

MINUTES-TOWN OF POUND, VA
December 16 , 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.
8422 North River Road, Pound, Virginia 24279

Mayor Cauthorne states the session is in order and all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Greg Cyphers is asked to lead prayer.

Mayor Cauthorne moves to the roll call of council for the regular session of council.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Cauthorne - Here

Hall - Here

Kennedy - Here

Mullins - Here

Powers - Here

Mayor Cauthorne asks if there is a motion to approve the consent calendar.

Councilwoman Kennedy makes motion to approve, Councilwoman Mullins seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy -Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

Mayor Cauthorne states the consent calendar is approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

No audience comment.

REPORTS

POLICE REPORT

Chief Wilcox states that motorola with IT to get our cameras working and to get everyone up to speed by Jan 6. The order for the digitech for the other project we have going, the hardware was placed yesterday. Chief Wilcox states that's all he has for now.

Councilman Cauthorne states to Chief Wilcox that the skills games at the VFW looks like it has moved out of the hall. Chief Wilcox states that's what he understands and that any questions

moving forward he would direct them to ask the Wise County Commonwealth's Attorneys office and that he will not have any further comment on skills games or pot shops. Councilman Cauthorne asks if Chief Wilcox is still doing his inspections. Chief Wilcox states no and that he can address the Commonwealth's Attorneys office on that as well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No one was present.

TOWN MANAGER

The Mayor reads a written report from the Town Manager.

EDA

Councilwoman Mullins states we now have 131.21 in the account. She states she did get an anonymous donation. Councilwoman Kennedy states that hopefully that will change next month. Councilwoman Mullins states we are supposed to have people come in and rent next month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Randy Carter states they are still working on the comprehensive plan.

Councilman Cauthorne states that Doris Mullins seat on the EDA is expired. Councilman Cauthorne wants to go ahead and reappoint Doris Mullis to her seat on EDA. Councilman Cauthorne makes a motion to reappoint her to the EDA for 4 years beginning tonight. Councilman Cauthorne asks if we can go back to the date it expired and start there on May 16, 2024, that way anything she's done from that point forward would be legal.

Councilwoman Kennedy states so that would make the appointment time 5/16/2024 to 5/16/2028. Councilman Cauthorne states yes. Councilwoman Kennedy seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

Councilman Cauthorne states he wants to reinstate Leabern Kennedy on the planning commission. He states it would be 1/1/2025 to 1/1/2029. Councilwoman Mullins seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

Councilman Cauthorne states that we need to be looking for people who might serve in these capacities. Councilwoman Kennedy states we have tried really hard to but people are not interested in helping.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT UPDATES

Councilwoman Kennedy states that Mrs. Carter reached out to David Cox today and when she talked to him last week, he said he wanted to come by here and said he had some questions but he didn't come today and she wasn't able to reach him by phone. And we are still waiting on the preaudit. AMLR is contingent on those audits.

GRANT UPDATE

Councilwoman Kennedy states she's been working on the reports for DEQ grants that are for the demolition and with regard to VDEM, we can match with DEQ. The SLFRF, which has to be spent by the end of this year, so we are using that as part of the match. She states she tried to do the report on that today and close it but she states that Brittany has to go in and do something before she can approve it and close that grant out. She states VDEM is still waiting for FEMA to approve the plans. She states she has reached out to Warner, Kaine and Griffith and the response has been, we'll get back to you when we can. She states she did talk to the nature conservancy today, talked about the pickleball courts and the disc golf for the high school property. She states she asked them if they would allow us to access their property to make the disc off course happen because it's a full course and he said he would check but didn't see any problem giving us public access. She states they talked about the pickle ball courts because she wasn't really pleased with what the contractor gave us as far as putting in the pickleball courts and he says he has a grant coming open that will close in March that will take care of the gap funding for us. He will let us know. She states there is also a T-mobile grant that is a \$50,000 grant that we are going to apply for and that will take care of the disc golf. AMLR we are just waiting on audits.

POCKET PARK & SLIDE UPDATE

VDEM is waiting on FEMA and pocket park is AMLR and waiting on audits.

Councilman Cauthorne asks if they'll still be a monument this Spring, Councilwoman says yes and the unveiling should be on or near April 24, 2026, but just tentatively at that date. She states they have found a contractor and applied for the building permit through the county.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

The mayor asks for any update. Randy Carter states the Board of Supervisors are waiting until after January to see what Pound does with the charter. Randy states they will address it in February. Councilman Cauthorne asks if the Town of Pound were to have the vote not to disincorporate, then the boundary adjustment would go through but if the Town of Pound were to vote to disincorporate then, of course they would not adjust the boundary. Randy says yes, he thinks that's exactly right.

SPEED LIMIT

The mayor asks if there's any more discussion on this and Councilwoman Kennedy just states that all she knew was in the town manager's statement. Mr. Dotson asks if VDOT is talking about the section of the south side of town limits. Councilwoman Kennedy states no, that on the side of town where the shopping center is, that was her understanding, when she asked Brittany Carter if that's the area that they are not likely to change. Brittany Carter stated, yes.

Councilwoman Kennedy states she has noticed that in other communities, they have different speed limits, in their incorporated areas, so to her she states, it's not a big deal. Mr. Dotson states within your town limits, as long as it's not a 55 speed limit highway, you have the authority to change that speed limit, you just need that speed study. Mr. Dotson asks, what specific area of road. Councilwoman Kennedy states as you come off 4-lane into town on both ends of town. Mr. Dotson states we have the authority and can adjust it by coordinates but it's a matter of getting the study done. Councilwoman Kennedy states they won't do it and it would be up to us to get the study done. Mr. Dotson states he guesses we could find someone and pay them to do it. Councilman Cauthorne states to see if the town manager, Brittany could get an idea of what it may cost to get a speed study done. Mr. Dotson says that he can see who others had to do their speed study. Councilwoman Kennedy states that VDOT would do it, just not on their nickel.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Councilwoman Kennedy states there are a lot of delinquent taxes and a final notice has gone out on the delinquent taxes and any of those after January 10th will result in a DMV stop and some of those folks are coming in and paying their bills.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

The mayor states we already covered this. Councilman Cauthorne states that we used to have other committees such as tourism, and a few more. Councilwoman Kennedy states we still have tourism in which Debbie Hale and Linda Hubbard are over that. She states we have a small group that we put together for events and planning and whoever is interested in helping with that, like heritage days and things of that nature. Councilwoman Kennedy states she has talked to Debbie about combining events and planning into tourism because it's really the same thing. Councilman Cauthorne states he thinks, events tourism committee would be good and Councilwoman Kennedy agrees. Councilwoman Kennedy states it would open the door for other people to help Debbie. She states we've relied on apple shop, app voices, and most of the time it's herself, Brittany and Doris. Councilman Cauthorne states we have two main events and that is heritage days in late Spring and the Christmas parade in December and the Red Fox. Councilwoman Kennedy states the apple shop has helped with the Red Fox as far as the recording, documentation, etc. Councilman Cauthorne suggests that we look for people in our circles who would be interested in being on the events tourism committee and be involved and helping with it. Councilman Cauthorne states he thinks that putting off the Christmas parade for a week wasn't a good idea. He said he never thought about the floats and that was the thing, the floats wanted to just get it over with in one weekend and more people in a group could have

come up with more ideas and would have thought more about this detail. Councilman Cauthorne calls on everyone to be thinking of people that would be of help to be a part of the events tourism committee.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Councilman Cauthorne just states to have a committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adjourn. Councilman Cauthorne seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes


Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

None opposed, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS THE 20 DAY OF Jan, 2025.



JOHN CAUTHORNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



COURTNEY MEADE, CLERK