

# SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES



## Gate City Town Council Minutes Special Called Meeting September 29, 2020 190 Beech St., Gate City, VA 6:30 PM

**I. COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:33 P.M. BY: Mayor – Bob Richards**

**II. ROLL CALL –** Town Clerk – Lydia Morales

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Bob Richards	X	
Vice Mayor, Robin Richards	X	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts	X	
Council Member, Roger Cassell	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	X	
Council Member, Tyler Kilgore	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

Others present: Chief Justin Miller

**III. INVOCATION- NONE**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chief of Police Justin Miller led the pledge of allegiance.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion made to approve the agenda.**

Motion by: Allan “Cotton” Roberts

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Robin Richards

VOTE: Aye, 5  
Nay,  
Absent,  
Abstain

**Motion Carried.**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Gate City Police Department: Vehicle Procurement**

Town Manager Greg Jones stated that as a result of the 2020 Ford Explorer being involved in a crash, we need to replace the vehicle for the Police Department. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Freedom Ford has two 2018 Dodge Durangos with 19,942 and 34,536 miles with a cost of \$28,760 each. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that these vehicles are from the Town of Appalachia and they have dissolved their police department and are looking to liquidate their assets. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the vehicles come outfitted and we will just need the in-car camera, radar, decal and a few miscellaneous items to get them completely outfitted. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that one of these vehicles will replace the 2020 Ford Explorer and the other will be a spare. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that we have learned that there is some grant opportunity for this purchase available on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Rural Development has approved the procurement. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the total is \$75,200 and the grant portion will be \$24,000, which will leave us \$51,220 to finance for three years at 2.8% through Rural Development.

Vice-Mayor Robin Richards asked if we are going to purchase the used vehicles and not new? Town Manager Greg Jones stated yes, the new 2021 Ford Explorers will be just under \$38,000 and this will save approximately \$11,000 per vehicle. Council Member Roberts stated that the vehicles are already equipped, and we will only have to do a minimal amount to get them ready. Chief of Police Justin Miller stated that the mileage is low on the vehicles for 2018's and that Sergeant Penley inspected the vehicles and stated that everything looked good on them. Chief Miller stated that the Sheriff's Department is switching to Durangos, it will save a lot of money to purchase the vehicles that are already outfitted, and he has spoken to individuals who have test driven the vehicles who have no complaints. Chief Miller stated that the vehicle with 19,000 miles on it still has a 16,000-mile drive train warranty on it. Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked are there any problems on the service records of these vehicles? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that there are none that he is aware of. Council Member Ross asked who will service these vehicles? Chief Miller stated that if there is something that is under warranty, we will take it to Freedom Ford, however, all other problems will be serviced locally. Council Member Ross asked if this information just came through within the last 48 hours? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the information about the vehicles came as of late last week while the financing agreements and the grant came as of a couple of hours ago. Council Member Ross asked when the finance committee knew about the grant? Council Member Cassell stated that the finance committee received the e-mail right before the meeting. Council Member Cassell stated that this is the best route to go in order to get a spare to start rotating out instead of purchasing two or three vehicles at a time. Council Member Ross asked if the vehicles are both equally equipped? Chief Miller stated that both vehicles have a prisoner transport cage, a radio, lights and siren box, and plastic filament around the windows. Council Member Ross asked if we should be looking at a 2019 model? Chief Miller stated that there aren't any available locally that he is aware of. Council Member Cassell asked Chief Miller if he is sure the vehicles have the police package? Chief Miller stated yes. Council Member Ross asked if the vehicles are V6 or V8 with 4 wheel drive? Chief Miller stated that they are V6 with all wheel drive. Council Member Ross asked if the vehicles have been inspected? Chief Miller stated that the vehicles were inspected by Sergeant Penley.

Motion made to purchase the two 2018 Dodge Durangos from Freedom Ford for the Police Department.

Motion by: Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2nd by: Roger Cassell

VOTE: Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: 1

**Motion Carried.**

## 2. Rural Development Funding Resolution

Motion made to approve the Rural Development Funding Resolution to authorize the application for grant funding to purchase the 2018 Dodge Durangos from Freedom Ford for the Police Department at 2.8% for three years and being paid off at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by: Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2nd by: Robin Richards

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Vice Mayor, Robin Richards,  
Council Member, Allan "Cotton" Roberts,  
Council Member, Roger Cassell  
Council Member, Tyler Kilgore

ABSTAIN: Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

**Motion Carried.**

## 3. Public Works Department: Purchase of 2016 Dodge Ram 1500

Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Stoney and Dale inspected the vehicle this afternoon. Council Member Ross asked if this will be used as a work vehicle? Town Manager Greg Jones stated yes, this will replace the 2008 Colorado that Stoney drives because that vehicle is close to quitting on us. Vice-Mayor Robin Richards asked what mileage do we put on a public works truck for Stoney? Council Member

Roberts stated that Stoney gets high mileage. Council Member Roberts stated that we allocated money for this already. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that we will just need to write a check from our General Fund and then transfer the money from Capital Outlay to General Fund at the next Council Meeting.

Motion made to purchase the 2016 Dodge Ram 1500

Motion by: Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2nd by: Roger Cassell

VOTE: Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: 1

**Motion Carried.**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION - NONE**

## **IX. MAYOR COMMENTS** – Mayor Bob Richards stated that the Hope House of Scott County will be placing purple ribbons around the lamp posts on Jackson Street for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Mayor Bob Richards stated that he is impressed with the work that Frazier's Landscaping has provided.

Mayor Bob Richards stated that there were 20 bike riders that participated in the KISS the GRIT bike ride this past weekend and it was a success in the fact that there were so many positive comments from the riders. Mayor Bob Richards thanked Town Manager Greg Jones, Chief Miller, Gate City Frontier, Pam Cox, Scott County Lifesaving Crew, and Lydia Morales for their efforts on the event. Council Member Tyler Kilgore participated in the race and commented that it was a beautiful route.

## **X. ADJOURN**

**Motion made to adjourn.**

Motion by: Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Robin Richards

VOTE: Aye: 5

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

**Motion Carried.**

\*Mayor Richards adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M., until the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on October 13, 2020.

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Bob Richards – Mayor

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Lydia Morales - Town Clerk