

**PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Mayor:	Roy M. Gladding
Council Members:	Kay Carlton
	Kenneth A. Gillis
	Troy L. Balderson
	Anita J. Latane
Town Manager	Eric Pollitt
Town Clerk:	Patsy K. Scates
Town Attorney:	Diane M. Lank
Chief of Police:	James G. Ashworth, Jr.

ABSENT

Vice Mayor:	Marcia W. Jenkins
Council Member:	Fleet Dillard

A Public Hearing of the Town Council was held on June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tappahannock Municipal Building. The hearing was advertised in the Rappahannock Times for two consecutive weeks, May 25, 2022, and June 1, 2022, as required by the Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. *(This notice was also re-advertised in the June 8, 2022, edition)*

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following amendments Pursuant to Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to amend and re-enact Chapter 58 "Utilities" of the Tappahannock Town Code as follows:

Article II. Section 58-50 Bills

(C) The Town of Tappahannock will assess a late fee for water and sewer bills effective September 1, 2022. A late fee of 10% of the total outstanding balance will be added to delinquent bills when payment is not received by 4:30 P.M. on the due date. The 10% will be in addition to the amount due. All payments received after 4:30 P.M. are processed as the next business day's receipts subject to the 10% late fee, including online payments and drop box payments. Bills must be paid in full, including the late fee in order to prevent disconnection.

Mayor Gladding called the meeting to order.

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Gladding asked for any comments from the public.

Yvonne Vaughan asked the council members to consider giving the residents a grace period of ten to fifteen days since it is a two-month bill and she also asked if the ten (10) percent late fee was standard for this area.

Council Member Balderson asked Town Manager Pollitt what the timeline is from when a utility bill is sent to when its due date is.

Town Manager Pollitt stated that a resident currently has thirty days to pay the utility bill and we currently do not have a late fee penalty for late payments. He stated that after looking at other communities with our size in population the ten% penalty was standard.

Town Manager Pollitt stated that once the new meters are installed then residents will have access to more online friendly information about their account. He stated that by September 1, 2022, the new meters are expected to be installed. He stated that if the meters have not been fully installed by that anticipate date, and the council members adopt this ordinance then he would have the authority to delay in the enforcement of the late penalty fee until all the meters are installed and the new system is in place.

There was some discussion.

Mayor Gladding asked for any other comments.

There being none the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Track 96 - Public Hearing - June 13, 2022 (Late Fee 10%)


Roy M. Gladding, Mayor


Patsy K. Scates, Town Clerk