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Town Council meets for its regular session on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard or having an item to be placed on the agenda should make their request to the Clerk of Council by the final Monday of the month preceding the meeting.

Pam Harlowe, Mayor
Ed Jarvis
Edward Kube
Roy McGehee
William Thomas
Tommy Runnett
Ti-Lea Downing, Town Manager
Andrea Erard, Town Attorney

Town of Mineral Council Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2021
7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Pam Harlowe, Edward Kube, Roy McGehee, David Lawson

TELECONFERENCE: Doswell Peters, Roy Payne

ABSENT: Ed Jarvis, Tom Runnett

STAFF MEMBERS: Ti-Lea Downing; Town Manager Ron Chapman, Town Employee

PUBLIC: Brian Thaler, Susan Bradford, Joe Bradford, Jessie Leake, Becky McGhee, Brianna and Josh Uhlman, Blair Nipper, Julie Smith, Sara Guerre, Chris Guerre

Special Session of Town Council RE: Motion to dissolve Town Charter

The Mayor opened the session with the Pledge Of Allegiance.

The floor was opened to remarks from the public.

Brian Thaler spoke against the referendum to dissolve the Town Charter. He stated he is shocked to hear that anyone would want to dissolve the town. He claimed this town is a diamond in the rough, gorgeous and wonderful. He raised the questions: How did this come up? What reasons were had for making the motion? He raised the question as to why we have had to appoint 3 members to the Council in rapid succession? Dissolving the Town Charter would destroy the small town community, it would eliminate the benefits of being a historic district, and would result in the Town becoming just another part of Louisa County.

Chris Guerre spoke to keep the Town of Mineral. He spoke passionately of seeing the town move forward, make progress and move in the right direction.

Blair Nipper spoke against the motion to dissolve the Town. She moved here recently and wants to see the town succeed. She spoke to the need to find revenue to increase what the Town Council is able to do for the Town. She raised questions on the legitimacy of the motion, and the process having already started without the knowledge of the Mayor. She spoke of the need for change, progress, and assuring that the Town Council be comprised of people who want to see the Town progress. Blair also raised the question as to why the two Council members who made the motion were not in attendance, and what ramifications were possible.

Roy Tate spoke against the referendum citing that this would destroy 120 years of history. He has lived here since 1958 and doesn't want to see the Town dissolved.

Julie Smith, owner of the Mineral Mercantile, also spoke against the motion.

Becky McGhee raised the issue regarding the absence of members who enacted the motion, and started the process, calling them cowards, and calling for people to get involved and make the necessary changes to the Council at our next election.

The Mayor spoke to the reasons cited for the motion, stating that it was thought the Town was diminishing, there was no plan, and that the Council did not provide any services to the Town. She went on to refute those charges by listing numerous examples of businesses in Town, trash and street lights, the Farmers Market, Post Office, etc. She spoke to her opposition to dissolve the Charter.

Roy McGehee spoke, stating that originally he voted for the annulment. After taking time to think about it plans to reverse his vote, calling for a motion to annul the process in the upcoming regular session on August 9th. He apologized for his original "yes" vote, and expressed his adulation that so many people were able to come out to the Special Session and make their voice heard.

David Lawson stated he is “unapologetically against the dissolution of the town”. He stated he is a “come here” but by design. He chose to reside in the Town of Mineral and does not want to see it dissolved. He stated it is hard to support something that doesn't exist.

Ed Kube spoke against the dissolution of the charter. He thanked everyone for coming out in support of the Town, and for speaking against the motion to dissolve the Town. He spoke of the potential for Louisa County to deem Mineral a Special Debt District, and charge the outstanding debt of the Town back to the taxpayers for up to twenty years.

The Mayor made closing remarks reiterating that no decisions could be made due to absent Council Members, but she was glad to see so many people at the meeting to get involved.

The Mayor closed the public meeting.