

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

Members absent: Beth A. Taylor

Others present: Town Manager T. Brian Freeman, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Mike Forrest, Donna Leonard, Nancy Martin, Kirk Chamberlain, Steve Kline, Glenda Crockett-Eans, Hope Reynolds, Patrol Officer Chastity Russell

RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE

In the absence of Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gillman.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Pattison presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2021. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2021, as presented. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Vice-Mayor Pattison advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that there are several citizens attending the meeting who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period.

Ms. Donna Leonard was recognized and stated that she resides at 530 East Monroe Street in Wytheville. She distributed a handout to each of the Council members depicting the traffic lights from 4th Street through 11th Street. Ms. Leonard continued to discuss her concerns regarding speeding and other traffic problems on particular streets in town. She noted that she discussed installing a 4-way Stop at Fifth Street with Police Chief Joel Hash, as well as more traffic lights on Monroe Street or Peppers Ferry Road to slow the traffic. Ms. Leonard inquired of the Council as to what it would take to get the speed sign permanently installed that shows a vehicle's speed instead of having the temporary police vehicle parked on a street to slow speed violators to a minimum. Discussion continued regarding traffic control. Town Manager Freeman thanked Ms. Leonard for her comments, and he noted that the Town receives multiple complaints daily regarding speeding, etc. throughout town. He noted that Police Chief Hash has instructed the Patrol Officers to be more visible, and the Police Department is warning citizens through social media and the speed spy trailer, that if caught speeding, motorists will receive citations. He also explained to Ms. Leonard that before the Town can install a traffic signal, the Town is required to meet the signal warrants, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will tell the Town if it meets those warrants before traffic signals are installed. Discussion continued regarding traffic signals. Town Manager Freeman advised that Town Staff would refer to the Public Works Committee to study speeding traffic on East Monroe Street and Peppers Ferry Road to determine if it warrants any traffic control devices. Ms. Leonard thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. Vice-Mayor Pattison thanked Ms. Leonard for her comments.

Mr. Kirk Chamberlain was recognized and stated that he resides at 495 East Monroe Street in Wytheville. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts in placing the speed car on Monroe Street to try to control the speeders. He stated that he also wanted to inform the Council that there is a water drainage issue near Seventh and Monroe Streets. Discussion ensued regarding the drainage issues. Mr. Chamberlain thanked the Council and Town Staff for their service. Vice-Mayor Pattison thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his comments.

Ms. Hope Reynolds was recognized and stated that she resides at 1030 Fisher Road in Wytheville. Ms. Reynolds explained that on August 12, 2021, when pulling into her driveway, she was almost hit by a motorcycle driver, who was crossing the hill on Fisher Road too fast. Town Manager Freeman advised that Town Staff is reviewing several alternatives for fixing the problem

on Fisher Road. Ms. Reynolds thanked Town Manager Freeman for Town Staff's efforts in resolving the problems. Vice-Mayor Pattison thanked Ms. Reynolds for her comments.

Ms. Donna Leonard inquired of the Council as to when the next Town Council meeting would be held. Vice-Mayor Pattison stated that the next Council meeting would be held on Monday, September 13, 2021. There being no one else who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, Vice-Mayor Pattison proceeded with the agenda.

RE: STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager Freeman presented the Staff Reports, and they were entered into the record as follows:

- A. Earlier this year, Town Treasurer Stephens engaged Carter Bank & Trust seeking a rate modification for the Town's 2014 General Obligation Bond. This was a \$5.2 million bond with an interest rate of 2.45 percent and a maturity date of February 1, 2030. Carter Bank & Trust has agreed to reduce the rate to 2.20 percent with the same maturity date. The rate modification will result in a savings to the Town, and it is recommended that, later in the meeting, the Council approve the resolution which is necessary as part of the refinancing process.
- B. On August 12, 2021, the Town received sealed bids for its annual milling and paving program. The low bidder was W-L Construction & Paving, Inc. with a total bid of \$618,299. This amount is within Town Staff's estimated budget, therefore, we have issued the Notice of Award and are awaiting the payment and performance bonds before finalizing the contract. This project is set for completion by October 15, 2021. The Staff Reports are attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Town Manager Freeman reported the following:

- 1. The New River Regional Water Authority will meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Water Plant in Austinville.
- 2. The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County will meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
- 3. The Joint Governing Bodies meeting scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., has been canceled.
- 4. The Town of Wytheville Municipal Offices will be closed and all services curtailed on Monday, September 6, 2021, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- 5. The Wytheville Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

RE: RESOLUTION – GENERAL BOND REFINANCING

Vice-Mayor Pattison advised that the next agenda item is to consider a resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to a bond and certain related documents, relating to an amendment of a bond issued in 2014. She noted that the bond is with Carter Bank & Trust, and if the Council concurs, it will be necessary to adopt this resolution as part of the refinancing process. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired if there is a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to a bond and certain related documents, relating to an amendment of a bond issued in 2014. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting by roll call in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RE: RESCHEDULING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Vice-Mayor Pattison advised that the next agenda item is to consider rescheduling the October 11, 2021, regular meeting of the Town Council due to the Columbus Day holiday. She inquired of Town Staff if this is normal practice when a holiday falls on a meeting day. Town Clerk Corvin stated that is correct. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired of the Council if there was a motion or consensus to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, October 12, 2021. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to reschedule the October 11, 2021, Town Council meeting to Tuesday, October 12, 2021, due to the Columbus Day holiday. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:30 p.m.).

Cathy D. Pattison, Vice-Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk