

AGENDA

September 13, 2021

7pm Regular Called Council Meeting

Damascus Town Hall

- CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 2, 2021 - Regular Called Council Meeting

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

4. Public Hearing to entertain public comment regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to provide for a tax exemption on real property for eligible disabled veterans. The Town's requirement to provide for such tax exemption derives from Section 58.1-3219.5 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. (See attached ordinance.)

5. Public hearing to receive comments from the public related to the proposed right-of-way dedication to the Town of Damascus, VA and the Town of Abingdon, VA to Washington County, VA, consisting of 0.187 acres, more or less, for the purpose of transportation and parking access along the Creeper Trail. (See attached surveys.)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. Budget, Finance and Administration, Mitchel Greer

- Treasurer's Report – Eva Meyer

- ii. Streets, Lights and Maintenance, Mitchel Greer

- Public Works Monthly Report
- Public Works Supervisor Resignation

- iii. Parks and Recreation, Susan Coleman

- Park Bathroom Mural Estimate
- Playground Equipment Repair Estimate
- Holiday Schedule for Halloween and the Christmas Parade

- iv. Planning Commission, Gavin Blevins

- v. Police and Fire Advisory, Tom Hayes

- Police Chief, Mike Hounshell - Monthly Report

- DVFD Monthly Report submitted by Chief Turner

vi. Special Committees

- Damascus Business Group – Beaty Jackson
 - Events Committee, Beaverdam Friday Jams – Robert Van de Vuurst
 - Transient Lodging Study Group – Robert Van de Vuurst
 - Damascus Trail Center – Emily Mayo

7. MANAGER'S REPORT, Gavin Blevins

- Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan Certification
- Destination By Design Project Management and Engineering Services Invoices

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. LEGAL MATTERS

At the appropriate time, motion to Recess into Closed Session for Discussion and Consideration of Public Works Personnel Matters₁, per VA Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1).

11. MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

- Katie Lamb
- Tom Hayes
- Mitchel Greer
- Beaty Jackson
- Susan Coleman
- Tony Doss
- Robert Van de Vuurst

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

** Citizens wishing to address the Council are asked to sign in on the Public Participation Register provided at the podium, and if participating electronically please clearly state your name and address for the record.*

13. UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. September 10th, 17th, and 24th – Beaver Dam Friday Jams

ii. September 25th – Bike-A-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital

* *For information on upcoming events, go to our website visitdamascus.org. For citizen info go to damascus.org, and don't forget our social media presence on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter**!*

14. CONSENT AGENDA

- Consideration of invoices exceeding \$500
- Invoices - 'Pay the Bills' presented, as well as the standard and/or recurring bills that will come in before the next Regular Called Council meeting
 - *RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION*
 - *RETURN TO OPEN SESSION*
 - *CERTIFY (individually)*

- ADJOURN