

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a special meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on February 23, 2022, at 6:00 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	Sharon W. Turner
P	Rachel A. Carton	P	Janice N. Wheaton
A	Kenneth S. Watts	A	Andra Higginbotham

Also present were the following staff members:

Sara E. McGuffin	Town Manager	Robert Shiflett	Chief of Police
Vicki K. Hunt	Clerk of Council	Charles Thompson	Utilities Maintenance Foreman
Tracie Morgan	Office Manager/Finance Director	Gary Williams	Director of Plants

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

Utilities Maintenance Forman Thompson, Director of Plants Williams, Police Chief Shiflett, and Office Manager Morgan were present to give reports and answer questions on the needs of their department for new/replacement equipment, training, and salary increases.

Clerk of Council Hunt gave a PowerPoint slide presentation on furniture options for Council and Clerk in the Town’s Council Chambers. After discussion, Ms. Hunt was requested to provide additional options, with the idea of changing the aspect of the furniture within the room, for review by council. Further discussion was deferred.

After Town Manager McGuffin gave a report on the town’s financial position, Ms. McGuffin recommended that council follow the recommended guidelines for across-the-board employee pay increases based on the 2021 consumer price index of 7.4% with a cap to be placed on salaries over \$60,000.00. Further discussion was deferred.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M., until March 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Ms. Turner seconded by Ms. Carton.

The motion carried 4-0 as follows:

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

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D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of Council