

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 4, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.**

ADG #1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

Councilman Cooper delivered the opening prayer.

ADG #2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilman Cooper made motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hickman, carried by Council.

ADG #3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DELAYED DUE TO DAWN'S ABSENCE:

ADG #4 RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS: Citizens who desire to speak on matters not listed on the agenda below will be heard at this time. Citizens who desire to speak on a specific item listed on the agenda, open for public comment, will be heard when that item is considered:

No one spoke.

ADG #5 REPORTS:

1.) Mayor:

None.

2.) City Manager:

Mr. Tyree said he had made a mistake when doing the agenda. He had listed December 2nd as a Council meeting with the understanding that Council would have their scheduled December 16th meeting.

Mayor Fitzgerald opined that he would rather have the regular Council meeting on December 2nd and cancel the December 16th meeting.

Mr. Tyree suggested that Council look at the agenda a couple of weeks before the December 2nd meeting and if it is not a lot of things on the agenda, we can keep the meeting at the regular time of 6:00 p.m. It was decided the December 2nd Council meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m., not 6:00 p.m. Mr. Tyree said that he, Tom, and Kristina had a meeting with DHCD, the Department of Housing and Community Development about the downtown revitalization grant. They are still meeting and discussing the grant. He advised that he has a meeting with Hunter Young, Brian

Kearney, and himself week after next with Rural Development to discuss some grant loans and some different options the City will have in regard to the WWTP. Councilman Coffey said there have been a couple of people come in since the meeting started and wanted to know if they should go back on the agenda to see if they wanted to discuss anything.

3.)City Attorney:

Mr. Kearney said we are meeting VDH to consider other grants for which we may apply.

4.)Council Committee/Representative:

Councilman Coffey asked if it would be appropriate for him to comment on the ARP money that we are going to receive and what we have left. They mentioned it in the work session that Council had if we could pay for things and do things with the ARP money to lower the actual amount of money the City will have to borrow. He opined if we could inspect the tanks, repair the roofs on the digester building, the press building and the digester roof itself it would lower the cost. Last year a brand new circular floating roof was at least \$170,000.00. To repair the roof, it would be \$130,000.00 to \$140,000.00. We would be better off with a new roof at a cost of \$170,000.00.

Mr. Kearney replied to Councilman Coffey, but his reply could not be heard on the recording.

Councilman Coffey wanted to know if it is a possibility that the City will not have to borrow money.

Mr. Kearney said it all depends on how many grants and other funds we receive.

Mr. Tyree said it is important to note also the timeframes involved. If we would do work tomorrow, we want to make sure it is in the timeframe that vindicates the DEQ, USDA uses it as an in-kind match. That is an important thing also. If we did the work tomorrow and we do not apply for a grant until next year, they will not take that what we did now even though we would use ARP funds. It has to be within a certain timeframe.

Councilman Coffey wanted to know if Council has already approved the money to fix the digester roof.

Mr. Tyree said that money has already been approved. That would not count as an in-kind match towards this project.

Councilman Staton said we will be ahead of other localities because we already have our engineering work done.

Again Mr. Kearney replied but his reply could not be heard on the recording.

Councilman Coffey advised that he talked to Ronnie Campbell at Mountain Days, and he said that he was trying to get us as much money as he possibly can.

Councilman Henson said it has been a busy couple of weeks. Workforce Development talked about the possibility of a job fair in the Spring. The jobs are there but we do not have the personal to fill them. We have about 1,200 empty

spaces in Rockbridge County. He thanked Kristina, Millie and the others that helped with the downtown trick or treaters. Millie and the campers had another great event at the park. He gave special thanks to the Buena Vista Police Department and the Buena Vista Fire Department for keeping the traffic moving and organized. There was a concert at the park on Friday night to raise money for the food bank. We have 2 Christmas open houses coming up this weekend. They had a good Public Works/Public Safety meeting talking about seasonal changes and equipment. There was also a good Parks and Recreation meeting talking about events and maintenance projects. A lot of the things they looked at are low cost or no cost. There will be no more meetings with those two groups until next year unless something arises.

Mr. Tyree wanted to give a special thank you to the Stone Church of the Brethren for donating fencing for Penny Park that was vandalized.

Councilman Coffey also spoke about the food bank saying it was a great success. After all of the expenses the food bank got either \$2,500.00 or \$2,800.00.

ADG #6 CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

MR. ART FURLER'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON 12/31/25. THIS IS A FIVE-YEAR TERM AND THE 11th TIME IT HAS APPEARED ON THE AGENDA. THE TERM WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. MR. FURLER HAS MOVED AND IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE:

NO APPLICANTS: ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE JULY 7, 2021, POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

This item will be carried over to the next scheduled Council meeting.

THE ROCKBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES:

MR. KEITH HARTMAN'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021. MR. HARTMAN IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AGAIN IF APPOINTED BY COUNCIL. THIS TERM WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2022, AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024:

NO APPLICANTS - ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE ON 10/20/21: POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Mr. Tyree said we have one person is interested in serving on this board. He needs to get with Mr. Kearney and look at the by-laws. This person is employed by the City but does not live in the City.

This item will be carried over to the next scheduled Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE:

NEW BUSINESS:

NB #1 FIRST READING OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE:

Mr. Tyree said this is an Ordinance that our auditors require us to do for the previous fiscal year. These funds are reallocated and adopted. These funds are for FY2020, not FY2021. Mr. Tyree said the numbers do not add up. The reason they do not add up is because the access went into the general fund.

Councilman Cooper read the following Ordinance:

BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, the City of Buena Vista adopted its budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City Council approved certain ongoing projects and activities that required additional funds and usage of fund balances to be reappropriated during the current fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, By the Council for the City of Buena Vista, Virginia, in accordance with Section 15.2-2507 of the 1950 Code of Virginia that the Budget be amended to increase the following line items by the amounts shown:

	Debit	Credit
Building and Grounds- COVID 19 Supplies Equipment	81,204	
IT Department- IT Equipment & Software	91,665	
Sheriff Department- COVID 19 Supplies Equipment	27,480	
Fire Department- COVID 19 Supplies	16,939	
Rescue Squad- COVID 19 Equipment	22,799	
Regional Jail- COVID 19 Supplies Equipment	13,641	
Economic Development- Small Business Assistance Grants	49,500	
Non-Profits- Contributions to Community Foundation	50,000	
Transfer to Schools	100,000	

Electoral Board- CARES Election Expenses	35,948	
Federal Funds- CARES Funding		777,515
Federal Funds- Cares Election Funding		35,948
COVID Hazard Duty Pay	109,700	
City Manager- Severance	62,494	
Transfer Unappropriated General Fund		172,194

William Fitzgerald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Date:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Kearney
City Attorney

William H. Fitzgerald
Mayor

TENTATIVE DATES:

REGULAR MEETING – NOV 18, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING - DEC 02, 2021 — 5:00 P.M.

