

Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Joe Beasley

Councilmember Danny Willis

Vice Mayor Jonathan Hankins

Councilmember Zach Cline

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Glen Keen, Jr.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers

PUBLIC HEARING

Announcement of Names Received for Vacant Councilmember Seat and Public Comment

Mayor Beasley convened the public hearing at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Beasley proceeded to read the official notice.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER

The Town of Tazewell is now accepting resumes of interest from citizens within the Town of Tazewell corporate limits that would like to fill the recently vacated position of Councilmember Joseph Beasley. This position will begin upon appointment and subsequent swearing in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and will end on November 3, 2026, after a special election is held to fill the remainder of the term through December 31, 2028.

Individuals interested in this position must send a resume, along with reasons for seeking this position to:

Town of Tazewell
Attention: LeeAnne Regon, Town Manager
P.O. Box 608
211 Central Avenue
Tazewell, Virginia 24651

Resumes will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026. The names of the applicants will be read at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall located at 211 Central Avenue Tazewell, Virginia. Per § 24.2-228 of the Code of Virginia, the submitted resumes will be available for inspection at Town Hall. Town Council will review the applicants during an Executive Session set for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and set forth a time for interviews with select applicants, if needed. The chosen applicant will be sworn in as a Councilmember at the next regular Town Council meeting after Council makes their selection.

Resumes received: Elizabeth Takach, Aaron Gilliespie, Renee Addair.

Mayor Beasley adjourned the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:15PM.

Certification of Executive Session

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Cline

Resolution Number: ES260105

Motion Seconded by: Keen

Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: 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, Hankins, Cline, Fox, Keen

Nays: none

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



Treasurer Hayes, Clerk

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

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

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm