

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on August 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	D. Dwayne Tuggle	P	Kenneth G. Bunch
P	Rachel A. Carton	P	Sharon W. Turner
A	Kenneth S. Watts	P	Janice N. Wheaton

Also present were the following staff members:

Sara Carter	Town Manager		Bobby Shiflett	Chief of Police
W. Thomas Berry	Town Attorney		Charles Thompson	Utilities Maintenance Foreman
Tracie Morgan	Office Manager/Treasurer		Gary P. Smith, Jr.	Wastewater Operator
Gary Williams	Director of Plants			

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by an invocation by Charles Thompson.

Town Manager Carter gave a report on the proposed disposition/sale of real property in the Town of Amherst which would, if approved, allow for the sale of real property described as Pump Station Lot between Whitehead Drive and Maple Lane on approximate one acre, identified as Tax Map # 96A4 9 F B, and Fee-Simple Road Lot from Whitehead Drive to Pump Station Lot, in accordance Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B.).

Mayor Tuggle opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:03 P.M. on the proposed disposition/sale of real property in the Town of Amherst which would, if approved, allow for the sale of real property described as Pump Station Lot between Whitehead Drive and Maple Lane on approximate one acre, identified as Tax Map # 96A4 9 F B, and Fee-Simple Road Lot from Whitehead Drive to Pump Station Lot, in accordance Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B.).

There being no one listed to speak on the citizen public hearing comment sign-in sheet or otherwise, Mayor Tuggle closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Carton made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bunch to allow for the sale of real property described as Pump Station Lot between Whitehead Drive and Maple Lane on approximate one acre, identified as Tax Map # 96A4 9 F B, and Fee-Simple Road Lot from Whitehead Drive to Pump Station Lot, in accordance Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B.), as recommended by staff.

There being no discussion the motion carried 4-0 by roll call method, as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle			Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye		Sharon W. Turner	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Absent		Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor for citizen comment.

There being no one listed to speak on the citizen comment sign-in sheet or otherwise, no comments were made.

Ms. Turner made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Carton to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021, meeting.

There being no discussion, the motion as to the July 14, 2021, minutes carried 4-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sharon W. Turner	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Absent	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

After a report by Utilities Maintenance Foreman Thompson, Ms. Turner made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Wheaton to approve the purchase of a lift in the amount of \$25,823.58 from United Rentals, as recommended by staff.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 4-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sharon W. Turner	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Absent	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

After a report by Town Manager Carter, there being no discussion, staff will proceed with recodification of the zoning and subdivision ordinances process, as recommended by staff.

After a report by Mr. Bunch, Chairman of the Committee on Town/County Projects, a discussion was held on the planned dissolution and distribution of remaining assets of the Amherst Life Savings Crew. Town Attorney Berry provided a legal opinion on the matter to Council. The Committee on Town/County Projects, County Supervisors, and members of the Amherst Life Savings Crew plan to meet on August 17, 2021. Further discussion by Town Council was deferred to Council's September 2021, meeting.

After discussion on the Town's 2021 Christmas Parade, the Town will proceed with plans to hold a reverse Christmas Parade due to possible Delta variant restrictions that may be imposed during that time, as recommended by staff.

After discussion, staff was instructed to research policies or ordinances on removal of empty trash and recycle bins from curbs.

There being no one listed to speak on the citizen comment sign-in sheet or otherwise, no comments were made.

At 7:37 P.M. Ms. Carton made a motion as follows: I move that the Town Council convene in closed session for discussion or consideration of the disposition of real property owned by the Town, specifically the sale or transfer of lots owned by the Town, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body per the exemption at §2.2-3711A.3 of the Code of Virginia.

The motion carried 4-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sharon W. Turner	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Absent	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

Mayor Tuggle recessed the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Mayor Tuggle reconvened the meeting in closed session.

It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	D. Dwayne Tuggle	P	Kenneth G. Bunch
P	Rachel A. Carton	P	Sharon W. Turner
A	Kenneth S. Watts	P	Janice N. Wheaton

At 8:16 P.M. Ms. Carton made the following motion that was seconded by Ms. Turner: I move that the Town Council adjourn the closed session and enter open session and certify that to the best of each councilors' knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and §15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session.

The motion carried 4-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sharon W. Turner	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Absent	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M., until September 8, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. on motion of Mr. Watts seconded by Ms. Carton.

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council