

MINUTES-TOWN OF POUND, VA
OCTOBER 14 , 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.
8422 North River Road, Pound, Virginia 24279

Mayor Cauthorne opened the public hearing on the proposed sale of real property. Mr. Dotson states that the tax parcel is 017667 on Pound Main Street. Councilwoman Kennedy states the property has been referred to as the Ratliff Building, and that it is the Hers portion of the old His and Hers shop. Mr. Dotson states that the town has acquired that and is now wanting to discuss selling it. Mayor Cauthorne asks if anyone wants to get up and discuss the sale of this property. Hearing none the Mayor closes the public hearing.

Mayor Cauthorne moves to the roll call of council for the regular session of council.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

Cauthorne - Here
Hall - Here
Kennedy - Here
Mullins - Here
Powers - Here

Mayor Cauthorne asks if there is a motion to approve the consent calendar.

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilman Cauthorne seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes
Hall - Yes
Kennedy -Yes
Mullins - Yes
Powers - Yes

Mayor Cauthorne states the consent calendar is approved

AUDIENCE COMMENT

None

REPORTS

POLICE REPORT

Chief Wilcox states it has been business as usual for the police department. He states that visits to the shops are continuing. He states that there are two projects underway: the digiticket and

the motorola projects. He states that his hope is that by the end of the year both of these will be in place.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Cauthorne asks if there is any movement on the fire department forming their own group. Mrs. Carter states that there has not been any movement on that at this time, but the fire department did state they would let her know when any progress is made.

TOWN MANAGER

Mrs. Carter states that as council is aware she missed last month's meeting because she was attending the Local Programs Workshop provided by VDOT. She states that she feels it proved to be very beneficial as far as having bootcamp courses on how they want those applications submitted and run for grants through VDOT. She states that they do now have DMV access to make tax billing much easier. Mrs. Carter also states that she spoke with ARC and they are going to pay Miracle's wages while Abby is away. She states the Board Of Supervisors has set a public hearing for the boundary adjustment for next month. She also states that the structural engineer did come and do the assessment on the Town Hall Building and we are just waiting on the final report back on that. Mrs. Carter states there are two sets of minutes in the packets from the Cumberland Airport Commission. She states that our representative on the Cumberland Airport Commission is George Dean, and they are asking if the town is going to do a donation like they did last year. She states that last year the town donated \$500 dollars. She states that the last thing she has is that the Christmas Parade permit was approved and is set for December 14th. Councilman Cauthorne asks if that is later than normal. Mrs. Carter states that we moved it last year to better suit Santa, and kept that same time frame again this year. She also states that typically what has been done in the past is that the Mayor does line-up and all planning for the Christmas parade. She asks the mayor if that is something that he would want to or be able to continue. Mayor Cauthorne states he will get in contact with her about it. Councilman Cauthorne asks what the benefits the CAC gives the Town Of Pound. Mrs. Carter states that it was her understanding that the donation gives the town a vote on the board. Councilwoman Kennedy states that is what was told, but she did not believe that was true. Councilman Cauthorne states that he thinks someone from the CAC should come and explain what the CAC does for Pound. Councilwoman Mullins makes the motion to give the CAC a \$500 donation. Councilwoman Kennedy seconds the motion. Councilman Cauthorne makes an amendment to the motion that contingent upon someone from the airport commission coming and addressing council. Councilman Hall seconds. Councilman Cauthorne states that he doesn't feel comfortable giving money to an organization that he hasn't seen a benefit for the town from, and he feels they should come do a presentation. Councilman Powers states he feels George Dean would be happy to come.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - no

Mullins - no
Powers - Yes

Mayor Cauthornes asks for a vote on the motion as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - No
Hall - No
Kennedy -Yes
Mullins - Yes
Powers - No

EDA

Councilwoman Kennedy states that rooms have been rented out on a couple different occasions. She states they are still taking donations to finish furnishing the house. She states all bills are paid for October, but volunteers would be helpful to help get a few more things done. She states there is a company coming in at the first of the year that will be staying for an extended period. She states that each individual room has its own lock, and explains a few of the items that are needed to finish furnishing the home. Councilman Cauthorne asks about the parking. Councilwoman Mullins explains that there is a back in drive way.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Randy Carter and Councilwoman Kennedy states they discussed zoning so that mobile housing can go in and the public hearing about the boundary. Councilwoman Kennedy states that there are some places where buildings have come down for example on the other end of town there is a building that is falling down and the gentleman who has purchased that property would like to put in some mobile housing that can be moved out if a flood comes. She states that they would like to combine their public hearing with the council's public hearing for next month. Mr. Dotson states that it needs to be addressed what the town needs in reference to zoning. He feels that the town's ordinance is outdated and no zoning board. He states that legalizing the town does not have a zoning ordinance because it is not enforceable. He states that Pound needs to rewrite the zoning ordinance and have the circuit court appoint a zoning board. Mr. Dotson states that there would be a lot of steps that would need to be done if that is something the town would want to pursue.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT UPDATES

Mrs. Carter states that she received an email from David Cox that he would have our pre-audit by the 15th, and that she called today to make sure that was still on track. She states that as soon as she hears from him with the results she will let the council know.

GRANT UPDATE

Councilwoman Kennedy states we have submitted for the first reimbursement back from ARC. VDEM is in the process with FEMA waiting for it to be signed off on. She states she spoke with Jessica Scott, and that she was working to get that done. Councilwoman Kennedy states that she did ask if there was the possibility that we could lose the money, and was told adamantly that the town would not lose the money. She states that the hope is that the slope and retaining wall can be done before the end of the year. She states that for the MAAV grant we are looking for a contractor for the amphitheater. Councilwoman Kennedy states we are waiting for reimbursement from the DCJS grant. AMLER is waiting on audits. Councilman Cauthorne asks if the retaining wall is at the pocket park.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. Carter states that the public hearing has been set with the Board of Supervisors for their November meeting. Councilman Cauthorne asks when they meet. Mrs. Carter and Councilwoman Kennedy state it is the 2nd Thursday in November. Councilwoman Kennedy states the exact date on that is November 13th. Councilwoman Kennedy states that it would be beneficial for the Board of Supervisors to see people besides she, Doris, and Brittany all the time. She states it would be beneficial for all of council to be present for the public hearing.

NEWLY ACQUIRED BUILDING

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion that council proceed with selling that building for \$38,000 as originally planned. Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne asks how much we bought it for. It is stated we purchased it for \$43,500. He also asks if the alley way has been surveyed. Councilwoman Kennedy states the survey is done, the markers are set, and the contractor is set to start demolition of that portion. Councilman Cauthorne asks who is purchasing the property. Councilwoman Kennedy states it is Mr. Tomo. Councilman Cauthorne states he is glad to be getting our money back, and he hopes it is a more reputable business to go in there, but he is glad to get our money back.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

RED FOX FESTIVAL

Councilwoman Kennedy states The Red Fox Fest is set for October 25th, and gives an overview of the events set to take place that day.

SPEED LIMIT

Mr. Dotson states that after looking at VA code that the town it looks like VDOT would need to do an investigation. He states that speaking with VDOT would be the best route to go about this. He states that the way it looks it would be the VDOTs jurisdiction. Councilman Cauthorne asks f

a resolution presented to VDOT would be helpful. Mr. Dotson states he believes so. Councilman Cauthorne states the motion would be that all of business 23 in town limits be 30mph. Councilwoman Kennedy raises concern about that affecting the 4lane. Councilman Cauthorne states that is not considered business 23. Mr. Dotson states that he believes it is 30mph on business 23. Councilman Cauthorne states that his motion is that business 23 and va st route 83 inside corporate limits be 30 mph. Councilman Hall seconds. Councilman Cauthorne explains why he feels it is safer to have a 30mph speed limit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy -Yes

Mullins - No

Powers - Yes

NEW BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN

Mrs. Carter states that at town hall they have been having a trunk or treat event in the parking lot. She states that this year where Halloween falls on Friday does council want to move trunk or treat to another day. Councilman Cauthorne asks what other towns are doing. She states some are doing the 30th some the 1st of November. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to move trunk or treat at town hall to the 30th of October. Councilwoman Mullins seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy -Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

POLITICAL VIOLENCE RESOLUTION

Councilman Cauthorne states there has been a lot of political violence recently in our country, and a state candidate who advocated for a violent act against his opposing party. He states that a lot of people are calling for him to give up his run for office. Councilman Cauthorne presents a resolution to council for the Mayor to read aloud. Mayor Cauthorne reads the political violence resolution aloud. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion that if approved he would like the mayor to turn this resolution in as a letter to the editor of the Coalfield Progress. Councilman Hall seconds. Councilwoman Kennedy states that she feels at our level we should be worried about our community and not the larger entity. Councilman Cauthorne states he feels that Jay Jones' actions are deplorable and that he should be urged to drop out of the race.

Councilwoman Kennedy states that is a matter of voters choice and not up to this council to

decide and speak for others with regard to a political situation of that nature. Councilman Cauthorne states there are others that are doing the same, and he wants to present it from the Town of Pound that he needs to get out of the race.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy -No

Mullins - No

Powers - Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Cauthorne asks if there is any other business. Hearing none he moves on to the next agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jimmy Taylor, in town limits, states that he can never speak to the mayor when he needs to. Mayor Cauthorne states he can be contacted through the manager as she has his email. He asks if the mayor gets his mail at college. The mayor states he gets his mail on Curtis Hill Road. Mr. Taylor asks why he can never find or speak to the mayor, only people working in the town hall. Mayor Cauthorne states when he was running for office the people who elected him knew that he was going to be in the position that he is in. Mr Taylor states that his job is to be here to do for the town not away from here, and that people should be able to talk to him. Mayor Cauthorne states that he is always available if he wants to contact the town manager. Mr. Taylor states we don't need someone who is away from here at college to be mayor; that we need someone who is here. Mayor Cauthorne states the people wanted him here.

Jimmie Vanover, out of town limits. She states she wants to know if Mr. Cauthorne knows what closed session means. He states he does. Mrs. Vanover states at last month's meeting he came directly out of closed session and shared what the closed session was about. Mr. Cauthorne asks the attorney to elaborate on whether he was out of line. Mr. Dotson states the closed session is really for the benefit of the council to be able to discuss things without public disclosure. He states it is really up to council's discretion. Mr. Cauthorne states he only said that the county was going ahead with nuclear. Mrs. Vanover states that was in closed session and that it should have been private until it was ready to be in open session. Mr. Cauthorne states it is an open secret. Mrs. Vanover states that if you are not working for the betterment of the town that you shouldn't be on the council.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adjourn. Councilman Cauthorne seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy -Yes

Mullins - Yes

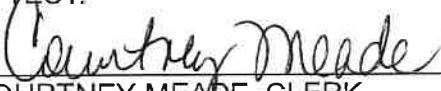
Powers - Yes

APPROVED ON THIS THE 18 DAY OF Nov., 2025.



JOHN CAUTHORNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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