

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on November 9, 2022, 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	Janice N. Wheaton
P	Kenneth S. Watts	P	Andra Higginbotham
P	Sharon W. Turner	P	Douglas Thompson

Also present were the following staff members:

Sara E. McGuffin	Town Manager	Brandon Payne	Police Captain
Kelley Kemp	Town Attorney	Gary Williams	Director of Plants
Vicki K. Hunt	Clerk of Council	Becky Cash	Lead Water Operator
Tracie Morgan	Office Manager/Treasurer	Charles Thompson	Utilities Maintenance Foreman

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

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor to citizen comments.

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

Mr. Watts made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Higginbotham to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2022, as presented.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Janice N. Wheaton	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Sharon W. Turner	Aye	Douglas Thompson	Aye

Town Manager McGuffin reported that the Planning Commission held three public hearings on November 2, 2022, on determination of Substantial Accord, request to rezone Amherst County High School property from R-2 to B-2, and request for a special use permit for proposed parking master plan at the Amherst County High School. Staff requests that council set a public hearing on the matter of rezoning at its December 14, 2022, meeting.

Ms. Turner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Watts to hold a public hearing on December 14, 2022, on a request to rezone Amherst County High School property from R-2 to B-2, as recommended by staff.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Janice N. Wheaton	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Sharon W. Turner	Aye	Douglas Thompson	Aye

Town Manager McGuffin gave a report on additional costs for completion of the last segment of pipe rehabilitation on Union Hill in the amount of \$33,675.00, due to rising costs of material and labor. Staff recommended approval of the additional funding of \$33,675.00 and appropriation of this amount from the wastewater fund balance.

Ms. Wheaton made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Watts to approve additional funding of \$33,675.00 for completion of pipe rehabilitation on Union Hill, and appropriation of \$33,675.00 from the wastewater fund balance.

After discussion, the motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Janice N. Wheaton	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Sharon W. Turner	Aye	Douglas Thompson	Aye

Town Attorney Kemp gave a report on Town Code Sec. 20-143. - Inoperative motor vehicles on residential, commercial or agricultural property, and Sec. 20-144. - Removal of inoperative motor vehicles outlining possible changes to the Town Code that would allow enforcement on any property zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes. By consensus, the matter was deferred to the December 14, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Watts congratulated Andra Higginbotham, Janice Wheaton, and Mike Driskill on their election to Town Council and stated his enjoyment working with everyone over the past years.

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor to citizen comments.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M., until December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., on motion of Ms. Turner seconded by Mr. Higginbotham.

The motion carried 5-0 as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Janice N. Wheaton	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Andra Higginbotham	Aye
Sharon W. Turner	Aye	Douglas Thompson	Aye

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Clerk of Council