

Council Minutes
Special Called Budget Meeting
May 11, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 403 Second Street NE, Coeburn, VA

A budget workshop meeting was held Saturday, May 11, 2019 to discuss the proposed FY20 budget.

Attendees:

Upon roll call the following members of Council were present: Jeff Kiser, Mike Holbrook, Deventae Mooney and Mike Wright. Sharon Still was absent. Cathy Sharpe – Clerk/Treasurer and Town Manager Jimmy Williams were also present

Also present were Ryan Gardner, Police Department representative, and Art Mead.

Call to Order:

Mayor Jeff Kiser called the meeting to order.

Business:

FY20 Budget Proposal – Council, Art Mead and attending representatives discussed the proposed budget. Council constructively reviewed each line item within the General Fund and Utility Fund for personnel, revenues and expenditures. The Treasurer answered any questions that council and Mr. Mead had regarding specific revenues and expenditures. Mr. Mead discussed the changes that were made to the upcoming budget that resulted from the last budget meeting on April 27, 2019. Council agreed to amend certain line items.

Recess:

Mayor Jeff Kiser called the meeting back to order after recess.

Jeff Kiser made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A.1) to discuss assignment, appointment of salaries and performance of Town of Coeburn personnel specifically the police department and in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A.7) to consult with legal counsel pertaining to specific legal matters. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion with resulted in all Ayes.

Immediately following closed session, Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, read the “Certification of Closed Meeting,” which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. A roll call vote certifying that only business matters that were identified in the motion convening were discussed or considered. The roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.

There was no action resulting from closed session.

Jeff Kiser changed the workshop meeting to a special called meeting for May 27, 2019 to be able to get the budget publicized and voted on June 10, 2019.

A budget workshop meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at town hall to further discuss expenditures.

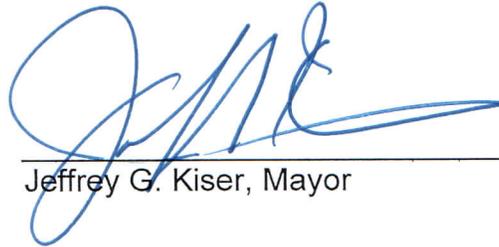
Adjournment:

Mr. Jeff Kiser adjourned the budget workshop meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



ATTEST: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk



Jeffrey G. Kiser, Mayor

Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. – 502 Front Street E, Coeburn, VA

Attendees:

Upon roll call, all members of Council were present: Jimmy Williams – Town Manager, Cathy Sharpe – Clerk/Treasurer and William Sturgill – Town Attorney were also present.

Call to Order:

Mayor Jeff Kiser called the meeting to order. Reverend Steve Baker, Coeburn Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jimmy Williams.

Public Expression:

Ms. Peggy Salyer, 608 Dutch Avenue, voiced her opinion as to how the Town of Coeburn Police Department has been responding to calls which involved herself and family members. Vice-Mayor, Sharon Still asked that Ms. Salyer give council her phone number and mailing address so that council can consult with Mr. William Sturgill – Town Attorney as to what needs to be done. Ms. Still informed Ms. Salyer that there would be an investigation and someone would contact her.

There was no further public comment. Public expression was closed.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Deventae Mooney asked if council should vote on the fire department officers or wait until a representative is present. There was no representative for the fire department and the 2019 officer elections was under Old Business (b.) on the agenda. Ms. Sharon Still asked that it be left under Old Business in case a representative arrives later. If not, it can be moved to the next council meeting.

Mayor Jeff Kiser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mike Wright seconded the motion which resulted in all Ayes.

Reports:

Town Manager

Town Manager, Jimmy Williams reported that the Water Treatment Plant received the 2018 Silver Award for excellence in filtration and backwash. Mr. Williams advised that a review for Coeburn's Community Development Block Grant is scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at

Town Hall. He stated that Mr. Chris Mullins with The Lane Group and a representative from the Health Department will be present for this meeting.

Ms. Sharon Still advised that an inventory has been completed for the police department and she asked if Mr. Williams had heard from the other departments. He asked that some lee-way be given since so much time has been spent on the budget. He stated that Public Works is short-handed as well.

Public Works

Jeff Livingston, Public Works Superintendent reported that the sewer was jetted on Maple Street and Chalet Street. He stated a leak was repaired out in Banner and some potholes were patched on High Street. Mr. Livingston advised that 65 more meters were replaced.

Mr. Deventae Mooney asked if the pool is ready to be opened. Mr. Livingston reported that there was a pump problem that needs to be taken care of but the pool will be ready to open by May 24th as scheduled. Mr. Mooney advised that he will prepare a list of anything else that needs taken care of before opening. He said he would give the list to Mr. Livingston. Ms. Sharon Still asked that backwashing be scheduled on a weekly basis. She thinks Wednesday morning will be the best day to do this. She advised that she will let Mr. Livingston know if another day will be better. Mr. Mooney asked that two freezers and a refrigerator be hauled off.

Mayor Jeff Kiser stated that it was originally thought that two diving boards and a slide were bought out of the proceeds from last year which would have made the pool come in even or a little under for last year; working with the budget it was determined the slide was actually from the previous year. He congratulated Mr. Mooney and Ms. Still for making a profit at the pool last year.

Mr. Kiser asked Mr. Livingston how many more meters need to be put in from the last grant. Mr. Livingston stated they lack around 200. Mr. Kiser asked if those would be put in by July 1, 2019 since Public Works is short-handed at this time. Mr. Livingston advised they should be able to install them by then, Mayor Kiser asked Mr. Chris Mullins from The Lane Group if the town would qualify for additional meters once the rest are replaced and the Star Branch Project is under way. Mr. Mullins stated that the town would qualify to be considered for additional funding.

The Lane Group

Mr. Chris Mullins, from The Lane Group started off by welcoming Mr. Jimmy Williams as the new town manager. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Williams moving forward. Mr. Mullins reported that approximately 200 meters still need to be installed by the end of June or the first of July. The Water Systems Improvements Project is still being held up because of the audits. There are still some easements that are being worked on but the audits are more important at this time. He stated that Star Branch Road Project should begin by June. He anticipated around three weeks of construction. Mr. Mullins reported that he has been notified that the town has been approved for additional funding of \$80,672.00 in the form of a grant from the Health Department for Crab Orchard and Beech Avenue project. Mr. Mullins asked that

council issue a notice of award for Crab Orchard and Beech Avenue Water Improvements to McFall Excavating, Clintwood Virginia, at a base bid of \$200,469.00.

Sharon Still made a motion to give Mr. Chris Mullins permission to give notice of award to McFall Excavating, Clintwood Virginia, for Crab Orchard Beech Avenue Project in the amount of \$200,469.00. Mike Wright seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Mullins advised that they are trying to finish up all the field work and data collection for the design of the Sewer Project. The Lane Group is at a point on this project that they need the town's public works to find several manholes and get a few sections of line flushed out. He asked Mr. Williams if he could meet with Mr. Livingston to discuss this project.

Ms. Still reminded Mr. Mullins that he was supposed to see if he could get the paperwork the town received for the smoke testing. Mr. Mullins stated that he would have it reissued. He stated that two studies were done.

Jeff Kiser asked about an issue that happened at the pump station at Guest River; he said an alarm was going off. He asked if Mr. Mullins could get with Mr. Livingston and get that addressed. Mr. Mullins advised that he would get with Mr. Livingston on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mike Holbrook asked Mr. Mullins to keep in mind to check on the availability of funds for residents and their sewer needs. Mr. Holbrook had spoken to Mr. Mullins about this in the past and just wanted Mr. Mullins to keep looking for anything available to meet those needs. Mr. Holbrook stated that Stephen McElroy with The Lane Group has been a great help with the budget process.

Treasurer

Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, reported a posted cash balance of \$157,751.91 as of 5/10//2019. She reported outstanding checks in the amount of \$8,705.24, accounts payable due in the amount of \$41,419.91 and interim accounts payable in the amount of \$183,937.51. After deducting the accounts payable due and outstanding checks, the reconciled cash balance was \$107,626.76.

Ms. Sharpe presented meeting minutes for the April 8, 2019 regular meeting, April 13, 2019 special called meeting, April 22, 2019 special called meeting and April 27, 2019 budget workshop meeting.

Ms. Sharpe reported two additional deposits since reports had been presented for the meeting. Friday's deposit was \$4,673.22 and today's deposit was \$16,805.48 making the total cash availability \$129,105.46.

Mayor Jeff Kiser reported that dating back to 2015 this is the first time (even with additional deposits) the town has shown over \$100,000.00. He stated that the budget process has been interesting and a lot of cost savings have been found and hopefully going forward the town will reap from these savings. He thanked all the departments for pinching pennies.

Ms. Still asked if all the bank records adding Mr. Jimmy Williams and taking Mr. Russell Mullins off the accounts has been taken care of. Ms. Sharpe stated that these changes have been made. Ms. Still also asked if all the credit cards were changed as well. Mr. Williams stated that they have been updated. He also stated that he is the only person authorized to make any increases in charge account limits is himself.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the accounts payable due as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the interim accounts payable as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Sharon Still made a motion to accept the April 8, 2019, regular meeting minutes as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes. Mayor Jeff Kiser and Deventae Mooney abstained.

Deventae Mooney made a motion to accept the April 13, 2019, special called meeting minutes as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Deventae Mooney made a motion to accept the April 22, 2019, special called meeting minutes as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes. Sharon Still abstained.

Deventae Mooney made a motion to accept the April 27, 2019, budget workshop meeting minutes as presented. Mike Holbrook seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Police Department

Chief, Scott Brooks gave the police activity report for the month of April 2019. There were 1,499 events that took place during the month. He gave a summary of these events. Mr. Brooks made a request to go into closed session in reference to the police department personnel. Jeff Kiser advised that there are a couple of reasons to go into closed session.

Fire Department

There was no representative from the fire department present.

Attorney Report

William Sturgill, Town Attorney, gave a report of things that would affect local government which resulted from the last legislative session. He stated that two bills have passed, senate bills 1430 and 1431. These bills would require elected officials to have conflict of interest and FOIA training. He reported that the FOIA will not go into effect until July 1, 2020. He also stated that he as the Town Attorney can supply the FOIA training during a workshop meeting. The conflict of interest training will go into effect July 1, 2019 and cannot be provided by Mr. Sturgill. Mr. Sturgill

advised that he will take a closer look at these bills once they are codified to be sure that the town is in compliance.

Mr. Sturgill reported that he has items that will need to be covered in closed session.

New Business:

- A. VML 2019-2020 Proposal – Mr. Jimmy Williams stated that the insurance premium proposal for workers comp and insurance through VML is \$113,628.00. This reflects a 5% savings due to answering safety questions online.
- B. VACORP 2019-2020 Insurance Proposal – Mr. Williams stated that the insurance premium proposal for comp and insurance through VACORP for the fire department is \$6,294.00.
- C. CDBG Planning Grant, Building/Town-wide Needs Assessment – Mr. Chris Mullins reported that CDBG is offering a Planning Grant. He stated that no one really knows what it is for. Lenowisco submitted the application and it was with the former town manager. He stated that he had requested the actual submission so he could view it and go over it with council but he never received it. Mr. Jeff Kiser asked that Mr. Mullins and Mr. Williams follow up and let council know what needs to be done.

Old Business:

- A. Budget Discussion – Mr. Jeff Kiser stated that a lot of work has gone into the budget this year by everyone, particularly Mr. Art Mead. He thanked Ms. Sharpe for all the diligent work that she has done throughout this process. He advised that there is a reserve of \$16,441.15 on the general fund expenditure side. Mr. Kiser thanked Mr. Williams for going above and beyond with his own personal insurance changes saving the town \$19,000.00. Mr. Kiser also said there is a reserve of \$12,316.47 on the utility fund and a capital debt service of \$63,609.91 and that more than gets the town in compliance with the numbers that need to show for funding agencies.

Mr. Deventae Mooney asked for an update on the audits. Ms. Cathy Sharpe reported that the FY16 audit should be completed on May 15, 2019 and that Larry Sturgill's office is still working on FY17 and no update has been given on that particular year. Ms. Sharpe stated that the FY 18 is also ready for pre-audit.

Mr. Kiser advised that the budget should be ready for the paper by the May 28, 2019. He stated that a public hearing should be held on June 10, 2019 and vote on the budget June 24, 2019.

- B. Coeburn Fire Department 2019 Officer Elections – Sharon Still made a motion to wait until June 10, 2019 regular meeting to elect officers since no one was present from the fire department. Jeff Kiser seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Jeff Kiser made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A.1) to discuss performance of Town of Coeburn personnel specifically the police department and public works, and §2.2-3711 (A.7) to consult with counsel pertaining to specific legal matters. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Closed Session:

Immediately following closed session, William Sturgill, Town Attorney, read the “Certification of Closed Meeting,” which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. A roll call vote certifying that only business matters that were identified in the motion convening were discussed or considered. The roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.

There was no action taken from the closed session.

Council Comments and Concerns:

Mike Holbrook – Mr. Holbrook stated that everyone has worked long and hard to get the budget together and not only is it balanced but there is an emergency reserve fund and putting money back for our debt service. He asked Mr. Williams to let the employees at the Water Treatment Plant know that he thanks them for their hard work and to congratulate them on their 2018 Silver Award. Mr. Holbrook thanked the town employees for all their hard work and he thanked council members as well.

Deventae Mooney – Mr. Mooney stated that he is glad the budget is almost done. It has been stressful and everyone has spent a lot of time on it. The hours spent on Saturdays have paid off.

Sharon Still – Ms. Still stated that everyone else has covered everything. She said she appreciates Jeff Livingston and all that everyone does. She said the phone will have to be answered because she will be calling all summer long. She told Mr. Williams that during pool season she and Mr. Mooney are regulars at town hall. She is looking forward to a good season again this year at the pool and it will open the day school is out. Ms. Still thanked everyone for what they do.

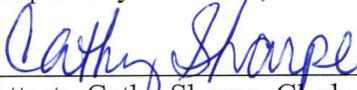
Mike Wright – Mr. Wright said he appreciates all the work from those who worked on the budget. He thanked Mr. Mead, the new town manager, Cathy and town council; everyone worked endless hours and worked very hard to balance the budget. He stated that it didn’t look good at all at first. He appreciates all the sacrifices and he appreciates Jeff Livingston and all his hard work. He wished Mr. Scott Brooks luck in the upcoming election.

Jeff Kiser – Mr. Kiser thanked Mr. Williams for being at the meeting tonight and thanked him for the first week and a half that he has been the new town manager. He said he thinks the town is definitely heading in the right direction. It is comforting to know that Mr. Williams is there. He stated that the cash report was a very pleasant surprise tonight. He said that is definitely a step in the right direction and that it isn’t to say that the town isn’t going to have rocky times coming up because it is cycled out but if you look at the numbers this year versus last four years the town is going in the right direction. He thanked everyone for everything that they do.

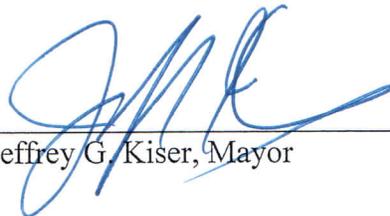
Adjournment:

Jeff Kiser made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk



Jeffrey G. Kiser, Mayor

Council Minutes
Special Called Workshop Meeting
May 27, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. – 502 Front Street E, Coeburn, VA

Attendees:

Upon roll call, all members of Council were present: Jimmy Williams – Town Manager, Cathy Sharpe – Clerk/Treasurer and William Sturgill – Town Attorney were also present.

Call to Order:

Mayor Jeff Kiser called the meeting to order. Mr. Deventae Mooney gave the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Scott Brooks.

Public Expression:

Public expression was closed.

Public expression was opened back up when Mr. Buddy Couch of 613 Front St. E. stated that a property near him is abandoned and he wanted to know what needs to be done to get this property cleaned up. The property needs to be mowed. Mr. Mike Wright asked if the property is a foreclosure to which Mr. Jeff Kiser said he thinks it is just abandoned. Mr. Wright thinks it is listed as a foreclosure. Mr. Kiser advised that if it is a foreclosure the bank can be contacted. Mr. Kiser asked Mr. Williams to check into this situation; Mr. Williams stated that he has already sent out some letters telling them the grass needs to be cut. Mr. Kiser advised Mr. Couch that certified letters go out and if there is no response within a certain period of time then other actions such as going in and mowing it by the town and putting a lien on the property itself in order to reimburse the town.

Approval of the Agenda:

Jeff Kiser made a motion to add (e) under new business – Resolution 19-011 – opposition of closure of Flatwoods Job Corps. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion , which resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Jeff Kiser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mike Holbrook and Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Reports:

Town Manager

Town Manager, Jimmy Williams reported that the FY16 audit has been completed. He gave council copies of the completed audit.

Mr. Williams presented a copy of the waterworks construction permit for the Water System Improvements Project. The Lane Group will be giving a briefing on this at the June 10, 2019 regular council meeting.

Mr. Williams provided a copy of the Virginia Municipal League dues for 2019-2020. This was in the amount of \$905.00.

Mr. Williams reported that Brian Markham at the Water Treatment Plant advised that the battery at the plant is going bad. Boggs Municipal Services gave an estimate of \$3,913.00 to replace that battery. Sharon Still made a motion to authorize Jimmy Williams to buy the replacement battery. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Ms. Sharon Still asked if Mr. Williams had heard anything from VDOT about the Sidewalk Project. Mr. Williams hadn't heard anything since the last meeting.

Public Works

Jeff Livingston, Public Works Superintendent reported that the swimming pool is almost ready to open. He advised that a fence needs repaired and that a pump for the kiddie pool may have to be replaced. Ms. Still said a new one could be purchased for around \$169.00. Mayor Jeff Kiser asked that Mr. Livingston and Mr. Jimmy Williams get together and decide the best option to correct the pump issue.

Mr. Livingston reported that sewer lines have been jetted on Central Street and Dickerson Street. He stated that a leak needs repaired at Brookside Drive Trailer Park.

He advised that a new flag has been put up at Flag Hill and the lights are back up at the Mini Park. Mr. Livingston stated that everything at Town Hall and at the Welcome Coeburn Signs has been trimmed and mulched.

Mr. Livingston reported that Boggs Municipal Services had to pull the pump station at Powerstown because it had grounded out. It is being repaired at this time.

Sharon Still asked if the bathrooms at the Rally Shack are left open at all times. Mr. Livingston advised that should only be open for events. Ms. Still reported that those bathrooms are currently open and have been used a lot. Mr. Livingston said he would lock them. Ms. Still suggested that those bathrooms be checked often to make sure they are locked to prevent problems.

Mr. Jeff Kiser asked Mr. Livingston to get Camp 18 to clear weeds at the section in front of the Depot toward the stage. Mr. Kiser also asked that the shrubbery down by the bridges be trimmed as well.

Mr. Deventae Mooney thanked Mr. Livingston and his crew and Jimmy Williams for all that has been done to get the pool ready to open. Mr. Mooney advised that he received a call about a sewer problem and asked what the solution is for this particular problem. Mr. Livingston stated

that when it rains the lines need to be jetted from the Post Office up to Grand Avenue. Ms. Sharon Still asked if customers should have a check valve installed to prevent these problems; Mr. Mooney advised that he would ask this particular customer if a check valve has been installed.

The Lane Group

There was no representative from The Lane Group present.

Treasurer

Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, reported a posted cash balance of \$164,515.64 as of May 23, 2019. She reported outstanding checks in the amount of \$9,783.69, accounts payable due in the amount of \$37,039.82 and interim accounts payable in the amount of \$22,088.64. After deducting the accounts payable due and outstanding checks, the reconciled cash balance was \$117,692.13.

Ms. Sharpe stated that May 11, 2019 special called budget meeting minutes and May 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes will be distributed with June 10, 2019 regular council packets.

Ms. Sharpe reported two additional deposits since reports had been presented for the meeting. These deposits totaled \$1,172.36 making the total cash availability \$118,864.49.

Ms. Sharon Still asked who does the town's web page as far as updating the minutes. She stated that it is years behind. Ms. Sharpe stated that the person who is responsible for these updates only does those as they are presented to her. She does not charge a monthly fee to do these changes. Ms. Sharpe advised that the minutes are behind because she, Ms. Sharpe hasn't given them to Ms. Skeen to get them put online. Ms. Sharpe said this is something that needs to be worked on to get caught up. Mayor Jeff Kiser asked Ms. Sharpe if Roberta takes care of Facebook to which Ms. Sharpe replied that yes, she does. Town Manager, Jimmy Williams said they would get with Ms. Skeen and try to get everything updated as soon as possible.

Jeff Kiser said he would like to compliment Ms. Sharpe and Mr. Williams on the audit that was received tonight. The audit was for FY16. He said he realized a whole lot of work has gone into getting this audit complete. He thanked them in advance for the next two audits that will be done by the end of the year; this will get a lot of additional things moving.

Police Department

Chief Scott Brooks reported that the police department is shorthanded at this time and he asked to go into closed session to meet with council about the shortage. No report was given.

Fire Department

There was no representative from the fire department present. No report was given.

Attorney Report

William Sturgill, Town Attorney, provided Resolution 19-011 to council. The Resolution was added to the agenda as item (e) under new business. Mr. Mike Wright asked if there has been a date set for the closing of Flatwoods Job Corps. Mr. Sturgill did not know but Jeff Kiser thought the date was in September. Mr. Sturgill said it is a federal agency that has been operated under USDA Department of Agriculture. It is switching to just under the Department of Labor to have independent contractors or some sort of partnership with the Department of Labor.

New Business:

- A. TOC Comprehensive Annual Financial Report FY16 – Mayor Jeff Kiser advised that this is the FY16 audit and it is a document that is necessary to move forward to receive grant funding. He advised that when the additional two reports are completed there will be more grant funding available to the town. Town Manager, Jimmy Williams stated that a minimum of FY17 has to be completed before more funding is available. He advised that Reba with PC Sturgill office is working on FY17 and once she is finished it will be turned over to Bostic/Tucker and hopefully this year will be completed by July. Mr. Williams reported that the auditor stated that everything went well with FY16.
- B. 2019-2020 Budget Review – Mr. Jeff Kiser asked if publications were in place to have a public hearing. Mr. Williams said all he needs is the date. Jeff Kiser made a motion to set the public hearing for the budget year 2019-2020 to be June 10, 2019 at 6:30 at the Depot. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes. Mr. Kiser made a motion for a special called meeting for June 24, 2019 as opposed to a workshop. If all goes well the budget will be approved that night Deventae Mooney seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.
- C. VDH Waterworks Construction Permit – Mr. Williams advised that this opens up another avenue that The Lane Group needed to process the placing of bids and other requirements for Water Systems Improvement Project. This is for information only; there was no action from council needed.
- D. VML – Virginia Municipal League – This was for council information. If the town needs a safety presentation or anything pertaining to safety issues. Mr. Williams stated that VML supplies this either by VHS, online and seminars. Mr. Kiser advised that this needs to be kept in place and should be used. The fee is \$905.00 for the 2019-2020 member dues.
- E. Resolution 19-011 Opposition of Closure of Flatwoods Job Corps. – The Department of Labor announced that 9 Job Corps. Centers were proposed for closure and one of these closings would be Flatwoods Job Corp. Resolution 19-011 states that the Town of Coeburn strongly opposes the close of this facility and adopts this resolution for several reasons. It would be devastating to the Town of Coeburn as the Flatwoods Job Corps. Has been and continues to be a tremendous partner with the Town of Coeburn in order to better our town and our community. The training includes carpentry, cement masonry,

electrical, painting, plastering, plumbing and office administration. The center provides jobs for our community in an area of our state that desperately needs employment opportunities. The Job Corps has completed projects that helped beautify our community for our residents and visitors and it has been essential for the growth of our town as it is one of our larger employers and customers for our water and sewer usage. The Flatwoods Job Corps is a backbone of our community that deserves to remain open.

Ms. Sharon Still made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-011 opposition of closure of Flatwoods Job Corps. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in all Ayes after the following discussion:

Mr. Jeff Kiser reported that the local paper reached out to him; he said this is devastating to the community of the Town of Coeburn. Not only does it provide jobs for the people in and around the Town of Coeburn it is a huge economic impact on our town. He stated that prior to this meeting he and Ms. Sharpe went over some of the billings for the Job Corps itself. Their monthly bill for the past year or so has been in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00 and \$14,000.00 per month. That is a loss of over \$130,000.00 in a one year period. Mr. Kiser finds it disturbing that Flatwoods Job Corps came to council through The Lane Group and asked to be part of the Sheffield Sewer Project which is the new sewer line that runs from the Job Corps center all the way to CNW plant and the ability to repay that loan portion of that project is hindered greatly by the impact that the closure of this center is going to have on the Town of Coeburn. Mr. Kiser thinks that anything that council can do to prevent this closure needs to be done. He feels like everyone in the community needs to reach out to their federal representatives and express their displeasure with the closure of this plant. He said in talking to the reporters for the Coalfield Progress he understood that they reached out to Morgan Griffin's office, Tim Kaine's office and Mark Warner's office as well. Those three offices have expressed their displeasure with this measure also and they are committed to do what they can do to prevent this from happening to the center.

Mr. Mike Holbrook said that it seemed like the last couple times the town has encountered situations with the federal government it has been after the fact. He said he is curious to know who was contacted and how they arrived to this decision. He said it was obvious that the Mayor nor the Town Manager were contacted. Mr. Holbrook asked Mr. Sturgill if any kind of legal recourse be done since they have backed out of being involved with the sewer project. Mr. Sturgill shook his head no. Mr. Jeff Kiser stated that the students at the Flatwoods Job Corps have done a tremendous amount of work in the park for that project. They are part of our community. Mr. Holbrook advised that the students are a part of St. Paul, Duffield, Lays Building and several different places they have worked. He said the Flatwoods Job Corps is a go to place for those who can't afford to go to college. It is a great opportunity for these students. Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Kiser stated that the town is always the last to know when something like this happens with the federal government and it isn't fair. Ms. Sharon Still said they have always been working for Wise in general on the Norton trails. Mr. Kiser stated that there are those who can't afford to go to college or do not have the desire to go to college and the trades are what

are taught at Flatwoods Job Corps. Mr. William Sturgill reported that in 2013 Flatwoods Job Corps was number one. No one understands why it is being closed.

Mr. Kiser asked Mr. Williams to let council know if he hears anything pertaining to this Resolution.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

Jeff Kiser made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A.1) to discuss performance of Town of Coeburn personnel specifically the police department. Mike Wright seconded the motion which resulted in all Ayes.

Closed Session:

Immediately following closed session, William Sturgill, Town Attorney, read the “Certification of Closed Meeting,” which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. A roll call vote certifying that only business matters that were identified in the motion convening were discussed or considered. The roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.

There was no action taken from closed session.

Council Comments and Concerns:

Mike Holbrook – Mr. Holbrook said he didn’t have any comments.

Deventae Mooney – Mr. Mooney thanked everyone who helped get the pool ready. He advised that the pool officially opens on Wednesday May 29, 2019 with a back to school party that the basketball team at the high school hosts. It will open to the public on Thursday May 30, 2019 at 12:00. He said hopefully it will be as successfully as last season or maybe even better.

Sharon Still – Ms. Still said she has nothing to say.

Mike Wright – Mr. Wright said he has no comments.

Jeff Kiser – Mr. Kiser stated that at 4:30 on May 28, 2019 at the Farmer’s Market area the Coeburn Improvement Association is meeting and is going to be planting flowers and sprucing up downtown. Feel free to come down and help.

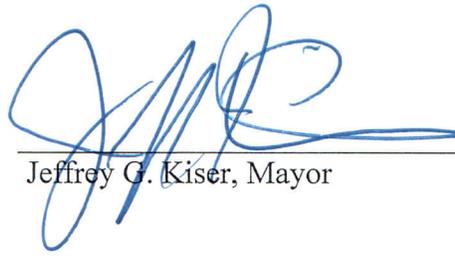
Adjournment:

Jeff Kiser made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Deventae Mooney and Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk



Jeffrey G. Kiser, Mayor