

Onley Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes of December 13, 2021
Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main St., Onley VA

Council Members Present: Rose Pierson, Vice-Mayor
 Brian Corbin
 Billye D. Custis
 Bill Ferguson
 Claudia Harmon
 Woody Zember

Council Members Absent: Matt Hart, Mayor

Staff Present: Carl Bundick, Town Attorney

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Pierson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Zember.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Pierson asked Mr. Bundick, and following his recommendation, she stated that in the absence of Mayor Hart, she will be running the meeting and therefore will not vote on motions.

Motion: To adopt the agenda by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Bill Ferguson. Roll Call Vote: Corbin-yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – did not vote (see above comment); Zember - yes.
MOTION PASSED

Town Charter Change(s)

Motion: To send the final draft that was received on December 10, 2021, at 2:10pm to public hearing on December 27, 2021, at 6:00pm by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Woody Zember.

Mr. Corbin asked to make several changes to Section 4.1, changing shall to may.

Ms. Custis stated that she met with Carl Bundick, and Ms. Salazar and Ms. Harmon concur that the point of making this charter change was to take the town charter back to how it was before the previous change and that is what this final draft accomplishes. Mr. Corbin reiterated that he feels that use of the word “shall” limits Council. Ms. Pierson agreed that it is constricting. Ms. Custis stated that her motion stands.

At this time, Ms. Pierson took a vote on the above motion: Roll Call Vote: Corbin- no; Custis-yes; Ferguson- no; Harmon – yes; Pierson – did not vote (see above comment); Zember - yes.

MOTION PASSED

Ms. Custis stated that we already have a Town Take-Home Policy, and she thought the Chief was working on making some changes. She expressed concern that he is not here tonight. Mr. Bundick said that he was not aware that we already had one. Mr. Bundick suggested that Council have the Personnel Committee review the Take-Home Vehicle Policy. Ms. Pierson said that she thought that was a good idea. Council agreed and decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss the Town Take-Home Policy.

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Motion: To delete the closed session and adhere to the current policy until further discussion at the next meeting by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Woody Zember. Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis- yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – did not vote (see above comment); Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Harmon asked to speak. She told Council that the reaction to the donated Food Lion cards was tremendous, and that Council touched many lives by that gesture. She concluded by saying that if we've ever done anything right, it was that.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 6:25pm by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Woody Zember.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted from audio,

Jamye Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer

Matthew Hart, Mayor