MINUTES OF THE STRASBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 2021, AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE STRASBURG TOWN HALL.

Call to Order:

Mayor Boies called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Reynolds led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation:

Rev. Zach Harris, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, offered the invocation.

Roll Call:

ROLL Called with the following members present: Mayor Boies, Vice Mayor Cherrix and Council Members Hooser, Massoud, Monahan, Nicholson, Reynolds, Ricard, and Weaver. Absent:

Public Hearings:

Introduction and Recognition of Visitors and Guests:

1.) Strasburg Express – presentation to Strasburg Express for their 2021 season

Mayor Boies said the Strasburg Express was invited to the meeting to celebrate the winning season of the team. She gave some history of the team and the Valley League. She recognized what this team has done for the community. Numerous team members are brought into the town and hosted by families in the community. She thanked the Board Members for bringing this opportunity to the town.

By consensus, the proclamation was approved by Council.

Butch Barnes, Director of Baseball Operations for the Express, thanked the Town, the Strasburg Fire Department, and the Strasburg Police Department for the escort into Town on the night of their championship. He said all should be on the lookout for things to happen in 2022.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Boies recognized two different awareness groups for the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness; she gave some facts on each. She reminded all to get a breast cancer screening and to remember those who have lost people to this cancer and those going through treatment. Additional information can be found at Nationalbreastcancer.org. More than 10 million men and women are affected by intimate violence. Some resources that can be visited for assistance are Thehotline.org and Responseva.org. These sites are very careful in not allowing people to track where you have visited as protection for those seeking help.

Mayor Boies thanked everyone for their patience when you think of all that we are facing right now. The supply chain is suffering, and it is hard to get workers. We need to send thoughts and prayers to all the First Responders. Please, be patient. We continue to have a great community that looks out for each other.

Citizen Comments:

Paul Rush, lifelong transcitizen of this community: Stated he was a victim of a hate crime on September 26th. He had finally, for the first time in 27 years, felt safe as publicly identifying as

queer, and three days later, his house was vandalized with anti-trans and anti-gay and references to black people messages. He has had a very good response from the community, but he still wants to make sure this never happens to anyone again. He has been working with Northern Shenandoah Valley Unite to develop a resolution for the consideration of Council. It was a resolution against hate for the Town of Strasburg. They expect a vote from Council to either accept or reject this resolution. He read a portion of the resolution.

Mayor Boies thanked him for emailing and sharing the proposed resolution. She has heard from several Council Members who would like to take the proposed resolution and put it into Council's own words and have it on the November agenda. As a continuation of her Mayor Comments, she said she learned about the hate crime via social media. She said this shook her to her core. She knows hate is in all communities. She especially liked that love was shown by the community. Neighbors showed up to help clean his house. The positive outweighs the negative.

Council Member Massoud said he wanted to be sure he heard correctly. He heard that Mr. Rush came out as queer and Mr. Rush said that was correct. Council Member Massoud said he is never sure what term you can use and what you cannot. He also asked for the meanings of the initials "I and A" and Mr. Rush said it was for intersex and a-sexual. Mr. Rush added that "trans" has many different sub-sections.

Mayor Boies said this has been a good lesson on how to ask questions respectfully and it is good to educate ourselves.

Laura Cascada, 79 Magnolia Drive, Front Royal, VA: She thanked all for the warm reception and to see the curiosity. She lives in Front Royal, and they have not had the same experience there. She is here for Northern Shenandoah Valley Unites which is a coalition of the entire region that speaks out for social justice issues. She read the last portion of the draft resolution. (Resolution attached here-to).

Action Items:

- 1.) Approval of Minutes: September 14^{th} , 2021, Town Council Regular Meeting The minutes of the September 14^{th} , 2021, Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented with a minor correction.
 - **2.)** Employee Personnel Policies Manual Holiday Schedule Review

 <u>Description</u>: Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee to add Veteran's Day to the Town's list of holidays.

Council Member Massoud moved that the Strasburg Town Council approve the Finance and Personnel Committee recommendation to amend the Holiday Schedule to add Veterans Day; second by Council Member Nicholson.

Discussion:

Council Member Massoud thanked **Chairperson Nicholson** for all the hard work put into this in making sure Veterans Day is a holiday.

With no other discussion, the motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

Vice Mayor Cherrix Yea
Council Member Hooser Yea

Council Member Massoud	Yea
Council Member Monahan	Yea
Council Member Nicholson	Yea
Council Member Reynolds	Yea
Council Member Ricard	Nay
Council Member Weaver	Yea

3.) Brick Wall on West King Street

<u>Description</u>: Recommendation from the Infrastructure Committee to remove the brick wall at the corner of Capon and King Streets

Town Member Coggsdale said the wall has been removed. There were some structural issues and it needed to come down. Council might want to vote to have it permanently stay away or to have it rebuilt.

Vice Mayor Cherrix asked if it was filled back in by concrete or asphalt and it is asphalt.

Council Member Monahan asked why it was brought to Council, and this was done since it was a recommendation from a committee and not full Council direction. It was the consensus of Council to not vote on this.

4.) UDO Amendment – Short Term Rentals Ordinance

<u>Description</u>: Consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation on amendments to UDO Sections 6.2 Bed and Breakfast Establishments and 7.2 Definitions to allow for Short Term Rentals in certain zoning districts.

Mayor Boies said there was a lengthy discussion at the Work Session, but she wanted to find out if there were any questions for **P&Z Administrator Pambid** before entertaining a motion.

Council Member Hooser said there was some language in the Bed and Breakfast portion that stated only breakfast could be served and asked why it was limited. **P&Z Administrator Pambid** said this is usually all they serve, but it has been in there since the inception of the UDO. **Vice Mayor Cherrix** thought it was because of health regulations.

Council Member Reynolds said she thought the State Code said it was one meal per day so it might just be a discrepancy in our UDO. **P&Z Administrator Pambid** said we can be more restrictive and not less restrictive. He thinks it is just a practical matter. The meal can only be served to guests and not to the public.

Council Member Monahan read from the State Code. She asked if we could amend the ordinance to change it to just a meal.

Attorney Helm said that section of the UDO would have to be amended, and it can be included in the amendment.

Council Member Weaver asked what meal service has to do with a Short Term Rental and it is performance standards for both a STR and a Bed and Breakfast.

Vice Mayor Cherrix said this could be added or amended later.

Council Member Hooser said it was discussed at the committee meeting about putting a cap on the number of STRs and he asked if that was legal.

Amanda Kerns, NSVRC, was in attendance and said various means of putting a cap on the number of units was looked at. State Code does not specifically give us the right to put a cap on this. Staff feels we can limit with the Special Use Permit. There is not a lot of requests to do STRs at this time. If there is discomfort in using the SUP, we can come back and find out if we can put a hard cap on this.

P&Z Administrator Pambid said there are some caps in the United States, but because we are a Dillon State, he doesn't feel this can be done.

Ms. Kerns said the majority of the caps were in California. Some have a specific number of permits and other give a percentage. She made some phone calls to Blacksburg, Virginia Beach, and Richmond and none have caps on total number of operations. Everything that she found about caps was done after the original ordinance was passed. She has not found out if Virginia is expressly enabled to do this in Virginia.

Council Member Ricard moved that the Strasburg Town Council accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the ordinance amendment for Short Term Rentals as presented; second by Council Member Weaver.

Discussion:

Council Member Massoud read a statement. "I am here to speak against the short term rental ordinance. I have read this 'ordinance' on several occasions, and I cannot understand for the life of me why we are trying to regulate something which has been going on for a couple of years now and is working fine and thus should not be regulated by Town Hall.

We actually are discussing issuing Special Use Permits (SUP's) to potential users, and then will limit the number of SUP's that we will issue. Those of us on Council know how difficult it is for any applicant to get a SUP from this or any Council. We've refused them before and will likely do so again. The concept of having any resident or property owner having to get an SUP and then knowing the number will be limited is vastly unfair, and it is forcing this Council to determine who can profit and who cannot. So, we can know our future – the first time someone comes here with a SUP application, and the rest of the neighborhood complains to us, are we going to block them? We'd better think about this.

I've gone to the AirBnB website, and can find short term housing near Strasburg, so it seems that anyone who really wants to do this can do so, and they don't need any help from the Town to do short term rentals. So, this really is a money grab and another reason to write laws which the average person cannot understand and will just increase the UDO, something we should be looking to reduce not make a bigger monstrosity than it already is.

To quote one Town resident, **Ziggy Mormur**, "It seems like having this Ordinance would be taxing people's same hard earned money for a third time."

Last week, I had conversations with Members of the New Market Town Council, and the opinion I was left with was that they passed some type of Ordinance and nothing happened. Meaning that all that work was a seeming waste of time. Winchester killed a similar proposal because they realized that having a short term rental ordinance would do more harm than good. I get this from a former Member of the Winchester City Council.

The more I looked at this issue, the more it seems we are trying to come up with a solution for a problem which either does not yet exist or never will exist. If, however, you want to

make the UDO more confusing and less user friendly, adding a short term rental section to the UDO is the right way to go. If you are supporting this new Short Term Rental ordinance because you want to increase taxes on the middle class, then you are getting your wish, as that is what will occur.

Again, I want to state that I am not against short term rentals, just that we already do them without any need to add to the UDO. This is all about government revenue and waste, nothing more and nothing less."

Council Member Ricard said the motion is "as presented" so a cap is not being put on it. **Council Member Massoud** said he understands that, and he has heard testimony from staff that we are looking to put a cap on it so we all know it will happen.

Council Member Hooser said this is not to support people doing this, but it is to regulate the people doing it or wanting to do this. It is basically a hotel, and when you turn a house into a hotel, you should be paying taxes on it; you should be on the same playing field.

Council Member Monahan said this needs to be done, but her biggest concern is the people who are already operating Bed and Breakfasts and STR's. How will this not negatively impact those that are already in business? This is her concern. One of the main concerns is the parking.

P&Z Administrator Pambid said we have been approached about STRs. They are not allowed in town. They are operating now, and he has not gone in and told them they had to shut down. He and **former Town Manager Pearson** said they knew they were here so we might as well have an ordinance to allow them and allow them in a way to be kind to the neighborhoods. The original ordinance was to allow by-right, but the Planning Commission did not want that. The Sonner House is in the downtown overlay district which grants the approval authority either by staff or with the SUP; the Planning Commission and Town Council could waive this. Council can deviate from the parking standards or not allow it at all. This house is the oldest home in Strasburg and there were not cars when the house was built. Council might feel a parking deviation is warranted. Each SUP can be looked at by its own merits.

Council Member Ricard said they thought what was talked about was fair.

Attendees who operate STRs were asked how they felt about the ordinance. **Tom Grant** said no one likes taxes. **Kevin Watson** said he agrees with the taxes. If you have guests in your home and you are using town resources, you should pay taxes to the town. Regardless of taxes, they have enough parking, and he doesn't think you should inconvenience your neighbors with parking on the street. They feel very strongly about this.

Council Member Reynolds said she had similar concerns as **Council Member Monahan** and wanted to balance the interest. She has heard we would like to encourage the STR in the downtown area and so the parking overlay works.

Council Member Nicholson said the Planning Commission and **P&Z Administrator Pambid** worked very hard on this and she asked **Council Member Reynolds** for some

highlights.

Council Member Reynolds said she thinks most of the main points have been covered by **P&Z Administrator Pambid.** One of the big discussion items was accountability of the owner. The Planning Commission was more focused on protecting the neighborhoods they would go into and not making it easy to open this.

Vice Mayor Cherrix echoed the views of **Council Member Massoud**. Most of the places you think of for an AirBnB, they are already not allowed. HOA's would not allow this in certain neighbors. We could look at something different in the downtown area. People who are doing this are doing so to help them keep their house.

Council Member Massoud said in the historic district, we are doing it the right way.

Mayor Boies said a lot of thought and discussion has gone into this. It is an SUP so anything that comes before us has flexibility.

With no further discussion, the motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

Council Member Nicholson	Yea
Council Member Weaver	Yea
Council Member Massoud	Nay
Council Member Ricard	Yea
Vice Mayor Cherrix	Nay
Council Member Hooser	Yea
Council Member Reynolds	Yea
Council Member Monahan	Yea

5.) Valley Milk Products Request – Placement of Temporary Boiler

<u>Description</u>: Consideration of request to place a temporary boiler in Acton Place for a period of six (6) months for purposes of allowing production to resume at the plant.

Town Manager Coggsdale said staff has had discussions with the consultants. It has been asked of the town to allow for the installation of a trailer on Acton Place temporarily to house a boiler. A sketch was shown where the boiler would be placed. Acton Place is currently closed, and the Town is also doing a drainage project in the area. When this project is complete, the closure of the road could be moved up to the end of the building where the consignment shop is. He has talked to the owner of the building and the business owners. Their only concern was if there was another explosion, and we cannot give assurance of that. We can work with the company to have an area where deliveries could be made to the other businesses, and the businesses were interested in this.

Mayor Boies asked about the revenue loss the town is experiencing during this closing of the plant. The loss is coming from the utility funds. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said he looked at one year of revenue and it is about \$34,000 per month. We are looking at a large deficit every month that they aren't working.

Vice Mayor Cherrix asked if there is a generator for this boiler or only steam and it is just steam. **Vice Mayor Cherrix** was also concerned with the safety, but there are mitigation measures. For safety aspects, the road should not be opened to the public. He wouldn't

want it any closer to the gas lines.

Mayor Boies said it is currently just barricaded with something very easy to pass through; could something be put up for it to be safer?

Town Manager Coggsdale said the boiler will be inside the trailer.

Mayor Boies would like as much of a barrier be put up as possible. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said these are conversations we can have with the contractor.

Council Member Hooser asked how firm is the six months that the trailer will be in place. **Town Manager Coggsdale** said the plan is to have it done by March. **Vice Mayor Cherrix** said parts delivery is insane and we can't control this.

Council Member Massoud moved to approve the request of Valley Milk and allow the placement of the unit in Acton Place for up to six (6) months; second by Vice Mayor Cherrix.

With no discussion, the motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

Council Member Reynolds	Yea
Council Member Hooser	Yea
Council Member Monahan	Yea
Council Member Massoud	Yea
Council Member Ricard	Yea
Vice Mayor Cherrix	Yea
Council Member Weaver	Yea
Council Member Nicholson	Yea

Discussion Items:

1.) Comcast Agreement

<u>Description</u>: Introduction and first reading of the potential Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast of California/Maryland/Pennsylvania/ Virginia/West Virginia, LLC.

Town Manager Coggsdale said Comcast reached out to the town regarding a Franchise Agreement for cable services. **Town Attorney Miller** has looked at the franchise agreement. Tonight can be considered the first reading of the proposed Franchise Agreement and a public hearing can be had at the November 1 work session. Council only needs to direct staff to advertise for the Public Hearing.

Consensus was to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7 p.m.

2.) Lodging Tax Amendment for Short Term Rentals

<u>Description</u>: Discussion on an amendment to the Town Code for taxes on the gross proceeds arising from short-term rental property.

Town Manager Coggsdale said the Finance and Personnel Committee looked at this and the recommendation was to place this on the Council agenda. This amendment would allow for taxation on the STR. If it is so desired, staff can schedule a public hearing for the Council Work Session on November 1, 2021, at 7 p.m.

The consensus of Council was to schedule the Public Hearing.

Town Officer Reports:

Town Manager Coggsdale: In the absence of Interim Community Development Director Hilton, Town Manager Coggsdale read her report. Ms. Hilton had missed her college courses while attending the ICMA Conference in Portland, Oregon, so had to attend her class this evening. She reported to him that she went to several interesting classes at the conference.

Report: Reminder: Grilled Cheese + Tomato Soup Festival tickets are on sale now at the Visitor Center and will go on sale online on October 15th. Volunteers are needed and each volunteer receives a free tasting ticket so let **Ms. Hilton** know if interested.

RevUP has continued for five Strasburg businesses. The Community Advisory Team did not meet in September. As an update on VEDP, Virginia ranked 8th in Top States for Doing Business, 2nd in Workforce Development Programs, and 5th in Competitive Labor, Infrastructure, and Responsive Government. A tip from VEDP is to develop a robust site development program of Virginia shovel ready sites. Shenandoah County's Public Transit, ShenGO, began on October 4th. Route brochures will be delivered to a dozen Strasburg locations this month. Bus stop signs (both posts and yard signs) have been installed at 17 locations. The new date for WoW! is April 2022.

The Strasburg Visitor Center celebrated their 10th Anniversary on September 24th and welcomed 50 guests and had \$300 in sales.

Special September Events in Strasburg included Kids Night on September 4th, Harvest Festival on September 11th, and Carefest on September 18th. The monthly segment on The River 95.3, Strolling Strasburg, highlighted the Strasburg Police Department, Carefest, and community forums. Front Porch Friday partnership with the Strasburg Express team and Box Office Brewery are planned for 2022.

The Visitor Center welcomed 731 visitors in September, an average of 23.5 visitors per day, coming from 20 other states. From Virginia, there were 148 visitors (with 39 being from Strasburg). 16.5 percent of those toured the museum, and merchandise sales totaled \$1,808.77. Five new resident bags were given out.

The Tourism Council met September 21st. Discussed were the Faces of Tourism, 250th ShenCo Beer Collaboration, and a photo shoot covering fall foliage, vintage shopping, food/beverage, and hiking.

The new tennis/pickleball courts were completed at the beginning of September! Pickleball 101 classes were held on September $23^{rd}/26^{th}/29^{th}$ and the kickball season kicked off on September 12^{th} with seven teams, an increase from four in the summer season. A 3v3 adult basketball tournament was held on September 19^{th} . The Master Park Plan Implementation Team continues to move forward on multiple projects and the bike rack was installed in Strasburg Square.

Clerk of Council Keller: Reminded Council to complete their COIA training. Large Item Pickup will be held the week of October $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$. Requests must be emailed or phoned in by closed of business, 5 p.m., tomorrow, October 13^{th} .

Director of Finance Fletcher: Staff continues to prepare for the final audit visit scheduled for October $18^{th} - 20^{th}$. The findings will likely be presented at a meeting in December. The FY21 Annual financial Report will be made available in advance of the auditor's presentation.

Second half tax billing will be sent out at the end of October with a due date of Monday, December 6^{th} .

To provide an update on the DHCD COVID 19 Municipal Utility Relief Program, in our fall processing, we have received approximately six applications, totaling \$6,404.78 which brings our total utility customer assistance to \$20,294.40. This relief program will be ending in mid-November to allow time to closeout the program by year-end per state requirements.

Town Attorney Miller: Helm in attendance. Nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Pambid: Reported 29 zoning permits were issued for the month of September with 22 of these being townhouses in Cedar Spring Estates. The estimated project costs for the month was \$5,019,522 with year-to-date totals being \$5,331,991.

The BZA and ARB did not meet during September. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the STR ordinance. There are no applications for any boards for the month of October.

Council Member Monahan asked about the Pifer house. **P&Z Administrator Pambid** said he has not spoken to **Mr. Aikens** who had said he would reassess this when the leaves dropped; he will get back with **Mr. Aikens**.

In regard to O'Reilly's, **P&Z Administrator Pambid** said he has received contact from the architect in that they intend to do land disturbance in the next six weeks. They are currently revising the building plans. They asked for confirmation that they could proceed with land disturbance, and this will be done through Shenandoah County.

Chief Sager: Apologized for missing the last meeting as he was sick.

The department responded to 1,431 calls for service during the month of September, resulting in 20 adult criminal charges, zero juvenile criminal Charles, seven traffic violations, and Narcan was not used in September.

Happenings for the month of September included:

- 09/15/21 Captain Ford participated in the Day of Caring with United Way.
- 09/18/21 SPD officers served food at Cookout for a Cause.
- 09/18/21 SPD Officers assisted with and attended the Celebration of Life for **Corporal Thomas Wade Frazier** who was killed in the line of duty in Artesia, New Mexico.
- 09/19/21 SPD Officers played in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the town park.
- 10/13/21 SPD will be serving the Community Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The SPD Kickball team which won the summer league is currently sitting in first place in the league.

Vice Mayor Cherrix asked if there were any more reports of break-ins from last week. Chief Sager said they have a good lead as far as suspects. It was a juvenile. He is proud of the officers for thinking outside the box and going into the neighborhoods and being on foot.

Council Member Massoud said we heard testimony about a house that was vandalized. **Chief Sager** said the department is continuing to investigate this. Officers have been door to door and using home surveillance.

Interim Director of Community Development Hilton: (report given earlier by Town Manager Coggsdale).

Director of Public Works McKinley: The Water and Wastewater Plants are operating as expected. Most elements of the final punch list have been corrected and the Streetscape Phase III is nearly complete. Two drainage issues are being addressed by the contractor due to poor drainage on the project. One is at the west corner of Borden Lumber while the other is at the west corner of Valley Milk. Both have been through design and are awaiting materials to begin work. The Jalisco Storm Drain project is about 50 percent complete.

Last month, Public Works cleared six sewer backups, repaired six water leaks, and handled 38

meter service requests.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance and Personnel Committee: Chairperson Nicholson said the committee met on September 27. Discussed was how to fill vacancies on Boards and Commissions. This will be further discussed at a future meeting. Also discussed were holidays for employees and the adding of Veterans Day. The committee discussed Juneteenth with the State Holidays and not the town holidays. **Chairperson Nicholson** said she wanted to make sure Council knew that they discussed Juneteenth. Discussion was also held on the Round-up Program, Equal Pay, Arts and Tourism, and Smart Meters.

Infrastructure Committee: Chairperson Weaver said the committee met on September 21. **Director of Public Works McKinley** provided updates for items on the Projects List. The committee discussed the feasibility on the connector with Crystal Hill and making sure it is usable for four seasons. The brick wall was discussed with a recommendation of removal. The committee will meet when necessary.

Public Safety and Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Reynolds said the committee will be meeting on October 20th at 6 p.m. Members will be reviewing and getting updates on items on the projects list. The Strasburg Fire Department and the Strasburg Rescue Squad will provide updates and the bike ordinance will be on the agenda.

Recreation/Parks/Trails Committee: Vice Mayor Cherrix said the committee did not meet and he will try to set up a meeting for later this month.

Mayor Boies asked that all chairpersons set up one-on-one meetings with the staff contact of their committee when planning meetings.

Special Committee Reports:

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission: Council Member Weaver said the group met on September 23rd at Belle Grove, but he was unable to attend so had no report.

Outreach Council: Council Member Ricard said they are waiting to hear from VDOT about the Veteran's Day Parade on November 13.

<u>Planning Commission</u>: Council Member Reynolds said Ryan Homes brought forth the rear setback for Summit Crossing. The Planning Commission decided that they should put in an application for that amendment, but no application has been submitted as of now.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Council Member Nicholson encouraged all to put something on their Facebook pages about Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Massoud said if someone does not live in town, what is the exception, and the only exception is for the ARB and a person with expertise if no one within the Town has that expertise.

Council Member Reynolds said Saturday is the Charity Car Show. Traffic patterns will be affected. The silent auction will be held at the Box Office Brewery and the Jeep Convoy begins at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Boies said she will work with **Rev. Haynes** for dates for a Community Meal that Council can assist with.

Sandy Hook Elementary School is doing a Trunk or Treat on October 23. **Mayor Boies** said Council can participate as a group. The school is also asking for candy donations.

New Business:

Closed Meeting:

Council Member Weaver moved for the Strasburg Town Council enter into a closed meeting pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. The subject of the Closed Meeting is for follow-up on the appraisals for property on Borden Mowery Drive. Vice Mayor Cherrix offered the second to the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Council adjourned to a closed meeting at 8:44 p.m. Reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Boies said, "The Council of the Town of Strasburg hereby certifies by Roll Call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge (1)only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (2)only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council of the Town of Strasburg."

Each member should respond "I so certify" by Roll Call vote.

I so certify
I so certify

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.