



Regular Meeting

March 9, 2026

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company – Banquet Hall

Available via Audio

Roll Call

Council members present: Sam Welch, Janic Welch, Ricky Taylor, Brad York, R. Wayne Marshall, Jr., Mark Layne

Staff present:

Lauren Lewis – Clerk

Michael McCready – Public Works Supervisor

Mayor Frank A. Russell II presiding

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Welch read a passage from John 11:49.

A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guest Presentation – Ellen Johnson, Greater Parksley Association

Ms. Ellen Johnson presented two requests regarding improvements to the pavilion including adding wood paneling with plastic panels above similar to the produce stand and constructing a brick grill near the pavilion doors facing the railroad. Council discussed chimney requirements and potential public use of the grill. The requests will be discussed further at a future work session.

Ms. Johnson also announced upcoming community events including Easter egg hunts, Old Fashioned Christmas scheduled for December 12 from 4–6 PM, and a traveling exhibit from the Virginia Museum of History and Culture to be displayed at the museum and library from October 9 through November 23 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.



Delmarva Legacy Run

A request was made to use the pavilion on May 2 from 2–6 PM for the Delmarva Legacy Run benefiting the American Legion Veterans and Children’s Foundation. The event will include food trucks, music, raffles, and a wreath-laying ceremony. Council approved the event with permitting details to be discussed at a future work session.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman York made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 regular meeting with correction to the signature line. Seconded by Councilman Marshall.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Councilman York made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Councilman Marshall.

The motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant Construction Update

Beecham Construction has been awarded the contract for the wastewater treatment plant renovation project. Submittals are being prepared for the engineer’s approval and construction is expected to begin in several weeks.

Water Storage System / Water Tower

Congresswoman Kiggans’ office has formally contacted the EPA requesting modification of the existing grant to allow rehabilitation of the water tower rather than construction of a new system.

Council Salary Discussion

A motion was made to increase the rates for council and mayor, effective beginning with the next term in January 2027. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Spay / Neuter Clinic Discussion



Council discussed a proposal from Northern Accomack Community Cats regarding a potential spay/neuter clinic location in town. The possibility of using the Scout House was discussed and will be reviewed further.

Car Show Request

Eastern Shore Cruisers and Off the Rails requested permission to hold another car show on May 9 similar to previous years using portions of the town parking lot.

Personnel Committee

Councilman Welch resigned as the third member of the Personnel Committee and made a motion to serve as the alternate member. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Policy Update

A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Lexipol for electronic police policy management at an annual cost of approximately \$2,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Update

Council approved an additional day of work on Country Street and Pine Street and complimented Public Works Supervisor Mike McCready on the work completed around town.

Fire Company Report

The Parksley Volunteer Fire Company reported 155 EMS calls and 68 fire responses in February including numerous calls during the Blizzard of 2026.

Radio System Update

Discussion was held regarding signal issues with the new radio system and improvements being explored including amplified chargers and weather-alert siren functionality.

Additional Discussion

Council discussed the possibility of exploring free public Wi-Fi in town as a revitalization initiative.



Adjournment

Councilman Marshall made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman York. The motion passed unanimously.

x Sam Welch

F. Samuel Welch, Vice Mayor

x Lauren A. Lewis

Lauren Lewis, Clerk

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