

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Town of Weber City Town Council  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7:00 pm  
Weber City, Virginia Town Hall – Assembly Room

The Regular meeting of the Town Council of Weber City was called to order at **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, **April 21, 2026**, by Mayor Justin Addington.

Opening prayer led by **Council Member Eileen Deckard**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Mayor Justin Addington** and joined by all in attendance.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:**

- Mayor Justin Addington
- Vice Mayor Wendell Tipton
- Town Attorney Mike Carrico
- Council Member Eileen Deckard
- Council Member Keltie Kerney
- Council Member Teresa Tilson
- Council Member Jeff Flanary
- Council Member Zackary Salyer

**ABSENT:** Police Chief -TBD

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Penney Capps, Town Clerk; Rhonda Neeley, Town Treasurer; Frank Tittle, Public Works

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT**

- **March 17, 2026**, Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Zackary Salyer.  
Motion passed. **6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**
- **March 23, 2026**, Special Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Zackary Salyer.  
Motion passed. **6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**
- **March 31, 2026**, Special Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Teresa Tilson.  
Motion passed. **6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**
- **March 2026 Financial Reports** - Motion to approve the reports by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Wendell Tipton. Motion passed. **3 AYES 3 NAY 0 ABSENT; Mayor Addington Voted NAY to break the tie and requested to revisit this item before conclusion of the meeting for clarification on corrections needed.**

**Mayor Report and Comments:**

Mayor Addington reported Office Staff and Public Works are doing well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Donation to America 250 Celebration Event**

Motion made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Zackary Salyer to transfer **\$5,000.00** from an existing Police Department G/L to establish a new G/L for the Scott County America 250 Celebration Event, and authorize the \$5,000.00 donation for the event.

**Motion passed 5 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTENTIONS (kk)**

**Ordinance Violation Letters Request**

Motion by Keltie Kerney , seconded by Teresa Tilson, authorizing the Town Clerk to issue ordinance violation letters for the following locations: 188 Kermit, 215 Kermit, 537 Jennings, 132 Parker Drive, 232 Charleston, 193 Wilhelm.

**Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion Regarding Potential Zoning Restrictions on Marijuana Retail Establishments**

Council member Flanary stated that residents have inquired whether future zoning ordinances could limit the number or location of marijuana retail establishments within the Town limits should Virginia law permit such sales. Town Attorney, Michael Carrico, advised that the Town may lawfully regulate or prohibit such uses through zoning ordinances, provided any restrictions are applied uniformly and without unlawful discrimination.

**Downsize the Current Police Department Fleet**

Motion made by Keltie Kerney, seconded by Teresa Tilson authorize the evaluation and sale of four (4) vehicles from the current Police Department fleet following review by a qualified vehicle specialist from a Ford dealership in Wise, VA, to determine which vehicles would best serve the Town if retained. The motion further authorized the Town Treasurer, Rhonda Neeley, to oversee the process and coordinate disposition of vehicles through GovDeals or other lawful means deemed in the Town's best interest. The motion also directed staff to determine whether any grant restrictions apply to the sale of vehicles acquired through grant funding.

**Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**

**Re-key the Town Hall Building Exterior Doors**

Motion by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Keltie Kerney, authorizing all exterior door locks at the Town Hall building located at 2758 U.S. Highway 23N, Weber City, VA, be re-keyed. Council Member Tipton amended the motion to include maintenance of an official key inventory list to be maintained in the Clerk's office documenting issued and returned keys.

**Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**

**COPS Grant Withdrawal**

Motion by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Eileen Deckard authorizing the Town Clerk to send a letter formally declining and withdrawing the Town from participation in the COPS Grant program due to the lack of Police Department personnel.

**Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**

**LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Town Attorney Carrico stated all items would be addressed in Closed Session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Finance Committee Report: Teresa Tilson and Wendell Tipton***

FY26-27 Budget creation is on hold until future of the PD discussions are held in Closed Session.

***Personnel Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Teresa Tilson***

Personnel matters would be discussed in Closed Session.

***Zoning/Planning Committee Report: Eileen Deckard and Zackary Salyer***

Draft given to council to review. Hope to have it ready to present to the public and vote on soon.

***Street Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Zackary Salyer***

VDOT has updated to the committee that they will be providing street sweeping and related roadway services are scheduled throughout the year. Work orders are being utilized and completed. Public Works employee Tittle requested permission to purchase weed control products for poison ivy control in the areas he mows and trims. Due to a prior severe allergic reaction requiring emergency medical treatment.

***Maintenance Committee Report: Wendell Tipton and Frank Tittle***

Maintenance committee requested council begin evaluating the possibility of re-instating Trash Services for Town residents through the Public Works Department rather than utilizing outsourced services. With consideration of commercial trash service eventually. Council member Flanary requested that cost estimates and operational information be compiled for Council review. Mayor Addington stated that he could contact the Gate City Mayor, Jamie Lawson, to inquire about their willingness to offer trash service as well.

**Police Department Report:**

N/A currently.

**Fire Department Report:**

Zackary Salyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. for the WCVFD delivered the call sheet report along with upcoming training details. Chief Bruce Cross was present and available for any questions. Council member Kerney commended ALL fire departments for their service during the wildfires in Hiltons, VA recently.

**Public Comment:**      *Opened: 7:26 pm and Closed 7:35 pm by Mayor Addington*

*(The purpose of Public Comment is for citizens to express their views to which the Council will address at another time. Public Comment is not a conversation.)*

**Resident Connie Tipton** – asked about the PD investigation status and the future plans for a WCPD, remain open or closed? Also, stated that she feels selling all the police cars is not the right thing to do if the Police Department continues.

**Resident Margie Smith** – urged Council to create new ordinances or enforce the existing ones for a neighboring property on Kermit Street that contains excessive debris and livestock.

**Resident Billy Hensley** asked the Council about the State of Virginia vehicles that park at Town Hall. Encouraged council to ask the Sheriff about the drug deals within town limits. And commented that VDOT needs to clean the town streets.

**Resident Mike Kerney** – Thanked the Virginia State Police and Scott County Sheriff Department for taking care of our town in the absence of a Weber City police force.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Time: 7:40 pm

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson and seconded by Jeff Flanary to enter Closed Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Motion passed. **6 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT**

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** Time: 8:24 pm

A motion to return to the Open Session was made by Zackary Salyer, seconded by Keltie Kerney. Motion passed. **6 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT**

### **CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Mayor, Council Members, and the Town's Attorney entered Closed Session.

In accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, motion by Zackary Salyer, seconded by Keltie Kerney, to certify that, to the best knowledge of each Council Member, only lawfully exempt matters were discussed.

**Roll Call: Flanary AYE, Tilson AYE, Tipton AYE, Kerney AYE, Salyer AYE, and Deckard AYE**

**Motion carried.**

### **ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **Appointment of Interim Town Manager**

1. Motion made by Zackary Salyer appointing employee **#0001, Rhonda Neeley**, as Interim Town Manager in addition to her current position as Town Treasurer, with an hourly wage increase of **\$2.00** per hour. Second by Keltie Kerney.  
Motion passed. **5 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT**

No more items from Closed Session

Town Attorney Michael Carrico advised Council regarding the provisions of § 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia concerning emergency ordinances.

### **Emergency Ordinance**

Motion made by Eileen Deckard, seconded by Zackary Salyer, to adopt an Emergency Ordinance effective immediately for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days pending publication and public hearing, prohibiting the placement of single-wide manufactured homes within the incorporated Town limits of Weber City, Virginia.

Motion passed. **6 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT**

Mayor Addington requested reconsideration of the March 2026 Financial Report vote.

Council Member Kerney expressed concerns regarding financial procedures, audit findings, approval authority for significant purchases, overtime authorization procedures, and Council oversight of expenditures.

Additional discussion was held regarding internal financial controls and procedures for approval of expenditures.

Mayor Addington affirmed his "NAY" vote, and the matter remained tabled pending additional review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Zackary Salyer, second by Teresa Tilson.

Motion passed with **6 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT**

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**Submitted by Penney Capps, Town Clerk**

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**Certified by Justin Addington, Mayor**