

Minutes of the special-called meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on January 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

Council: Monica Johnson, Eugene Call, Bryan Morris, Steve Surber, and Gary Call

Mayor: C. Todd Young

Staff: Erik Puckett, Police Chief
Steve Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Gary Call participated in the meeting by telephone.

New Business

1. Council vacancy

Due to the resignation of Hiram Robinson, there is a Council position open. The Mayor read the names of the four people who wrote letters of interest to become the sixth member of the Council until a special election can be held to replace Mr. Robinson. The four names are as follows: Melissa Turner, Riley Mumpower, Bobby Dye, and Jeff Comer.

Councilman Eugene Call made the motion to appoint Jeff Comer, and Councilman Surber seconded. During the discussion, Councilwoman Johnson asked that the letters from each candidate be read aloud, so Clerk/Treasurer Steve Johnson did as such. Councilman Morris mentioned that Mr. Comer had previously served as a Council member.

The motion carried with 4-1 with Councilwoman Johnson voting no.

Closed Session

Councilman Morris made a motion to enter Closed Session in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Councilman Eugene Call seconded, and all were in favor.

After exiting Closed Session, Councilman Morris made a motion to certify that the Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law regarding those matters that are exempted from open meeting requirements and nothing was discussed other than what was mentioned in the motion to convene Closed Session. Councilman Eugene Call seconded, and the roll call vote was 5-0 in the affirmative.

Councilman Morris made the motion to have the Mayor sign the Emergency Medical Services resolution, and Councilman Eugene Call seconded. All were in favor.

Councilman Eugene Call then made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Morris seconded. All were in favor.