PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor:	Roy M. Gladding
Vice Mayor:	Anita J. Latane
Council Members:	Kay Carlton
	Carolyn Barrett
	Fleet Dillard
	Kenneth Gillis
Town Manager:	Steve Wright
Assistant Town Manager:	James Knighton
Town Clerk:	Patsy K. Scates
Town Attorney:	M. Tolley Gwinn
Town Treasurer:	Tina F. Brock
Chief of Police:	Thomas Carter

ABSENT

Council Member:	Troy L. Balderson

A Public Hearing of the Town Council was held on December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tappahannock Municipal Building. The hearing was advertised in the Rappahannock Times for two weeks on November 19, 2025, and November 26, 2025, as required by Title 15-2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

The purpose of the public hearing was to provide an opportunity for the citizens of Tappahannock to voice their opinion regarding:

I. ONE:

Proposed FY 26 Budget Amendment Year Beginning July 1, 2025, ITEM

The adopted FY2026 budget totals $14,534,825 in combined budget in revenues and expenditures. $11.406.755 for the General Fund/CIP and $3,128,070 for Water & Sewer Fund/CIP. The proposed amendment calls for a decrease in revenues in the General Fund in the amount of $385,609.06 to address and align with anticipated revenue shortfalls for the fiscal year. An accompanying decrease of $385,609.06 has been reflected in the General Fund expenditures. Said expenditure reductions include the following:

$243,600 for General Fund transfer to the CIP
$88,319.06 in Contingency dollars
$45,240 in forgone/unneeded debt service
$8,450 in forgone contracted expenditures

ITEM TWO: - *THIS BAREFORD GMC REZONING REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED*

Bareford GMC
An application from Bareford GMC requesting to rezone lots known as tax parcel 32B (20) Parcels 75, 76, 76 A and 76B. The lots are approximately 0.73 acres and are located at the 500 block of Dangerfield St. in the Town of Tappahannock. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property from R-3 Town Residential to CG-2General Commercial.

Mayor Gladding called the meeting to order. CALLED TO ORDER

Town Manager Wright stated he provided the Budget Amendment Detail to the council members that highlighted the individual items that have changed. He stated it is being requested that the budget be reduced by $385,609.06.

Town Manager Wright asked for any comments or questions.

There were none.

Mayor Gladding asked for any comments or questions from the public.

There were none.

Mayor Gladding asked for any comments or questions from the council members.

Council Member Dillard stated that the big items that contribute to the reduced projected figures for the budget are the bank stock of $195,605.00, the Perdue Land Rent of $72,000.00 and the business license tax of $48,305.00.

Council Member Dillard asked Town Manager Wright what contributed to the $24.000.00 increase in the legal advisor account description in the budget amendment.

Town Manager Wright stated at the end of the first quarter the Town was already at $25,000.00 for legal advice so he just allowed a little more for legal expenses.

There was some discussion regarding the fees.

Town Manager Wright stated the Town is billed by the legal firm when the Town calls for legal advice from the Town Attorney, from a specialist at the firm or if the Town Attorney attends the meetings.

Town Manager Wright stated that historically there has been two percent set aside for Council contingency for different projects. He stated he reviewed the contingency line items and found it was an easy way to reduce without hurting the operations since only a little over $38,00.00 has been used in the past. He advised the council members if they had any concerns to let him know.

BAREFORD GMC REZONING REQUEST POSTPONED

Mayor Gladding stated that item two on the advertised public hearing for tonight which was the Bareford GMC rezoning request was postponed and is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the January 12, 2026, Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. **AJOURNED**

Roy M. Gladding, Mayor

Patsy K. Scates, Town Clerk