

Council Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops
Vice Mayor Joe Beasley
Councilmember Danny Willis
Councilmember Jonathan Hankins
Councilmember Zach Cline
Councilmember David Fox

Absent:

Councilmember Jonathan Hankins

Staff members present were Town Manager, LeeAnne Regon; Executive Assistant, Susan Reeves; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Clerk-Treasurer, Jessica Hayes; Police Chief, Stan Lampert.

WORK SESSION

Billy Wagner Tribute Committee Funding Discussion Summary

The Billy Wagner Tribute Committee has requested \$25,000 in support, proposing that \$12,500 be allocated from the current budget and \$12,500 from next year's budget. Treasurer Hayes noted that, should the Council wish to consider this request, \$12,500 could potentially be drawn from interest earnings—funds not tied to the budget or taxpayer dollars.

Councilmember Cline expressed concern over public opposition to both the tribute and its proposed location. He stated that the total cost of the statue is \$150,000, with upcoming payments of \$15,000 in September and \$30,000 in October. There is apprehension that the committee is advancing fundraising efforts prematurely and that the timeline for securing funds may be too limited.

Mayor Hoops questioned why the Town should take the lead in encouraging grant support for the project. While fundraising efforts are underway, there is concern about promoting the initiative before adequate funding is secured. The Council agreed to remain open to a formal presentation but opted to table the request for further consideration, encouraging the committee to continue exploring funding options.

Town Manager Regon proposed that the Council consider an in-kind contribution by clearing and preparing the lot for installation. She also confirmed that the Town had previously been sued over water damage related to this property, though insurance covered the claim.

Councilmember Willis emphasized the importance of avoiding taxpayer funding and asked whether a delay would negatively impact the project. Councilmember Cline noted that several bills are due soon. Councilmember Willis suggested a vote on September 9th to provide a timely decision. His primary concern is public perception, believing that clarifying the use of non-taxpayer funds could improve support for the project.

Councilmember Cline recommended passing a resolution of support to aid in grant applications, noting that tourism-related grants may be applicable. Vice Mayor Beasley agreed, emphasizing the importance of demonstrating external support to ensure the project's viability and responsible use of funds.

Councilmember Cline also requested details on the committee's grant application timeline and suggested reframing the initiative as an investment in Town property. Since the Town will ultimately be responsible for maintenance, the statue could be viewed as a park improvement. Vice Mayor Beasley described it as a beautification effort.

Manager Regon added that lighting plans would involve Town electricity, which should be considered. She further proposed that any donations be designated as restricted funds for mini park improvements rather than the statue itself. This approach would allow the funds to be used as matching contributions while ensuring they are applied directly to Town property enhancements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cline made a motion to enter into the executive session. Vice Mayor Beasley seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 6:45pm

Certification of Executive Session

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Cline

Resolution Number: ES250812

Motion Seconded by: Beasley

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Prospective Business and
Personnel Matters

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Tazewell Town Council has convened an executive session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such executive session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

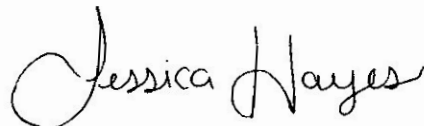
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell Town Council.

VOTE

Ayes: Willis, Cline, Fox, Beasley

Nays: none

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Treasurer Hayes, Clerk

Vice Mayor Beasley made a motion to leave the executive session. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Mayor Hoops read the resolution for the Certification of Executive Session. On roll call vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

Joint Public Hearing with Planning Commission

1. Platting Ordinance

Mayor Hoops opened the public hearing for the Platting Ordinance Amendment.

Notice of Joint Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building for the Town of Tazewell (“Town”), located at 211 Central Avenue, Tazewell, Virginia, the Tazewell Town Council and Town of Tazewell Planning Commission will hold a JOINT PUBLIC HEARING, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2204, Town Charter Sec. 3-8, and Town Code Sec. 24-6, to provide the citizens of the Town an opportunity to be heard with respect to a proposal for the Town to revise Chapter 24, “Subdivisions”, of the Code of the Town of Tazewell in order to amend certain provisions of Article I, regarding definitions applicable to subdivisions and platting, and Article III, regarding platting criteria and the procedural requirements for survey plat submission and approval.

Mayor Hoops read the first reading for the Platting Ordinance Amendment. He adjourned the public hearing at 7:21pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoops called the public council meeting to order at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance.

Nate Thomas led the meeting in the invocation prayer

Special Presentation/Request(s)

A. Commendation for Heroism for Joe D’Amato

Mayor Hoops delivered a formal presentation recognizing Joe D’Amato’s heroic actions on the New River in Narrows. Mr. D’Amato demonstrated exceptional bravery by rescuing a woman who was trapped in the river’s current. His selfless efforts not only saved a life but also exemplify commendable dedication to the well-being of others. The Town is honored to count him as a member of our community.

B. Tazewell Youth Football League Support Request

Shea and Carolyn Moore, along with Trina Moore, are requesting funds for local youth football and cheerleading programs. Many families cannot afford equipment or uniforms. The group now supports 105 boys and 67 girls—an increase from three to five teams in both sports. All participants are town residents, and volunteers run the program. The council follows guidelines to determine donations; Councilmember Cline proposed \$900, Councilmember Fox seconded, and Vice Mayor Beasley voiced support as a community investment. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

C. Billy Wagner Park Support Request

Attorney Pyott represents the Billy Wagner Park Committee, which is requesting a capital contribution toward the redevelopment of the park. Their overall fundraising goal is \$250,000, intended to support comprehensive renovations that will modernize and revitalize the property for the Town of Tazewell. Previous renovation efforts have been discontinued, and the current project offers a unique opportunity to enhance the park for community benefit.

The committee has entered into a contract related to the project and is actively seeking funding for both the planned statue and broader site improvements. Payments to the sculptor have already commenced, made possible by initial fundraising success. The committee is requesting a 10% capital contribution from the town; this support would facilitate outreach to additional foundations for grant funding.

In response to inquiries about outside support, Attorney Pyott stated that grant applications are being submitted immediately, although he acknowledges there are no guarantees of securing these funds. The committee is considering two phases of grant applications, aligning with the current and next fiscal years, and believes the nature of the tribute to Billy Wagner will encourage organizational support.

Questions regarding the statue's requirements were addressed: the foundation has undergone rigorous testing—including core drilling—and has been approved to support the installation. The committee is also reaching out to large corporate donors, with positive responses already received from Walmart, and plans to solicit support from other local, regional, and national corporations. Efforts are being made to secure not only funds for the statue but also provisions for ongoing park maintenance. Additionally, they plan to incorporate the Tazewell Seal and Tazewell County recognition on the completed project. Councilmember Cline suggested including an inspirational quote delivered at the meeting in the project and proposed preparing a resolution of support. The committee decided to table the funding discussion for the next meeting, scheduled for September 9th, but intends to present a resolution of support in the interim. Councilmember Fox raised questions about the park's electrical system and lighting installation timeline. Attorney Pyott responded that aesthetically pleasing dusk-to-dawn carriage lights are planned around the property's

perimeter, with budgeting and estimates for this aspect of the project already underway. Councilmember Cline moved for a resolution of support, seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

D. Oktobrewfest Support Request

Pam Meade asked the council for continued support for Oktobrewfest, thanking them for their previous \$500 contribution. The event will take place Saturday, October 4th, from 5pm to 10pm and features entertainment by The Chain tribute band, food vendors, breweries, and local restaurants. Last year's festival saw strong attendance, which is expected to grow with greater business participation. Vice Mayor Beasley supported a motion for another \$500, seconded by Councilmember Cline, and approved unanimously.

E. New Day Recovery Program, Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems

Megan Done and Felicia Williams operate a treatment center at the Carilion Hospital. This outpatient facility provides assistance for individuals with substance abuse disorders, offering therapy and a supportive environment. The center also offers basic services such as transportation. Amanda's Closet, which is open to the public, is also part of their offerings. In September, they will host a Recovery Walk and are seeking support from the community for this event. An invitation was extended to participate. The event is scheduled for September 29th from 12-2 at Lincolnshire Park. Councilmember Cline inquired whether the center is affiliated with Carilion; it operates under the umbrella of the Southwest Community Health Care System. Since opening last year, the center has grown from serving 24 patients to 47. Flyers and contact information were distributed. The council suggested posting this information on the town's website.

F. Tazewell Today Summer Sendoff and Winter Market Event Requests

Nate Thomas reported on the Summer Sendoff, noting it is a family-focused event. Councilmember Cline asked about the target audience; Vice Mayor Beasley suggested it also marks the end of the tourism season. The request includes road closures for September 6th (Summer Sendoff) and December 6th (Winter Market). Police Chief Lampert raised concerns about the need for an alcohol license and police presence. Councilmember Willis motioned to approve road closures for both dates, allowing alcohol at the Summer Sendoff only. Vice Mayor Beasley seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Local Business Recognition

A. Peak Valley Wealth

Councilmember Cline expressed appreciation for the recognition of their new Main Street location. Ben Shrader, the founder, established Peak Valley Wealth in 2012. The organization has developed strong relationships in Roanoke, Princeton, and now Tazewell. Comprising five officials, including Ben Shrader and Councilmember Cline, the team is pleased to have an office on Main Street and looks forward to serving the community. Their primary focus remains on acting in the best interests of their clients.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Mayor Fox made a motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2025 meeting. Councilmember Beasley seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Approval of Financial Statements & Financial Report

Councilmember Cline made a motion to approve financial statements and financial reports for July 2025. Councilmember Beasley seconded. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Committee/Conference Updates

A. Planning Commission Committee

Councilmember Willis asked about the demolished property on Riverside. He wanted clarification of who the expense responsibility would fall to. Building and Zoning Official Hurley informed him that a lien will be placed on the property for the amount of demolition.

Unfinished Business

A. Set Public Hearing for Land Use Assessment Ordinance for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Beasley motioned to set the public hearing for Land Use assessment to September 9th at 7pm. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

B. Second Reading & Approval of Sewer Bonds for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Ordinance and Resolution

Vice Mayor Beasley made a motion to waive the second reading. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Vice Mayor Beasley made a motion to approve the Sewer Bond and Wastewater Treatment ordinance. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Vice Mayor Beasley motioned to adopt the resolution as attached, the resolution providing for the issuance sale and award of the taxable general obligation of the water and sewer bond series 2025b of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia in a principal amount not to exceed \$15.5 million dollars. Here to for authorized and providing for the form of details and the payment there of. The resolution providing for the issuance sale of the water and sewer bond. Not to exceed. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

On roll call vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye; Councilmember Hankins absent, no vote.

COVERING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE

The undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia (the "Town"), certifies as follows:

1. Attached hereto is a true, correct and complete copy of an ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BONDS OF THE TOWN OF TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000" (the "Ordinance"), as adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council held on August 12, 2025, by the recorded affirmative roll-call vote of a majority of all members elected to the Town Council. The Ordinance was first introduced at a regular meeting of Town Council on July 8, 2025, and was the subject of a public hearing at the same meeting after due notice was given twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town as required by applicable Virginia law.

2. The Town Council meeting on August 12, 2025, at which the Ordinance was adopted was held at the time and place established by the Town Council for its regular meetings. The minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and their votes on the Ordinance as follows:

Member	Attendance (Present/Absent)	Vote (Aye/Nay/Abstain)
Joe R. Beasley	Present	Aye
Zachary T. Cline	Present	Aye
David H. Fox	Present	Aye
Jonathan E. Hankins	Absent	<u>Aye</u>
Danny C. Willis	Present	

3. The Ordinance has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, this 12th day of August, 2025.




Town Clerk, Town of Tazewell, Virginia

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BONDS OF THE TOWN OF
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAZEWELL,
VIRGINIA:**

1. It is determined to be necessary and expedient for the Town of Tazewell, Virginia (the "Town"), (a) to finance a wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation, together with related expenses (collectively, the "Project"), (b) to borrow money for such purpose, and (c) to issue the Town's general obligation water and sewer bonds therefor.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Finance Act of 1991 and without regard to the provisions contained in the Town Charter, there are authorized to be issued general obligation water and sewer bonds of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,500,000 to provide funds, together with other available funds, to finance the Project and to pay the costs associated with issuing such bonds.

3. The bonds shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such denominations and form, be executed in such manner and be sold at such time or times and in such manner as the Council of the Town may hereafter provide by appropriate resolution or resolutions.

4. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town for the payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on which its full faith and credit shall be irrevocably pledged. In addition, the revenues of the Town's water and sewer systems shall be pledged for such payment.

6. The Town Clerk, in collaboration with the Town Attorney, is authorized and directed to see to the immediate filing of a certified copy of this ordinance in the Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Virginia.

7. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from its adoption.

VIRGINIA LAND RECORD COVER SHEET

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE §§ 17.1-223, -227.1, -249

FORM A – COVER SHEET CONTENT

Instrument Date: 8/12/2025

Instrument Type: OTHER

Number of Parcels: 0 Number of Pages: 10

☐ City ☒ County TAZEWELL COUNTY COURT
CIRCUIT COURT

Tax Exempt? VIRGINIA/FEDERAL CODE SECTION

☐ Grantor:☐ Grantee:

Business/Name

1 X Grantor: TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA

Grantor:

1 X Grantee: IN RE: GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BOND

Grantee:

Grantee Address

Name: IN RE: GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BOND

Address: TOWN OF TAZEWELL

City: TAZEWELL State: VA Zip Code: 24651

Consideration: \$0.00 Existing Debt: \$0.00 Actual Value/Assumed: \$0.00

PRIOR INSTRUMENT UNDER § 58.1-803(D):

Original Principal: \$0.00 Fair Market Value Increase: \$0.00

Original Book No.: Original Page No.: Original Instrument No.:

Prior Recording At: ☐ City ☐ County Percentage In This Jurisdiction:

Book Number: Page Number: Instrument Number:

Parcel Identification Number/Tax Map Number:

Short Property Description:

Current Property Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Instrument Prepared By: TOWN OF TAZEWELL Recording Paid By: TOWN OF TAZEWELL

Recording Returned To: TOWN OF TAZEWELL

Address: TOWN OF TAZEWELL

City: TAZEWELL State: VA Zip Code: 24651



2025-2006

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TAZEWELL COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON
AUGUST 21, 2025 AT 03:44 PM
CHARITY D. HURST, CLERK
RECORDED BY: RGL

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135 COURT ST STE 202
TAZEWELL, VA 24651
PHONE # :276-385-1200



OFFICIAL RECEIPT
TAZEWELL COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
DEED RECEIPT

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 ADDRESS : TOWN OF TAZEWELL TAZEWELL, VA 24651
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 NAMES : 0
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106	TECHNOLOGY TRST FND	\$0.00	301	CLERK RECORDING/INDEXING FEE	\$0.00

TENDERED : \$ 0.00
 AMOUNT PAID : \$ 0.00

PAYOR'S COPY

CLERK OF COURT : CHARITY D. HURST

RECEIPT COPY 1 OF 2

RECEIPT FOR ORDINANCE

The undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Tazewell, Virginia, acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of an ordinance entitled "Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Water and Sewer Bonds of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$15,500,000," adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, on August 12, 2025, for filing pursuant to Section 15.2-2607 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Dated August 21, 2025.

Raguel Large
 Clerk, Circuit Court of the
 County of Tazewell, Virginia

Set Public Hearing for Charter Amendment for Town Manager Residency Mileage

Extension for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:15 p.m.

Attorney Pyott indicated that this action had already been taken. Upon receiving the publishers' affidavit, he observed that it differed from what was published due to a formatting error: underlining was used instead of strikethrough. The published version did not reflect the council's approved changes. To ensure transparency, it was recommended to re-run the advertisement so the public could clearly understand the revision. Councilmember Cline moved to set the public hearing, and Vice Mayor Beasley seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

10. New Business

A. 1st Reading Platting Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Pyott conducted the first reading of the Platting Ordinance Amendment. The second reading has been scheduled for September 9th, 2025.

B. Set November 11, 2025 Town Council meeting for November 18, 2025, in observance of Veterans Day

Vice Mayor Beasley made a motion to set the November 11th meeting to November 18th 2025. Councilmember Fox seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

C. Budget Amendments

Councilmember Cline inquired whether any emerging trends should be addressed based on the preliminary budgets. Staff confirmed that these areas are evaluated annually during budget preparation. While some variances are inevitable due to unforeseen circumstances, the Audit Team has consistently expressed satisfaction with the Town's contingency measures. Vice Mayor Beasley moved to approve the budget amendments, and Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

D. Pool Pass Concerns

Councilmember Fox expressed concerns about unpaid pool use and regulation of pool passes and ticket sales. He also requested a Clinch River Pavilion update. Manager Regon reported that they are proceeding with requests for proposals for supplies and construction, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting required. Councilmember Fox also received multiple complaints about the road at Rt 460.

Manager Regon reported that two weeks ago, the public works crew began work at 4 a.m. to prepare for a wet tap installation. Unfortunately, the company provided a product of incorrect size, resulting in delays for this phase of construction. She confirmed that the use of American-made parts is mandatory, which has further contributed to the delay. Once the wet tap is installed, the lines will be pressurized and paving will follow. The road is sprayed twice daily to control dust.

Councilmember Willis inquired whether there is a chemical solution available to assist with dust management. Manager Regon expressed her willingness to research this if a specific product name can be provided. The project timeline remains dependent on the results of the water line testing.

Councilmember Beasley asked whether the responsible company might reimburse costs related to gravel, chemicals, and man-hours incurred due to these delays. Councilmember Cline questioned whether the Health Department had been consulted about contingency options or alternative suppliers for the required part. Additionally, Councilmember Willis suggested reopening the affected section of the road.

E. Miscellaneous

Manager Regon participated in the Tourism Summit, where House of Taylor received an award. She expressed her intention to formally acknowledge this achievement.

Public Comment

Timothy Shortridge of 135 Peery St. addressed the council about dust concerns at the construction site on Fincastle Tpke. He requested measures for mitigation, suggesting that a lower speed limit be considered in the area during construction. Police Chief Lampert noted that a temporary speed reduction might be implemented in a construction zone. On the topic of water, Mr. Shortridge also proposed increasing the volume of water used at the site.

Fred Shortridge 111 Perry St. expressed concerns regarding dust at the construction site on Fincastle Tpke. He noted that the marking of the work area may have contributed to the issue and also emphasized adherence to the speed limit.

Nicholas Richmond of 227 Blacksburg St. is addressing the council about his concerns with Police Chief Lampert and other Tazewell officers for allegedly releasing his name during an investigation, which he believes violated his rights. He requests that those involved be relieved of duty. Police Chief Lampert stated the matter is under litigation in circuit court.

Council Comments

Councilmember Willis praised the Fire Department sign and is pleased with its installation.

Councilmember Fox concurred, noting Fire Chief Thomas's appreciation.

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Fox motioned to adjourn, Councilmember Beasley seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice Mayor Beasley, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.