The town council meeting on **August 20, 2024** began with a quorum and closed session for personnel, real estate, and prospective business discussions. The council certified the closed meeting's compliance with Virginia law. Interviews for the clerk to treasurer position were initiated, and a Zoom meeting on the CIP plan and construction was scheduled for Friday. The CIP plan's completion is targeted for October, with a focus on water hookups and technicalities. The solar farm project is awaiting an easement from Dominion. The candidate forum for the upcoming council elections was proposed, with positive feedback from the community. The basement project is nearing completion, and the trunk or treat event is being planned.

Action Items

Conduct interviews for the position change from clerk to treasurer.

Provide an update on the CIP plan progress to Davin Poet and the council during a Zoom meeting on Friday.

Work on organizing the candidate forum for the council elections, including reaching out to Henry Hurt and his son Charlie to be the moderators.

Opening the Meeting and Establishing a Quorum

Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Mayor confirms a quorum with Paul, Mike, Wanda, Bob Garrett, and John.

Discussion on the need for closed session reasons, including real estate, prospective business, and HR.

Motion to close the session is made and seconded, with all members in agreement.

Certification of Closed Meeting and Return to Open Session

Bob Majure makes a motion for certification of the closed meeting, citing the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The motion is seconded and approved by all members.

Mayor announces the return to open session.

A moment of prayer is led by Gary Poindexter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interviews for Clerk to Treasurer Position

Mayor announces the start of interviews for the position change from clerk to treasurer.

Bob and Mayor will conduct the interviews, with updates to be provided as the process moves forward.

Mention of an upcoming Zoom meeting on Friday with Davenport and others regarding the CIP plan and construction.

Discussion on the complexity and timeline of the CIP plan, including water hookups and technicalities.

Solar Farm and Candidate Forum Updates

Mayor provides an update on the solar farm project, mentioning the last hurdle involving an easement with Dominion.

Discussion on the second solar farm project, with concerns addressed and updates expected by the next meeting.

Mayor proposes organizing a candidate forum similar to the previous year, with positive feedback from the community.

Planning for the trunk or treat event is mentioned, with expectations of 500-600 kids attending.

Basement Project and Public Updates

Mayor and Chief Lovelace discuss the progress of the basement project, with concrete work being affected by the weather.

Mayor mentions the successful contract with Sharp for the sharp printer service.

Paul Johnson appreciates the visibility and presence of the town officials, with positive feedback from citizens.

Mayor confirms the completion of the basement project within the next three to four weeks.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Mayor asks for any additional questions or updates from the public.

Gary Poindexter inquires about the progress of the basement project and any updates from Unicode.

Chief Lovelace provides an update on the basement project, mentioning ongoing concrete work and weather delays.

Mayor thanks everyone for their participation and adjourns the meeting at 7:12 PM.