

**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 9, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. - 502 Front St. E, Coeburn, VA**

**Attendees:**

Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Carles Collins, Deventae Mooney, Joe Still and Lisa Woodruff. Sharon Still was absent. Cathy Sharpe - Clerk/Treasurer, and William Sturgill - Town Attorney, were also present. Jimmy Williams - Town Manager, was absent.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney called the meeting to order. The invocation was given during the public hearing meeting held prior to this meeting and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance at that time as well.

**Public Expression:**

There was no Public Expression. Public Expression was closed.

**Response to Public Expression:**

There was no Response to Public Expression.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mayor Mooney made a motion to omit under Reports - A, C and E (Fire Department, Town Manager and The Lane Group) on the agenda due to those people not being present. Ms. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Mr. Joe Still made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

**Reports:**

*Police Department*

Mr. Travis Mullins, Police Chief, reported the call volume has been consistent and the department has worked on several investigations requiring work with other agencies. Chief Mullins said as the weather changes, he is noticing an increase in speeding and will be using the radar to enforce the speed limit. There are also requests for extra patrols as people go on vacations and are out of town.

Chief Mullins has had a few roundtable meetings, most recently with county leaders to discuss local issues specifically skill games, THC stores and local fines and collections. Mr. Mullins met with the Attorney General's office and discussed local funding and equipment costs, mental health and drug problems in the area and the local Magistrate systems.

Mr. Mullins said Ethan has completed the training and graduated. There will be a few weeks of additional training until he is certified. Chief Mullins is proud of him and glad to have him back. Chief Mullins is also working on the accreditation process for the department. The department will have to meet state standards, and this will help build confidence in the community. The accreditation process will make the department more competitive when it comes to getting grants and funding. Mr. Mullins feels this will be beneficial to the department.

Mayor Mooney reminded Chief Mullins that beginning with the July meeting Council would like to be provided with a schedule and the monthly mileage report and service details.

### Public Works

Mr. Jeff Livingston, Public Works Supervisor, reported a sewer line was jetted at State Farm, Brookside trailer park, Quillen Avenue and Tate Street. The covers were put on the lights on Front Street; the receptacles haven't been delivered yet and will be installed once they are received. The globes were put on the lights; lights were replaced and the flower baskets on the railings were turned around to face the street. A six-inch water line was repaired in Flatwoods, a four-inch line was repaired in Timberville and a water line was repaired on Lynncrest Drive. A two-inch water line was repaired on Carrol Road and a sewer line was repaired on HC Short Street.

Mr. Livingston is still waiting to hear about the motor needed at the swimming pool. Mr. Mooney asked Mr. Livingston to call about that if he hasn't heard anything by lunch time tomorrow and let Council know what he finds out. Mr. Mooney asked Mr. Livingston to check on the lights at the tennis court. Mr. Livingston informed Council he would be using brown mulch around town hall and would need a purchase order for that. Mr. Mooney asked Mr. Livingston to get prices on the mulch, and give them to him to approve the purchase order.

Mr. Mooney asked if the town is cleaning ditch lines or if it was being done by the state. Mr. Livingston said the state was doing that work on Prospect and Seventh. Mr. Mooney said an enormous hole was left on Seventh Street, and asked Mr. Livingston to call and have someone come look at that to repair it and added that there is no sidewalk there and someone could fall in the hole and be injured.

### Treasurer Report

Ms. Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, reported a posted cash balance of \$200,282.52 as of 6/6/2025. She reported \$58,227.77 in outstanding checks, accounts payable due in the amount of \$39,760.87 and interim accounts payable in the amount of \$130,597.78. After deducting the accounts payable due and outstanding checks, the reconciled balance was \$102,293.88.

Ms. Sharpe presented the meeting minutes for May 12, 2025, regular meeting and May 27, 2025, special called meeting.

Ms. Sharpe reported two additional deposits since reports had been presented for the meeting. Friday's deposit was \$4,314.25 and today's deposit was \$4,179.89 making the combined cash availability \$110,788.02.

Ms. Sharpe gave Council copies of the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report and reported that she and Mr. Williams have opened the two new accounts for the USDA funding at the bank.

Mr. Mooney asked Ms. Sharpe if anyone had been in contact with the LaFerney roofing company about the work on the town hall roof. Ms. Sharpe did not know if anyone had spoken with that company.

Joe Still made a motion to approve the total accounts payable due as presented. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Joe Still made a motion to approve the interim accounts payable as presented. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Joe Still made a motion to approve May 12, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Joe Still made a motion to approve May 27, 2025, special called meeting minutes as presented. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

#### Attorney Report

Mr. William Sturgill, Town Attorney, did not have anything specific to discuss. Mr. Mooney informed Mr. Sturgill there were more State Champions from Eastside High School in recent weeks and said he would get the information to Mr. Sturgill so the town could recognize those students.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Jackpot Distributors - Jarred Davis - Mr. Davis addressed the Council concerning skill games in Virginia and discussed a circuit court ruling in Hanover County that says the games are legal. Mr. William Sturgill, Town Attorney, said this is a new ruling and is not a binding precedent for other localities and would like time to look into this ruling and the case law behind it. Mr. Mooney said Council and the attorney will look into this and will discuss it later with Mr. Davis. Mr. Mooney asked Mr. Davis to explain the games. Mr. Davis said skill games don't just require a player to hit buttons, the game involves memory and movement to play. Mr. Davis said the ruling says the games are legal if the money isn't put in the machine. Mr. Mooney asked how that would work if money wasn't put in the machine. Mr. Davis said money would be given to a cashier and the credit would be added to the machine from behind the counter.

Mr. Sturgill will look into how all that works. Mr. Davis said it is his understanding that localities can make their own rules regarding the games. Chief Mullins said this case is through the circuit court and there is not a state precedent. The process is ongoing for the state to decide what is legal on this issue. Mr. Davis said they try to go about things the right way. Mr. Mooney assured him that the town would follow whatever the law says regarding this issue, following guidance from the town attorney and the police chief. He informed Mr. Davis that Mr. Williams will reach out to him when a decision is reached.

- B. The Petition for the Authorization to Destroy Town Records - Ms. Sharpe informed Council that the Library of Virginia will need to have this list of records approved in order for these records to be shredded.

Joe Still made a motion to accept the Petition for the Authorization to Destroy Town Records. Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

**Closed Session:**

There was no reason to enter into closed session.

**Council Comments and Concerns:**

Charles Collins - Mr. Collins had no comments or concerns.

Joe Still - Mr. Still had no comments or concerns.

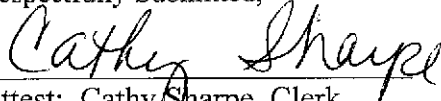
Lisa Woodruff - Ms. Woodruff had no comments or concerns.

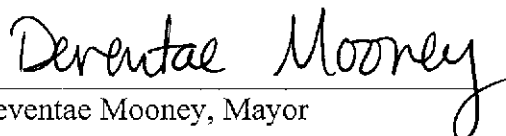
Deventae Mooney - Mr. Mooney had no comments or concerns.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk

  
Deventae Mooney, Mayor