



**CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE, VIRGINIA
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CLIFTON FORGE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
547 MAIN STREET**

The Council for the Town of Clifton Forge held a called meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Clifton Forge Town Hall, located at 547 Main Street, Clifton Forge, Virginia.

The purpose of the meeting was:

- 1) To conduct a second reading of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.
- 2) To consider approval of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.
- 3) To do any and all things necessary to accomplish the above.

Mayor Irvine called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mayor Jeffrey Irvine; Vice Mayor Dale Burdette; Councilwoman Debbie Laudermilk; Councilman Shorty Wolfe; Councilman Ben Nicely. Also present were Town Manager, Chuck Unroe, and Town Attorney, Jennifer Baker, standing in for Mike Lockaby.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Irvine opened the floor for public comments with regards to the budget.

Mr. Jerry Belcher, 540 Roxbury Street, spoke against the water rate increase, stating he was on disability and that it would be very difficult for him to pay the extra amount. He asked the Council not to approve the budget.

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Mr. Chet Howard, 505 Roxbury Street, spoke against the water rate increase, stating that he was on disability and that it would be very difficult to pay the extra amount. He said that he was going to leave Clifton Forge if the water rate increased. He requested the Council to vote against the budget.

Mayor Irvine closed citizen comments, as there was no one else to speak.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) To conduct the second reading of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Mayor Irvine asked for a motion to waive the second reading of the proposed budget.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman Laudermilk
Seconded by: Councilman Nicely

Councilman Nicely: Yes
Councilman Wolfe: Yes
Councilwoman Laudermilk: Yes
Vice Mayor Burdette: Yes
Mayor Irvine: Yes

- 2) To consider approval of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

- A) To consider adoption of an Ordinance imposing and levying Taxes within the Town of Clifton Forge upon Real Property for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and upon Personal Property and Machinery and Tools for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of the ordinance imposing and levying taxes within the Town of Clifton Forge upon Real Property for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and upon Personal Property and Machinery and Tools for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman Laudermilk

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Seconded by: Councilman Nicely

Councilman Nicely: Yes

Councilman Wolfe: Yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk: Yes

Vice Mayor Burdette: Yes

Mayor Irvine: Yes

B) To consider adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Section 86-95, Water Service Charges and Fees beginning July 1, 2024, to Increase the Monthly Rate per EDU to \$41.80.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of the Ordinance to amend Section 86-95, water service charges and fees beginning July 1, 2024, to increase the monthly rate per EDU to \$41.80.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Nicely

Councilman Nicely: yes

Councilman Wolfe: yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk: yes

Vice Mayor Burdette: no

Mayor Irvine: no

C) To consider the adoption of Ordinance to amend Section 86-556, Sewer Service Charge and Fees beginning July 1, 2024, to increase monthly rate per EDU to \$71.20.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of Ordinance to amend Section 86-556, sewer service charge and fees beginning July 1, 2024, to increase monthly rate per EDU to \$71.20.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman Laudermilk

Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

Councilman Nicely: yes

Councilman Wolfe: yes

Councilwoman Laudermilk: yes

Vice Mayor Burdette: yes

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Mayor Irvine: no

D) To consider adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget and Capital Budget for the Town of Clifton Forge, Virginia, and Appropriating the Requisite Funds for said Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of a Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget and capital budget for the Town of Clifton Forge, Virginia, and appropriating the requisite funds for said budget.

Motion to approve: Councilwoman Laudermilk
Seconded by: Councilman Wolfe

Councilman Nicely: yes
Councilman Wolfe: yes
Councilwoman Laudermilk: yes
Vice Mayor Burdette: no
Mayor Irvine: yes

3) To do any and all things necessary to accomplish the above.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Laudermilk motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Burdette. All members conceded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kyla D. Crosier
Deputy Clerk of Council

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