TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

PROPOSED SELLING AND GRANTING OF A FRANCHISE FOR AN ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA, AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2100 et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider approving an Ordinance proposing to sell and grant a franchise for an electric power transmission and distribution system throughout the Town of Vinton to AEP Appalachian Power.

In addition, the Town shall publicly receive bids for the proposed franchise for an electric power transmission and distribution system throughout the Town of Vinton from other providers. Interested parties shall submit bids in writing by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 to Susan N. Johnson, Town Clerk, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Any bids will be opened in public session and marked for identification by the Town Clerk. The cost of this advertisement shall be paid by the town which shall be reimbursed by the company to whom the franchise is granted. The town shall have the right to reject any and all bids and reserves this right in the advertisement.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed Ordinance by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva. gov by 12 Noon on Monday, January 4, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson, CMC Town Clerk