

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on February 9, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., continued from the February 8, 2023, session, 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	Andra Higginbotham
P	Janice N. Wheaton	P	Michael Driskill
P	Sharon W. Turner	P	Douglas Thompson

Also present were the following staff members:

Sara E. McGuffin	Town Manager	Brandon Payne	Police Captain
Vicki K. Hunt	Clerk of Council	Gary Williams	Director of Plants
Tracie Morgan	Office Manager/Treasurer	Charles Thompson	Utilities Maintenance Foreman
Bobby Shiflett	Police Chief	Gary P. Smith, Jr.	Lead Wastewater Operator

The purpose of the meeting was to give staff department heads Morgan, Thompson, Williams and Shiflett the opportunity to present their prioritized immediate and future departmental need requests and to answer questions from council.

Town Manager McGuffin reported on the 2023/24 capital improvement plan line items and the Town’s fund and debt balances. Recommendations were as follows:

- Increase garbage rate by \$2.00.
- Add one additional staff member in the plants department and one additional staff member in the maintenance department; and
- Continue pay policy for cost of living increase, and staff improvement:
 - Staff salary increase based on improvement with positive performance of 7.04 percent; and
 - Staff salary increase based on securing additional licensure and certificates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M., until March 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Ms. Wheaton seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The motion carried 5-0 as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Janice N. Wheaton	Aye	Michael Driskill	Aye
Sharon Turner	Aye	Douglas Thompson	Aye

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council