

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Town Manager T. Brian Freeman, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Paul Riggins, Tonya Riggins, Trevor Riggins, Jamie Riggins, Deputy Chief Gary Davenport

**RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE**

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

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2021; the request of Devoted To You to close Main Street, between First and Fourth Streets, on Friday, December 3, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., for a Christmas Festival with local businesses; the request of Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated to close Main Street from Withers Lane to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to West Spiller Street and West Spiller Street to Tazewell Street on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the Christmas Parade, and to close parking on Main Street, from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, for the festivities; and, the request of Open Door Café to conduct a Stuffed Strut 5K Run on Thursday, November 25, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m. 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 Gillman and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2021; the request of Devoted To You to close Main Street, between First and Fourth Streets, on Friday, December 3, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., for a Christmas Festival with local businesses; the request of Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated to close Main Street from Withers Lane to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to West Spiller Street and West Spiller Street to Tazewell Street on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the Christmas Parade, and to close parking on Main Street, from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, for the festivities; and, the request of Open Door Café to conduct a Stuffed Strut 5K Run on Thursday, November 25, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m., as presented. Mayor Taylor 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: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that there are no citizens attending the meeting who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, therefore, she would proceed with the agenda.

**RE: STAFF REPORTS**

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

- A. The 2021 Paving Program for the Town of Wytheville was originally set to be completed by October 15, 2021. Due to weather and other delays with the paving contractor, the paving schedule was delayed and is now set to begin on November 8, 2021. Paving should be completed in approximately two weeks with cooperative weather conditions. Motorists are reminded to use caution when approaching paving crews and to avoid areas being paved, whenever possible, to help ensure the safety of all involved.
  
- B. For several years, in an effort to enhance the local business environment and promote a healthy local economy, the Town of Wytheville has offered access to a variety of economic development incentives. These programs were designed to offset local meals taxes, lodging taxes, business license taxes, building permit fees and real property taxes, and to provide eligible businesses with access to additional state incentives programs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the declining revenues that resulted, these programs were suspended. On Monday, November 1, 2021, I met with Vice-Mayor Pattison and Councilman Bloomfield to discuss these programs and other financial matters. After over a year of monitoring revenues and considering the community's continuing development needs, it was recommended that all incentives programs, with the exception of the Façade Improvements Program, be reinstated under the current guidelines. It was also recommended that modified guidelines should be developed for the Façade Improvements Program, and that they be considered at a later date. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to reinstate the current Economic Development Incentives within the boundaries of the Town, with the exception of the Façade Program. It was noted that the current Façade Program should conclude with the facades for Anders Salon and the former Baldwin's building, and after the completion of the current Façade Program, Town staff was requested to create a new Façade Program for the Town Council's approval. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilwoman Atkins inquired of Town staff if the paving contractors placed CAUTION signs, in the areas of town where the paving is taking place, alerting citizens of the street paving. Town Manager Freeman noted that he would ask and report back to the Council. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion regarding the motion regarding the Façade Improvements Program. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None. The Staff Reports are attached and made part of these minutes.

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business, Town Manager Freeman reported the following:

- 1. Town Manager Freeman advised that the Council has before them a resolution referring to the Wytheville Planning Commission the request of James E. Crockett, III to rezone property located on the south side of West Ridge Road, and adjacent to West Lee Highway, from A-1 Agricultural to R-3 Residential. Discussion ensued regarding the reason for the resolution. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to approve a resolution referring to the Wytheville Planning Commission the request of James E. Crockett, III to rezone property located on the south side of West Ridge Road, and adjacent to West Lee Highway, from A-1 Agricultural to R-3 Residential.

Mayor Taylor 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: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

2. The Wytheville Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, due to the Veterans Day holiday.
3. The Town of Wytheville Municipal Offices will be closed and all services curtailed on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day.
4. The New River Regional Water Authority will meet on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Austinville Water Plant.
5. The next Council Work Session will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room.

#### **RE: APPOINTMENTS – RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the reappointment of Ms. Glenda Salerno to the Wytheville Recreation Commission (term expires December 31, 2021). Mayor Taylor noted that Ms. Salerno is eligible for reappointment and has indicated a willingness to serve again, if reappointed. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to reappoint Ms. Glenda Salerno to the Wytheville Recreation Commission for a three year term, which expires December 31, 2024. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to reappoint Ms. Salerno. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

#### **RE: RESOLUTION**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a resolution commending George Wythe High School Team Member Benson Blevins for winning the State Golf Tournament. She explained that the resolution would need to be adopted, and, afterwards, it will be delivered to the high school to Mr. Blevins. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to adopt a resolution commending George Wythe High School Team Member Benson Blevins for winning the State Golf Tournament. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

#### **RE: DISPENSING WITH MEETING**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is dispensing with the December 27, 2021, Town Council meeting due to the Christmas holidays. She noted that this has been the custom in the past. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to dispense with meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to dispense with the December 27, 2021, Town Council meeting due to the Christmas holidays. Mayor Taylor 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: Beth A. Taylor, 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 (7:12 p.m.).

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Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk