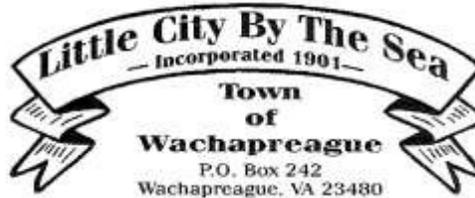




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TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 9th, 2025
VIMS SEASIDE HALL

Charles Elliott, Mayor

Town Council Present:

Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor

Stephen Joseph

Robert Bilicki

Glenn Schagelin

Craig L. Baker

Absent: Aileen Joeckel

Town Clerks Sherry Dudas & Lynne Rogers

Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

Swearing in of Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Elliott and Town Council Members were sworn in by Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court, Talia C. Taylor.

I. Mayor Charles Elliott called the meeting to order.

II. Councilman Glenn Schagelin led the prayer.

III. Mayor Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments

V. Town Council Meeting

December 12th 2024 Town Council Minutes were reviewed. Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to accept the minutes for December 12th 2024. Councilman Steve Joseph seconded the motion. All in favor.

VI. Review of Financial Report

The Council reviewed the Town's financials for December 2024. In search of funds for a new truck, Councilman Bilicki asked for definition of Balance Sheet Fixed Assets. Councilman Bilicki motioned to

approve the December 2024 Town Financials. Vice Mayor Puchalski seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council reviewed Port's financials for December 2024. Councilman Joseph motioned to approve the December 2024 Port financials. Vice Mayor Puchalski seconded. All in favor.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Maintenance

Councilman Schagelin reported holiday trash pickup on Monday instead of Wednesday worked out well. Discussion of possible new trash pickup day to address summer trash problems, motel and weekend trash. Councilman Joseph recommended Tuesday as a possibility. Continued Council discussion of garbage truck replacement possibility.

B. Powell Park

Vice Mayor Puchalski reported tennis court tarps are torn and will be removed when there is warmer weather. Tennis Court Bids are ongoing.

C. Seaside Park

Councilman Joseph reported Williams Funeral Home has not had a chance to fix Seaside Park broken bench. Town Christmas lights will come down once winds have receded.

D. HRSD

Councilman Bilicki reported he updated Phil Hubbard of HRSD Executive Office on Town sewer progress. All systems are running except the Island House which will be hooked up during the restaurant's January winter break. Councilman Joseph discussed final sewer bids and pump prices for the next phase. The Town will buy pumps from a distributor instead of contractor. Councilman Bilicki asked if pump prices could be locked in for the next phase. Councilman Joseph said that was a HRSD question. Mayor Elliott asked to have time to review numbers before making final decision and Councilman Joseph agreed.

E. Derelict Properties

Councilman Bilicki reported on the 48 Main Street property and 7 Center St derelict properties. The Patricia Bragg Main St property has been uninhabited for well over a year and breaks Virginia code. The Daphne Gazelle Hendricks Center St property is also in disrepair plus overgrown. Both property owners have been alerted to their properties' derelict conditions, and they have taken no action. Councilman Joseph asked what the town's next action would be. Mayor Elliott will contact Town Attorney Carl Bundick about the Town's next actions to resolve derelict property issues in town.

F. Marina

Vice Mayor Puchalski reported that the Army Corp dredging company is using a marina slip thus generating marina revenue in winter. Winter weather has impeded marina repairs but will be resumed once the weather improves. A new replacement camera and DVR have been ordered for the marina.

G. Tourism

Councilman Joeckel not in attendance to report.

H. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/RAFT

Councilman Bilicki reported that he has been working on a grant through DCR, and he got notification that the grant has been received, and the town has 60 days to complete and submit the final grant application. The Nature Conservancy Susan Bates will be the town's grant advocate. Councilman Bilicki has also been working with A-NPCD Anne Doyle and Richmond Representatives. All parties involved will be asked if there are any grant fee costs.

I. Town Beautification

Councilman Schagelin will take over Town Beautification Committee from retired Town Councilman Bob Williams. Nothing to report now.

J. Safety/Security

NA

K. Historic District

Jim Bell not in attendance to report.

L. Streets and Drainage

Councilman Craig Baker will take over the Streets and Drainage Committee from retired Town Councilman Williams. Nothing to report now.

M. Planning Commission

Councilman Joeckel not in attendance to report.

VIII. New Business

Councilman Bilicki asked if the Technology Committee was involved with the transition of Clerk Sherry Dudas to Clerk Lynne Rogers. Clerk Dudas reported that Jim Bell has helped with town technology and is presently out of town, and she stressed the importance of a technological evaluation for the Town. Vice Mayor Puchalski and Councilman Bilicki agreed the need for technological updating.

Councilman Bilicki recommended a public vote to install Lynne Rogers as Town Clerk. Mayor Elliott made the motion to install Lynne Rogers as Town Clerk. Vice Mayor Puchalski seconded. All in favor.

IX. Adjournment

Council went into closed session.