



## TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE

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**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA  
TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE, VIRGINIA  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 AT 7:00PM  
CLIFTON FORGE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
547 MAIN STREET**

**INVOCATION – Pastor Shorty Wolfe**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes

Councilman Wolfe - Yes

Councilman Burdette - Yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes

Mayor Irvine – Yes

**The Clifton Forge Town Council will discuss the proposed re-zoning of a parcel containing designated wetlands on Hickory Avenue (Tax Map # C26-A-3A) from General Business District (BG) to Conservation District (CN).**

Motion: Councilwoman Lauder milk  
Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette - Yes  
Councilwoman Lauder milk -Yes  
Mayor Irvine – Yes

**Public Comments:**

Ronald Goings – Ron was interested in how much the rezoning would cost and the set up of the rezoning of the wetlands will be.

Town Manager – We are working towards a plan.

Diana Smith – Wanted to make sure it's clear that they are rezoning to preserve the wetland.

**PRESENTATION**

**A) Recognition of former African American council members**

- **Former Mayor George Goode Sr.**
- **Former Mayor Pamela Marshall**
- **Former Vice Mayor Meredith Mills**
- **Former Vice Mayor Robert G Davis Jr.**
- **Former Councilman Reverend W. Ed Mansfield**
- **Former Councilman Reverend Robert H. Johnson Jr.**

**B) Presentation by Teresa Hammond of The Alleghany Chamber of Commerce**

Teresa Hammond gave a projected presentation that talked about all the upcoming events and everything the Chamber has been working hard to achieve. She mentioned how you can view all this information on the website along with all the many activities to do in our area. She mentioned all the ribbon cutting events that are coming up. She also mentioned some of our local businesses that have been featured in the Virginia Living and Blue Ridge Outdoors magazines.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

**Council Meeting**

June 14, 2022

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes

Councilman Wolfe - Yes

Councilman Burdette - Yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes

Mayor Irvine – Yes

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### **Action Items**

### **2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Code Enforcement

Police Department

Public Works

Library

Water Plant

Fire Department

Armory

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approve the reports as submitted and written.

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk  
Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette - Yes  
Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes  
Mayor Irvine - Yes

### **3. NAMING ALL ABILITIES PARK**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Name the Park Dawson Park in honor of Dawson Moser

Motion: Councilman Burdette  
Seconded by: Councilman Umstead

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette – Yes  
Councilwoman Laudermilk – Yes  
Mayor Irvine - Yes

The council decide to table this topic to bring back with more information and more ideas. Council agreed that they wanted to avoid naming the park after any individual. Although, honoring someone by naming it after them is a generous thought, they want to avoid naming parks and other recreational areas after someone. They plan to come together again on this topic to discuss a name that will best suits the park. Councilwoman Laudermilk mentioned it might even be helpful if the kids of the community come together and help with naming the park as a group.

**4. STONE BUILDING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**5. RECOMMENDATION A:** Identify the preservation of the Stone Building as a Town project funded through donations.

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes

Councilman Wolfe - Yes

Councilman Burdette - Yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes

Mayor Irvine - Yes

**RECOMMENDATION B:** Authorize Town Manager to apply to The Alleghany Foundation for a grant to replace and repair the roof of Stone Building.

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Burdette

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes

Councilman Wolfe - Yes

Councilman Burdette - Yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes

Mayor Irvine - Yes

The Stone building project was discussed at the meeting and both recommendations were brought to the attention of the council members. As they discussed both recommendations, they all come to an agreement that both would be beneficial. Councilman Wolfe wants to preserve the Stone Building as it has much meaning to him, and he feels something needs to be done given the history on the building. Wolfe had collected some information about restoring the building and with fixing the cracks in the walls as well as the roof it totaled out around \$7,600.00.

The council come to agreement that applying for the Alleghany Foundation Grant would be much help with the project and restoring it. Councilman Burdette suggested that

donations from the public would also be helpful as well with still applying for the Alleghany Foundation Grant. Chuck clarified that if any public donates it all goes towards the preservation of the Stone Building project.

## **6. MANAGERS COMMENTS**

-Chuck started off by talking about the Mound St project and how quickly it is moving along. This should be completed by early September.

-He mentioned the leak under Ridgeway project would have the bid opening Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> where it would end with one awarded and once the permits are completed then they will be starting in August. This estimated to be a 45-day project.

-West Ridgeway St. paving that was discussed late last year is now in the process of being evaluated and started in August. VDOT has approved of a six hundred thousand (600,000) grant. Chuck said they will address all the plumbing that needs replaced before paving is started. This project will be new asphalt from Roxbury to Town limits at the bridge with new waterlines and extension of new waterlines to the county line. This will be a time-consuming job and may cause some impact on traffic at times. Chuck adds that this will provide new roads and new handicap accessible sidewalks.

- Chuck spoke on the new EMS crew of Clifton Forge and they haven't missed one call since they have started. The crew has taken 30 calls in their first 12 days of operating and making it in under 5 minutes to every call.

- He mentioned the School Lunches that are provided at the Clifton Forge Fire Dept, Monday – Thursday 11 to Noon.

- Chuck reminded everyone of the National Night Out that will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 at Memorial Park.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Martha Edwards – Martha mentioned in her public statement about different ways to make navigation easier for the town. She talked about the stickers on the back of the water bills should possibly make their way back onto the bills. Also, asked if it would be beneficial to EMS members to have 4-inch house numbers on the homes of Clifton.

Jeremy Bastian – Just had a question about if there is a possibility to be notified when going over the water limit. Unfortunately, that is not a possibility, and it was confirmed by the Town Manager.

## **8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Lauder milk – Debbie congratulated all the former council members that were recognized. She also thanked Teresa Hammond for her presentation and Town Manager Chuck Unroe for his hard work.

Councilman Burdette – Thanked all the former council members that were acknowledged and expressed his positive memories of former Mayor Goode. Dale also thanked everyone for coming out as well as Teresa Hammond for her presentation of highlighting our area.

Councilman Wolfe – Started out by thanking Teresa for giving some informing information from the Chamber of Commerce. Carl talked about the potential Stone Building project that he is very passionate about. Carl also mentioned how excited he was about the All-Abilities Park project.

Vice Mayor Umstead – Spoke on behalf of his petition and Clifton Forge bouncing back and helping. He also liked the idea off stickers on the water bills.

Mayor Irvine – Jeff thanked everyone who come out to the meeting as well as acknowledging those who served in council and was recognized. Also, he recognized Chad and the EMS crew for all their hard work and how fast and sufficient the crew has been. Jeff also acknowledged the two newest employees Bridgett Goff and Taylor Ginger saying, “they don’t miss a beat”.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

- CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711 REAL ESTATE BASED UPON CODE SECTION A:3.
- CLOSED SESSIOIN PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711 PERSONNEL BASED UPON CODE SECTION A:1.

**Do I have a motion to go into closed session based upon Code Section 2.2-3711 a:3 to discuss real estate issues and Code Section 2.2-3711 A:1 to discuss personnel issues?**

Motion: Councilman Umstead  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Laudermilk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette - Yes  
Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes  
Mayor Irvine - Yes

**10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion: Councilman Umstead  
Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette - Yes  
Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes  
Mayor Irvine - Yes

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilwoman Laudermilk  
Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe



ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Umstead - Yes  
Councilman Wolfe - Yes  
Councilman Burdette - Yes  
Councilwoman Laudermilk - Yes  
Mayor Irvine - Yes

**12. UPCOMING INFORMATION**

- Masonic Amphitheatre Summer Music Series
  - July 16<sup>th</sup>
  - August 13<sup>th</sup>
  - September 10<sup>th</sup>
  
- National Night Out – August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm at Clifton Forge Memorial Park (CF Armory)