



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the temporary Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 111 E. Danville Street, South Hill, Virginia 23970.

I. OPENING

Honorable Mayor Mike Moody called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Moody called upon Clerk of Council Leanne Feather to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Randy Crocker
Gavin Honeycutt
Michael Smith

Lillie Feggins-Boone
Delores Luster

Ashley Hardee
Carl Sasser, Jr.

Jenifer Freeman-Hite was absent.

B. Staff in Attendance

Keli Reekes, Town Manager
Leanne Feather, Admin. Asst./Clerk

Ryan Durham, Interim Chief of Police

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Feggins-Boone, to approve the agenda for January 12, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

At this time, the following citizen addressed Council:

- **Wade Crowder** commended Town staff, expressed concerns regarding comments made at the previous meeting about the Chamber of Commerce, inquired about the status of lighting installation at Parker Park, and commented on the holiday lighting contract at Centennial Park.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

- a. December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. December 15, 2025 Special Meeting

2. Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance and Administration Dahlis Morrow submitted the financial report as follows:

Petty Cash	\$700
Checking Accounts	\$2,351,305.54
Investments	\$29,045,789.14
Restricted/Committed Funds	\$2,597,811.34
Total of all Funds	\$33,995,606.02

A motion was made by Councilor Feggins-Boone, second by Councilor Luster, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Items for Approval

1. Town Manager Report

a. Town Hall Audio/Visual Upgrades

Town Manager Keli Reekes provided a refresher on previously discussed Town Hall audio-visual updates, particularly related to livestreaming Town Council meetings. Staff has been working with the Town's contracted third-party IT vendor and its partners to evaluate the existing system and develop a more efficient, long-term solution.

Mrs. Reekes explained that the goal is to reconfigure the current system, update equipment to meet current standards, and ensure the system can be managed and maintained by trained staff. As a result, staff received a proposal from Nexus Network Technologies to refresh the Town Hall data infrastructure at a cost of \$29,461, as well as a proposal from Smarter Systems to install public meeting room audio-visual equipment in the Council Chambers in the amount of \$167,138. She noted that, together, these upgrades would allow for reliable livestreaming and recording of Town Council meetings upon the Town's return to Town Hall. Funding for both proposals is available in the current FY26 budget.

Further discussion by Town Council included clarification from Mrs. Reekes regarding the age of the existing cabling, whether the proposed equipment would require additional staff to operate during meetings, the expected lifespan of the equipment and associated warranties, and concerns that livestreaming may discourage in-person attendance at meetings.

A motion was made by Councilor Hardee, second by Vice Mayor Honeycutt to accept the proposals from Nexus Network Solutions and Smarter Systems totaling \$196,599 to refresh the data infrastructure and install public meeting room A/V equipment at Town Hall as part of the restoration efforts. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

b. South Hill Town Council Code of Ethics

Mrs. Reekes reported that beginning this year and going forward, Town Council is asked to review and approve the Code of Ethics each January. She explained that the Town of South Hill Town Council Code of Ethics is intended to clearly outline expectations for ethical conduct and decision-making by Council members and to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust. Upon approval, each Council member is asked to sign and acknowledge the document as a reaffirmation of their commitment to ethical governance.

Further discussion by Town Council included Vice Mayor Honeycutt requesting that the Code of Ethics be displayed in the temporary Council Chambers, consistent with its display in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilor Luster, second by Councilor Hardee to approve the South Hill Town Council Code of Ethics as presented. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

C. Reports to Accept as Presented

For efficiency, the following reports for December 2025 were presented as a group to accept as presented.

1. Police Report

Interim Chief of Police Ryan Durham submitted the monthly police report. He reported there were 293 Activity incidents, 40 reportable criminal offenses, 672 calls for service, and \$4,019 in property recovered. Other miscellaneous items included 12 training hours and 7 warrants issued. Administrative news was shared.

2. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Michael Vaughan submitted the quarterly Fire Report. He reported the SHVPD responded to 418 alarm calls from July through December 2025. Calls responded to in Town were 249, within the county district were 164, and involving fire were 58. Mutual aid given was 50. Automatic aid received was 76. Training included vehicle extraction, apparatus, ground ladders, search and rescue, and EMT. Fundraising efforts included a raffle and t-shirt sales. Administrative news was shared.

3. Municipal Services Report

C.J. Dean submitted the Municipal Services report, providing updates on leaf collection, water leak repairs, current utility projects, and easement acquisitions.

4. Parks, Facilities and Grounds

Jason Houchins submitted the Parks, Facilities and Grounds report, providing updates on the Parker Park basketball court light installation, Town Hall updates, Parker Park field preparation planning, and Shalag Industry light repairs.

5. Code Compliance Report

a. Report of Activity

David Hash submitted the report of activity as follows:

Inspections Completed	43
Permits Issued	27
Fees Collected	\$11,474.47
UEZ Exemption	\$0
Rehab Exemption	\$0
General Exemption	\$0
Work Value	\$2,936,002.50

New business licenses in the Town of South Hill in December 2025:

Tobacco Road Country Grill	1312 W. Danville St.	Restaurant
Murphy US #7624	1145 E. Atlantic St.	Convenience Store and Gas Station

c. Dilapidated Properties

Along with the list of completed dilapidated properties, a report on the status of approximately 45 dilapidated properties was also presented.

6. Business Development Report

Brent Morris submitted the Business Development report, providing updates on business incentives, prospective new downtown businesses, commercial development, and insights from discussions with local real estate professionals regarding the current housing and rental markets.

7. Human Resources Report

Kristine Martin submitted the Human Resources report, providing details on the Town employee Christmas luncheon, congratulating Sgt. Paul Jones on 10 years of service with the South Hill Police Department, welcoming T.J. Jimmerson as a Detective with the South Hill Police Department, and outlining current job vacancies.

A motion was made by Councilor Luster, second by Councilor Hardee to approve the reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion included Councilor Smith addressing concerns regarding responses to citizen questions raised at the December 2025 meeting related to Hometown Christmas and the lighting contract. Vice Mayor Honeycutt reminded attendees of the Council meeting policy requiring citizen comments to be limited to three minutes and emphasized the importance of fairness. Councilor Luster reiterated the importance of maintaining respect for both Town Council and the public. Councilor Hardee addressed Councilor Smith in reference to his statements. Mayor Moody stated that, as a courtesy to citizens, he will allow speakers to complete their thoughts if they are in the middle of a statement when their allotted three minutes expire while addressing Town Council.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Leanne Feather, Clerk of Council

W.M. Moody, Mayor

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