Minutes of the Yorktown Town Council Regular Meeting Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Yorktown Town Hall

| Bryan | Carolyn | Nanci | Jason | Marta | Nicole | Chris |
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| Smith | Gant | Perry | Gasaway | Guinn | Rector | Greene |
| Present |

Approval of Claims – Nanci Perry moved to approve claims totaling \$1,109,959.74. Marta Guinn seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Approval of May 19, 2025, Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes – Nanci Perry motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Marta Guinn seconded and the motion passed with no objections. Jason Gasaway abstained.

Public comments were made from the Floor.

Public Hearing: Amending User Charge for Refuse Collection – President Gasaway opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Town Manager Chase Bruton explained that the ordinance would set the collection rates for the service to match the user fees for customers excluding administrative fees. Previously, the user fees were less than the collection rates and the town would use general funds from property taxes to subsidize the lack of revenue. Town Manager Bruton estimated the loss to the town was approximately \$50,000 and including postage, the town was losing \$70,000 - \$75,000 to pay for trash collection services. Council member Nanci Perry asked for clarification on how Senate Bill 1 would impact property tax revenues. Town Manager Bruton estimated that the town would lose \$250,000 in property tax revenue in 2025 and half a million dollars each year through 2028. Having received no comments from the floor, President Gasaway closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Unfinished Business: 1) Ordinance 864 – Refuse Collection User Rate. Nanci Perry moved to adopt the ordinance for user charges for refuse collection at \$16.84 per month starting July 1, 2025, \$17.33 per month starting July 1, 2026, and \$17.83 per month starting July 1, 2027. Bryan Smith seconded and the motion passed with uncontested approval.

2) Ordinance 865 – Authorizing Issuance of Bonds (TRG Project). Lisa Lee, Ice Miller Bond Counsel, summarized the creation of the project specific TIF area that would fund the bond payments in addition to a taxpayer agreement. Ms. Lee remined the public that no town revenues or additional town taxes would be used. Marta Guinn motioned to adopt the ordinance authorizing the Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, TRG Project, approving the recommendation of the Redevelopment Commission and the Economic Development Commission. Bryan Smith seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. **New Business: 1) Resolution 2025-08 Establishing the Michelle Allocation Area** – Town Manager Bruton explained that the TRG Project was beneficial because it supplied needed infrastructure to the area. Chris Greene moved to approve the resolution removing a parcel from the Bison #3 Allocation Area and designating the parcel as the Michelle Allocation Area. Carolyn Gant seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

2) Resolution 2025-09 Dispose of Surplus Property – Marta Guinn motioned to approve the disposal of a Cleaver Brooks Boiler and Detroit Diesel Generator from the original Waste Water Treatment Plant. Nanci Perry seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

3) Resolution 2025-10 Adopt and Allocate Funds for Outdoor Fitness Court – Nanci Perry motioned to adopt a grant in the amount of \$30,000 and allocate \$140,000 for the National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court. Chris Greene seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

4) Award Jackson Street Drainage Contract – Chris Greene moved to award a contract in the amount of \$140,969.69 to Midwest Paving LLC for drainage improvements on Jackson Street. Marta Guinn seconded and the motion passed with no objections. Jason Gasaway abstained.

5) Police Commendation – Town Marshal Kurt Walthour recognized Sgt. Ryan Jaromin by awarding a Medal of Bravery for heroically rescuing a citizen from a house fire on March 24, 2025.

Departmental Reports: Fire Chief David Boone requested to pursue a proposal from Fire Recovery USA to recoup expenses from calls especially outside of the jurisdiction. Marta Guinn motioned to introduce an ordinance, pending legal review, to accept the proposal. Carolyn Gant seconded and the motion passed with uncontested approval. Chief Boone reported that the department had responded to three structural collapses in four days and recognized the 14th anniversary of the passing of fireman Scott Davis. Marshal Kurt Walthour stated that departure times after the July 4, 2024, event was approximately 37 minutes, and that Officer Brumback's wife had just given birth to their son. Town Manager Chase Bruton reported that the starting line for the run would be moving from Canal Street to Smith Street to meet the certification of the 4-mile run by USA Track and Field and updated the council on creating a mural on the property of Peg Flanagan near the Buck Creek bridge on Smith Street. The proposal would go in front of the ARB on Tuesday, June 24. Town Manager Bruton reported that he would be on a ten-day vacation and that Erin Hurley would be covering the duties of town manager in his absence.

Comments were made by Town Council Members.

Adjournment: <u>6:48</u> p.m.

President Jason Gasaway