

AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 174 S. Main Street, Amherst, VA 24521

- A. Call to Order for the Town Council– 7:00 p.m. - Mayor Tuggle**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance** - *I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*
- C. Invocation** - *Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Amherst Town Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering to, and for, the benefit of the Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by Council and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Council in part or as a whole. No member of the audience is required to attend or participate in the invocation, and such decision will have no impact on their right to participate actively in the business of the Council. Copies of the policy governing invocations and setting forth the procedure by which a volunteer may deliver an invocation are available upon request at the Town Hall.*
- D. Public Hearings and Presentations**
- E. Citizen Comments** - *Per the Town Council's policy, any individual desiring to speak before the Council who has not met the agenda deadline requirement will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to speak before the Town Council. Any individual representing a bona fide group will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak before the Town Council. Placement on the agenda is at the Mayor's discretion.*
- F. Consent Agenda** – *Items on the consent agenda can be voted on as a block if all are in agreement with the recommended action or discussed individually.*
- 1. Town Council Minutes (Pgs. 1-13)** – *Draft of the September 11th meeting minutes are **attached**. Please let Vicki Hunt know of any concerns by Wednesday morning so that any needed corrections can be presented at the meeting.*
- 2. Check approval (Pgs. 14-24)**- *The check register for the month of September 2024 is **attached**. Please let Tracie Morgan know if you have any concerns by Wednesday morning so that any needed documentation will be available at the meeting. All invoices will be available for review.*
- G. Correspondence and Reports**
- 1. Staff Reports (Pgs. 25-83)**
- a. Manager Monthly Report- **attached**
 - b. Police Chief Monthly Report - **attached**
 - c. Office Manager Monthly Report - **attached**
 - d. Clerk of Council Monthly Report- **attached**
 - e. Public Works Monthly Reports- **attached**
- 2. Other Reports (Pgs. 84-86)**
- a. Planning Commission- *met September 18, 2024 and October 2, 2024, minutes attached*
 - b. Economic Development Authority- *meeting October 7, 2024, minutes forthcoming*
 - c. Robert E. Lee SWCD
- H. Discussion Items**

- 1. Consideration of VDOT Proposal for Pedestrian Improvements (Pgs. 87-94)- Sara McGuffin-** VDOT has been working on surveying and design proposals for pedestrian improvements at the traffic circle and along Second Street. Included in the packet are potential locations for improvements. They have proposed an overall design study that would include these areas, as well as review other improvements that could be made. The study would then allow the Town to proceed with grant funding proposals to have these improvements implemented.
- 2. Consideration of Updated Personnel Policy (Pgs. 95-167)- Tracie Morgan –** Staff has written a new personnel policy to address several changes that have occurred since the last comprehensive rewrite.
- 3. Consideration of paving standards- Sara McGuffin-** Mr. Watts has requested that this item be reconsidered by Council. Should the Council wish to adopt a different standard, the matter must go back before the Planning Commission for a public hearing.

I. Matters from Staff

J. Citizen Comments

K. Matters from Town Council

L. Anticipated Town Council Agenda Items for Next Month

M. Adjournment