

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Town of Weber City Town Council
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Weber City, Virginia Town Hall – Assembly Room

The Regular meeting of the Town Council of Weber City was called to order at **7:02 p.m.** on Tuesday, **June 16, 2026**, by Mayor Justin Addington.

Opening prayer led by **Council Member Eileen Deckard**. Mayor Addington recognized Council member Keltie Kerney who shared some comments about our American flag and Flag Day. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Council Member Kerney** and joined by all in attendance.

Roll Call

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Police Chief -TBD

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORT

- **May 19, 2026**, Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes of May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Wendell Tipton.
Motion carried. **6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**
- **May 2026 Financial Reports** – Motion to approve the reports by Zackary Salyer seconded by Teresa Tilson. Motion carried. **6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT**

Mayor Report and Comments:

Mayor Addington expressed appreciation for the condolences extended to his family following the passing of his grandfather. He also recognized the Public Works Department for recent maintenance activities throughout the Town.

Report on Meeting with Scott County Sheriff Department (SCSD) for Coverage Proposal

Council Member Kerney provided clarification regarding previously distributed information, including anticipated personnel costs, ownership of vehicles and equipment, management fees, overtime expectations, and insurance considerations.

- The expense in the packet is only for officers' salaries and benefits (insurance benefits to be determined by the SCSD rate of 70/30 split)
- The vehicles would still belong to the Town of Weber City. Legal Department would clarify how to handle insuring the vehicles.
- There is no planned overtime with four officers in the scheduling of 24-hour coverage utilizing 12-hour shifts. Neither party anticipated routine overtime.
- Equipment would continue to belong to Weber City. (computers, radios, guns, etc.)
- There is no Management Fee included in the SCSD proposal, or a fee for the Leadership Team.

Kerney then stated that the Town of Weber City needs a Police Chief according to the Town Charter. Mayor Addington then asked if that was in the form of a motion. Kerney replied that she will make two motions so that the Council can act upon each one separately. The costs are listed, and the Town has a proposed budget for FY26-27. The maximum cost for an officer with a salary of \$50,000 plus the benefit package would be **\$87,000**. An officer with a salary of \$55,000 plus the benefit package would be **\$94,000**. She stated those expenses are equal to the cost of an officer hired by the Town of Weber City. Also, Kerney noted significant savings in fuel costs since the Town prefers officers who live locally, and the SCSD is committed to only charging mileage within the Town limits.

The Town Attorney reviewed the applicable Town Charter provisions concerning appointment of a Chief of Police.

(17) There shall be appointed by the council at its first regular meeting in July or as soon as practicable thereafter, a town sergeant, who shall also be chief of police, and shall hold office for four years. His duties shall be such as the council prescribes. He shall be vested with the powers of a conservator of the peace. His compensation shall be fixed by the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hire A Police Chief

Motion by Keltie Kerney, second by Zackary Salyer per charter requirements. With a motion and a second on the floor, discussion opened. Council member Tilson asked if the Police Chief will answer to the Town Council or the Sheriff if the contract is made with them. She also mentioned that the Town has been approached by the Gate City Police Department with a potential agreement of law enforcement assistance which has not yet been presented to the Council for its consideration. She suggested that before a final vote is made regarding law enforcement assistance that the council review all possibilities. Kerney stated that the group tried to arrange a meeting with Gate City Police Chief Sivert and was unable to. Chief Sivert provided a summary of answers to the same questions presented to the SCSD that the Council received before the meeting. Kerney mentioned that it included a \$50,000 Management Fee that exceeds the town budget. Town Attorney, Carrico, stated that the Charter requires a Chief of Police that will serve at the pleasure of this Council. So, the motion to begin the process of hiring a police chief needs to be brought to a vote. The Personnel Committee will begin interviewing candidates. Council member Deckard asked that a time be set for all council members to meet with candidates before a vote comes forward. It will be arranged.

Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTENTIONS

Certified Letters to Violators of Property Ordinances

Council member Kerney stated that several citizens have asked for a follow up from the Town regarding the ordinance violation at 215 Kermit Road. Neighbors to the property expressed discontent with its current condition affecting their property values.

Kerney brought to Council attention additional complaints of vehicles, storage trailers, and general debris located behind the Dollar Tree shopping center, 1624 U.S. Hwy 23N.

Mayor Addington shared that a vacant property on Wilmeth is drawing concern for the neighborhood also.

Motion by Keltie Kerney, seconded by Zackary Salyer to send Certified Letters to violators of property ordinances who have received letters previously. The Town Manager will have the authority to issue letters in the future.

Motion passed 4 AYES 2 NAY 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTENTIONS

Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting Single Wide Manufactured Homes

Motion made by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Teresa Tilson, not to pass the ordinance as presented but to revise the ordinance regarding the prohibiting of single-wide manufactured homes within Weber City town limits with considerations from residents from the Public Hearing and present it again at a later date.

Motion passed 6 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTENTIONS

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt FY2026-2027 Budget

Discussion followed regarding various budget line items, including projected revenues, equipment purchases, salary adjustments, and departmental allocations. The Town Attorney explained the process for future budget amendments following adoption.

Motion made by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Teresa Tilson, to approve the FY2026-2027 Budget as presented in the newspaper and to the public on June 9, 2026, at the Public Hearing on the Budget with the understanding that allocations can be made to various departments after future voting procedures.

Motion passed 5 AYES 1 NAY 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTENTIONS

Motion to Support 9/11 Memorial Foot Race – September 5, 2026

Motion by Jeff Flanary, seconded by Keltie Kerney to issue a letter of support for the event to take place the morning of September 5, 2026. The event is coordinated by Ashley Kilgore and will be a short foot race as a 9/11 Memorial. Any funds collected will be donated to the local volunteer fire department.

Motion passed 5 AYES 0 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTENTIONS (ZS)

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Town Attorney Carrico, items are reserved for Closed Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report: Teresa Tilson and Wendell Tipton

Nothing new. Their report was covered in the Budget discussion.

Personnel Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Teresa Tilson

The Personnel Committee thanked council for voting to move forward in hiring a police chief. Several candidates have applied already and will be contacted. He asked if the town wanted to put an ad in the paper yet.

Zoning/Planning Committee Report: Eileen Deckard and Zackary Salyer

Will begin working with the town attorney to create a map zoning residential and commercial areas in town. Will also revise the ordinance regarding mobile homes.

Street Committee Report: Jeff Flanary and Zackary Salyer

No items to report

Maintenance Committee Report: Wendell Tipton and Frank Tittle

A/C in Police Department repaired by Boones Heating and Air.

Repair to the Fire Department building by neighboring resident as reported to Council member Deckard.

Police Department Report:

N/A currently.

Fire Department Report:

Tommy Johnson, Captain for the WCVFD addressed questions regarding the uses and restrictions the WCVFD has regarding the \$600,000 grant they received from the state.

Public Comment: *Opened: **7:44 pm** and Closed **8:00 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.)

Ashley Kilgore – Requested Council support for a September 5, 2026, 9/11 Memorial Foot Race benefiting the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department.

Billy Hensley - requested an update regarding drainage improvements on Dogwood Street

Connie Tipton – expressed support for re-establishing a Town Police Department in order to reestablish safety and security in town.

Daniel Dean – informed the council that his business was vandalized along with other vacant properties in town one night. He expressed the need for more law enforcement coverage in town.

Carol Waddle – Thanked the council for not passing the single-wide mobile home ordinance.

Robert Hammonds – Expressed support for reestablishing a Town Police Department instead of contracting with another local agency.

CLOSED SESSION

Time: 8:05 pm

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION Time: 8:35 pm

A motion to return to the Open Session was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Zackary Salyer.

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 Teresa Tilson, seconded by Zackary Salyer, 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:

No actions or items from Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Submitted by Penney Capps, Town Clerk

Certified by Justin Addington, Mayor

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