

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 3, 2025**

Mayor Myron Marion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Mark Baker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials and staff were present: Mayor Myron Marion, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore, Council Members Boyce Shore, Carla Hall and Mark Baker, Administrator Dan Corder, and Attorney Amy Lanning. Total in attendance: 9.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Council Member Mark Baker made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the March 6, 2025 Closed Session Minutes, the March 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, and the March 18, 2025 Closed Session Minutes. Council Member Carla Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Dan Corder updated the Council regarding the annual Bulk Item Pickup. Red route pickup will begin on April 29th and Blue route pickup will begin on May 6th. The postcard has been printed and mailed and includes the dates chosen for the pickup as well as for the Park and Recreation Committee events this year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

Village Hall will be closed on April 18, 2025 for Good Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mayor Myron Marion opened the floor to receive public comment. Being no one gave written or verbal requests wishing to address the Council, Mayor Myron Marion closed the meeting's public comment portion.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Administrator Dan Corder reviewed the February 2025 financial report. Mayor Myron Marion conducted an internal audit of the records and found no discrepancies. (attachments)

PARC UPDATE

Council Member Mark Baker stated that the PARC Committee has met and determined the event calendar for the year. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be conducted on April 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The movie in the park events for June, July, and August have been chosen and Administrator Corder will check to see if all the choices are available and can be booked. They are looking at holding a concert in September and the Tree Lighting would be the last event for 2025. The Committee elected Chris Copeland as Chairman and Pam Handy as Secretary. Some renewals of memberships will need to be approved by Council at the May Council meeting.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Council Member Boyce Shore made a motion to approve a Proclamation declaring Thursday, May 1, 2025 as a Day of Prayer in the Village of Tobaccoville. Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion. A local minister will be asked to speak at noon at the Gazebo on this day.

VILLAGE PARK PHASE II UPDATE

Administrator Corder updated the Council concerning the progress on Village Park Phase II. He reviewed the expenses for the project and various state of completion of individual elements. All the work has been finished on the multipurpose trail and Village personnel are using our own equipment to seed and fertilize the site. The landscape mulching is complete. The chain link fencing on the tennis court is complete. Resurfacing and replacement of goals, nets, etc. is scheduled for the latter part of April or early May. All elements should complete prior to the end of the fiscal year. The Council will still need to determine if any decorative concrete coating will be installed at the amphitheater. Once the project is complete, all remaining costs will be filed with PARTF.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Village Council agreed by consensus to call a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025 prior to the regular meeting for the purpose of conducting a Budget Workshop for Budget year 2025-2026. Administrator Corder and the Village Council then reviewed information that is currently available concerning the 2025-2026 Budget. Revenues from the Reynolds Tax Equivalent Payment is estimated to increase as is Ad Valorem revenue due to the recent tax re-valuation. Revenues should remain consistent with last years totals with the exception of interest rates which will be budgeted more conservatively. Some increases in costs in each department were discussed. The Village garbage cost increase was limited to 3% for the upcoming year. The Village revenues which are available should more than compensate for any expenses necessary for the upcoming budget year needs. More information will be shared during the budget workshop. A recommended budget will be offered to the Council in the May Council meeting.

FORSYTH COUNTY HOME PROGRAM RENEWAL

The Village Council agreed by consensus to allow the Village to continue to participate in the HOME Program for the upcoming renewal period from 2026-2028.

CLOSED SESSION

Prior to the closed session, Council Member Mark Baker made a motion to recuse Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore from the regular meeting and from the closed session and to excuse her from voting on any further motions at these meetings. Council Member Carla Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Council Member Boyce Shore made a motion to go into closed session per statute 143.318.11 (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee. Council Member Carla Hall seconded. The remaining 4 members of the Council then went into closed session at 7.42 p.m.

The Council returned from closed session and entered regular session at 8:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Boyce Shore made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carla Hall seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Dan Corder, Village Administrator

SEAL

Myron W. Marion, Mayor