

The meeting took place at the Old Court House meeting room in Fincastle.

Members Present: Mayor Smith, Ed Bordett, Richard Flora, Paige Ware, Bill Gaul, and Pam Binns

Absent: John Thomas,

Also Present: Henry Booze; Dustin Ware; Kirk Taylor; Khari Ryder, Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Rodgers, Fincastle Library; Scott Critzer

Staff Present: Town Manager David Tickner and Clerk Joan Boothe.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum present for the purpose of conducting business.

1. Reading /Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2022 Meeting

The minutes for March 10, 2022, meeting were approved as presented.

2. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Discussion with Volunteer Fire Department – Community Cooperation

Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dustin Ware introduced members Henry Booze and Kirk Taylor. Mr. Ware stated that the Department is interested in bolstering community outreach He discussed the volunteers’ roles in training, responding to calls, and participating in community events. He discussed the upcoming Firefighter 1 classes the VFD is conducting, noting that no other department in Botetourt County is doing so. Discussion followed. Henry Booze discussed the small park behind the firehouse, and ongoing talks with the Town Manager about developing the park area. He stated that it the Department would like to include the Town on the ownership of the park, in the event that someday the volunteers disband. Kirk Taylor discussed the availability of the meeting room for formal town meetings. Mayor Smith noted that the timing for this was good, since the County will very soon not be allowing use of the current Old District Court meeting room.

Council expressed its appreciation to those present and all of the members of the volunteer fire department for their dedication to their community. Mayor Smith stated that she is looking forward to working together on projects in the near future.

The Town Manager recognized Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce member Khari Ryder and Fincastle Librarian Sarah Rodgers. Mayor Smith thanked them for their attendance and interest in Fincastle.

4. Reports

a) Financial

i. Approval of monthly bills for April 2022

The monthly bills for April 2022 were approved for payment.

ii. Treasurer's Reports – accounts for March 2022

The treasurer's reports for General, Water/Sewer and Sidewalk Funds were approved as presented.

b) Management

i. Budget advertising

The Town Manager reviewed the proposed FY 2023 budgets for the Water and Sewer Fund and General Fund. Pam Binns noted a discrepancy in the totals on the General Fund. The Town Manager stated that he would address the issue.

Council discussed adding \$600 to the General Fund budget for rent for use of the Fire Department facilities for its meetings.

ii. Board of Zoning Appeals terms: Bowman, Willis

The Town Manager stated that two members of the Board of Zoning Appeals have terms that will expire on May 31 of this year. The Board hears zoning-related cases pertaining to determinations made by the Town Manager zoning boundary interpretation and requests to variances to regulations on an individual basis. They are quasi-judicial and comprised of five members. Terms for Mitchell Bowman and Karen Willis will expire at the end of May.

Mitch Bowman and Karen Willis both have stated that they are willing to continue to serve.

Paige Ware made a motion to recommend to the Circuit Court reappointment of Mitchell Bowman and Karen Willis to the Fincastle Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term. The motion was seconded by Bill Gaul and carried by the following vote:

Yes	Mayor Smith, Ed Bordett, Bill Gaul, Pam Binns, Paige Ware and Richard Flora
No:	None
Abstain:	None

iii. Big Spring Park update

The Town Manager discussed the upcoming State Garden Festival meeting, and work to clean up Big Spring Park. Discussion followed.

The Town Manager stated that he is also working with Architect Barry Rakes on some designs for the spring box area.

iv. Upcoming hearings

The Town manager stated that there will be a number of public hearings next month, including several Town Code and Zoning Ordinance Amendments, the FY 2023 budget hearing and two land use hearings. Discussion followed.

Richard Flora stated that the Planning Commission District may be able to assist the Town with a comprehensive rewrite of its zoning ordinance.

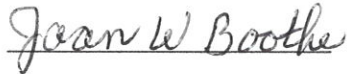
5. Citizens Comments

Khari Ryder stated that he is discussing with his website designer the potential to assist the Town with website upgrades.

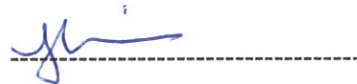
6. Other matters/discussion items from Council

There being no further Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved:



Joan W. Boothe, Clerk



Mary Bess Smith, Mayor