at night)-

Mr. Holt advised the Town is in close talks with W & L daily and anticipate seeing their equipment on the ground to begin paving within the next 2-3 weeks. Mr. Holt requested consent from the Council to pave at night in the area of the detour, and the Council agreed.

Proposed Location for EV Charging Station-

Mr. Holt advised that Mrs. Whitt has been working closely with Virginia Clean Cities regarding a grant program that would provide two fully grant funded EV Charging Stations. Mr. Holt stated that their matched portion of the grant would be the labor used to install the charging stations, the only issue is not having wireless internet for the payment. The cost of the wireless internet connection would be around \$2k-\$3k. This would be the only charging station located between Bristol VA and Pikeville KY and would increase business to local shops and restaurants.

Mr. Holt advised he would like Councils blessing to move forward with this.

Mrs. Mollo asked what the drawbacks of the EV Charging Stations were, and Mr. Holt advised there were relatively none, other than there have been occasions where there was a short and caused them to burn. Mrs. Mollo also asked if the Fire Department was trained to handle these types of fires and Mr. Holt advised he would check.

Mrs. White asked how would they base the charge and if it would be by kilowatt. Mr. Holt advised he was unsure if it would be more beneficial to charge a flat fee or charge by usage and would be reaching out to other locations to bring different options to the table.

Mrs. Mollo asked if would impact the electrical usage in Town as far as peak hours. Mr. Holt advised unless they were using the chargers during the times they are trying to peak shave he couldn't see a negative impact. Mr. Holt advised he would speak with Allen Compton regarding this. Mrs. Whitt advised the lady she spoke with advised it was the same usage as a dryer would use.

Mrs. Mollo asked if they could get this information before they vote or if the assessment comes back bad if they could pull out of it, Mr. Holt advised the application deadline is May 15 and they could.

Upon a motion by Jordan Bales, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to move forward with the EV Charging Station Grant to place two chargers at Greenway Park.

Utility Billing Change- PMSI Issues

Mr. Holt spoke to the Council about the billing issues staff has had over the past several months and advised Council they have communicated to PMSI that they were no longer going to use their services, and billing would be done in house.

Mr. Holt advised the only thing that will change is the citizens won't be able to view a PDF version of their bill online.

Mr. Jackson asked how much the Town was paying PMSI for the service, Mrs. Whitt advised it was around \$2k for the postage and \$500 for the service.

Appalachian Detention Center (Alternative Community Corrections)-

Mr. Holt expressed his appreciation for the low-level offenders that have been helping the Town by trimming the shrubs, turning mulch, etc.

Mr. Holt advised they have offered to do some weed eating for the Town; however, Mr. Bales has brought to light some legitimate concerns regarding the workers being around the REC Park Pool

area and advised they will work around that issue by scaling back the pool hours during this time.

Business Spotlight-

Mrs. Whitt advised that the Town has heard from some of the businesses owners on Front Street and they were stating that their business has slowed down due to the new detour.

Mrs. Whitt advised that Mr. Holt came up with the idea for the Town to spotlight each business on Facebook that is affected by the detour, to remind the public what they have, their hours of operation, etc. to try and help encourage them to visit the businesses.

IEDA Updates

Mr. Holt advised there are two open positions, Mr. Buskill has resigned and Dillion Smiths position.

Mr. White advised the Council was not ready to make the appointment at this time.

Mayor Cury asked the Council how they would like to proceed.

Mrs. Mollo stated she loves Letters of Interest, and it is important to her that every citizen has an equal opportunity.

Mayor Cury advised they would accept Letters of Interest and suggestions from Council Members, will make the appointments at the June meeting.

East 2nd Street Update

Mr. Holt advised Town employees have been hard at work building a retaining wall on East 2nd Street. Mr. Holt stated the street was scheduled to be paved and the original retaining wall was failing, so he wanted it to be replaced before the road was paved to prevent damage to the new pavement.

Mrs. Mollo asked how the Town would hold property owners accountable going forward, Mr. Holt advised the Town could not bring a criminal charge or Ordinance violation unless it fell into the road, and that is a very small fine.

Mr. Wood stated that whoever permitted the property owner to build the wall adjoining the right-of-way was responsible.

Mr. Holt stated he was unfamiliar with the process of permits for retaining walls but would look into it.

Detour Update-

Mr. Holt advised he had sent an email out to the Council the previous week requesting guidance on the detour and did not receive enough responses to be able to advise VDOT on how the Town would like to proceed with the detour.

Mr. Holt stated the Town was granted the ability to change the current detour that uses 460 and Farmers Street. The change would allow two-way traffic between Fairfax and Allegany.

Mr. Holt advised that Mr. Compton could reprogram the current light to make a 3-way approach, and this would lower the cost of the detour change to around \$20k. Mr. Holt advised they would be able to use VDOT Maintenance Funds for this.

Mrs. Mollo stated there was no winning on this issue and her vote would be based on the cost.

The Council had a brief discussion on both detour options.

Upon a motion by Seth White, seconded by Rick Wood and the roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-2 with Gary Jackson and Laura Mollo voting no, to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the new detour, to work with VDOT for final approval, and to order the materials needed for it.

2024 Virginia Building & Code Officials Association (VBCOA) Region of the Year Award- Gary Jackson

Mr. Holt advised that Gary Jackson accepted the 2024 Virginia Building & Code Officials Association Region of the Year Award on behalf of Region 1.

Project Pipeline “Road Diet”-

Mr. Holt advised that VDOT is asking for the Towns blessing to continue their partnership with the Town to continue the “Road Diet” study. Mr. Holt also advised there was no cost for this, and projects would be brought back to the Council for final approval.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to move forward with the “Road Diet” study with VDOT.

REC PARK- Alternate Shelter

Mr. Holt advised that the Police Department was affected by the last flood and was not able to be used as a shelter during that time and stated that REC Park would be a good alternative shelter option.

Mr. Holt also advised there was grant money potentially available through Appalachian Voices for solar and battery back ups at shelters.

Mr. Bales asked where the solar panels would be located, Mr. Holt stated possibly on the hillside and that the site study would give them more information.

Upon a motion by Jordan Bales, seconded by Seth White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to move forward with the site study for the alternate shelter site at the REC Park.

IN RE: Council Member Reports

Laura Mollo-

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Carnival.
- National Peace Officers Day- a day to honor Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. Mrs. Mollo advised that her great grandfather was Loranzie Floyd McGlothlin, who passed away due to gunfire on Jan 13, 1934, while working for the Tazewell County Sheriff’s Office.
- Stated that she never thought she would see the Richlands Police Department functioning like it is and advised that she is grateful and constantly getting compliments on the department.

Jan White-

- Advised the Freedom Fest would be held on June 28th.

Jordan Bales-

- Advised the Spring Soccer League at the REC Park was a success, the field looked amazing, and it was awesome to see so many kids involved.
- Thanked the staff for getting Critterville patched, has received many compliments.
- Tiny Tots was a success also this year, they had almost 30 kids this year.
- Thanked staff for removing a tree at his neighbor’s home that was ready to fall. Mr. Holt advised the tree would’ve had a direct impact on public safety if it had fallen.
- Has received compliments on the trash crew, citizens were saying how nice and respectful they were.

Rick Wood-

- Asked if they had gotten the old Brush Truck back, Mr. Holt advised they had, and it would be used as a backup.
- Asked if the Maple Lane Bridge had been inspected lately, and advised it needs to be fixed as soon as possible. Mr. Holt advised they will be talking about property acquisition and advised are potential grant funds on the horizon to help with this.

Gary Jackson-

- Advised that AEP will be taking down a couple of trees at the end of Fairfax at no cost to the Town.
- Thanked Mr. Holt and staff for all their hard work.

Seth White-

- Stated that when he passed the trash truck earlier, he noticed the workers had on their high visibility rain suits and it looked good. Advised that staff is making a conscious effort to act professional, look professional, and to do a good job, and it is making a difference and he appreciates it.

Mayor Cury declared a ten-minute recess.

IN RE: Mayor Comments

Mayor Cury thanked everyone for their hard work.

IN RE: Executive Session

Mayor Cury advised the Council would be going into Executive Session pursuant to:

- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(1) - Personnel - Journeyman Electric Lineman
- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(3) - Property Acquisition
 - Maple Lane
 - Mountain Road
 - McCall Property
- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(8) - Consultation with Legal Counsel
 - Teen Center
 - Meals Tax
 - V&V
 - Business Property near Front Street Bridge
 - Flooding Tax Abatement

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to go into Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Gary Jackson and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to return to Open Session.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jordan Bales and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council certified that only the following VA Code Sections were discussed during the Executive Session.

- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(1) - Personnel - Journeyman Electric Lineman
- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(3) - Property Acquisition
 - Maple Lane
 - Mountain Road
 - McCall Property
- VA Code Section: 2.2-3711(A)(8) - Consultation with Legal Counsel
 - Teen Center
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IN RE: Tax Abatement

A motion was made by Rick Wood and seconded by Jordan Bales to give a one-year real estate tax abatement to the four property owners who signed easements for the Front Street Bridge reconstruction.

Mrs. Mollo stated this is unfair, says that it is not equitable to the four owners.

Mr. Wood withdrew the motion.

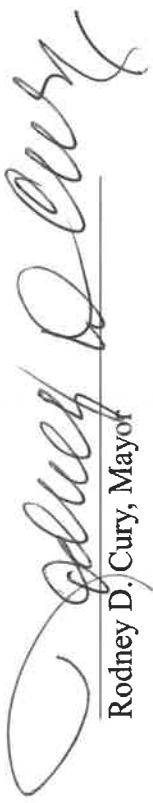
IN RE: Fire Contract

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Seth White, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted to approve the amended fire contract presented by the county.

IN RE: Adjournment

Upon a motion by Laura Mollo, seconded by Jordan Bales and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the meeting was adjourned.


Amanda Beheler, Town Clerk


Rodney D. Cury, Mayor

