

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF VINTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 5:45 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VINTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 311 SOUTH POLLARD STREET, VINTON, VIRGINIA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bradley E. Grose, Mayor
Carolyn D. Fidler, Vice Mayor
Robert R. Altice
Matthew S. Hare
William W. Nance

STAFF PRESENT: Christopher S. Lawrence, Town Manager
Susan N. Johnson, Town Clerk
Consuella Caudill, Assistant Town Manager/Economic Development Manager
Mike Kennedy, Public Works Director
Joey Hiner, Assistant Public Works Director
Benjamin Cook, Police Chief

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. The Town Clerk called the roll with Council Member Altice, Council Member Hare, Council Member Nance, Vice Mayor Fidler, and Mayor Grose present.

Roll call

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and after a Moment of Silence, Mr. Altice led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

The Mayor indicated that the purpose of the special meeting is to appoint the new Chief of Police for the Town. He made brief comments about the tragedy at Virginia Tech today and how it emphasized the importance of our police departments and then called for the nomination.

Upon motion by Mr. Altice, seconded by Mr. Nance, with a 5-0 vote, Benjamin Cook was appointed the new Chief of Police.

Appointed Benjamin Cook as the new Police Chief

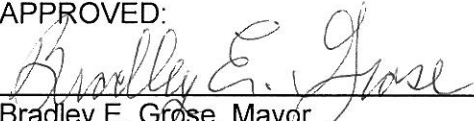
Police Chief Benjamin Cook expressed his appreciation for the appointment and made brief comments. Following Chief Cook's comments, Council Members and the Mayor made comments and expressed their congratulations.

The Town Manager congratulated Chief Cook and briefly explained the interview process from the initial advertisement to the final selection of Chief Cook.

The Mayor opened the floor for any comments and Amanda Overfelt congratulated Chief Cook on his appointment.

Upon motion by Mr. Hare, seconded by Mr. Nance, with a 5-0
vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



Bradley E. Grose, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan N. Johnson, Town Clerk