

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert

Members absent: None

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, First Sergeant Joey Hash, Police Officer Chris Irvin, Justin Harmon with Wytheville Enterprise, John Brinker, Edmund Pendleton, Agnes Eades

RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, INVOCATION, PLEDGE

Mayor Crewe called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The invocation was given by Councilman Jones followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor King.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2007; the request of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Teams for issuance of a raffle permit for 2007; the request of Scott Memorial Middle School for issuance of a raffle permit for 2007; and the request of the George Wythe After Prom Committee for a special exception facility use permit for the After Prom on April 28-29, 2007. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2007; the request of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Teams for issuance of a raffle permit for 2007; the request of Scott Memorial Middle School for issuance of a raffle permit for 2007; and the request of the George Wythe After Prom Committee for a special exception facility use permit for the After Prom on April 28-29, 2007. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – JETBROADBAND VA, LLC FRANCHISE

Mayor Crewe stated the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider an ordinance of the Town Council creating for JetBroadband VA, LLC, doing business as JetBroadband, a new franchise granting permission to construct, operate and maintain a cable system upon, along, across, over, and under the streets and public rights of way of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia. He noted he is not suggesting that Mr. Brinker has to speak to this matter. Mayor Crewe advised that no one else had indicated on the sign up sheet that they desired to address the Council, and Mr. Brinker had indicated that he would speak, if needed. He inquired if there are persons present who wished to address the Town Council during the public hearing. Mayor Crewe stated the Council will be glad to hear from Mr. Brinker, but as he has stated, it is not required for Mr. Brinker to speak.

Mr. Brinker stated he would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to speak. He noted that he talked to Town Manager Sutherland about a couple of things last week when he was in town. Mr. Brinker advised that there will be mappers in the town this week starting the mapping. He noted they will be putting together the fiber information to build this system to 860 megahertz, which will be a state of the art system when they get it finished. Mr. Brinker remarked that they will be offering high speed data, additional cable service, high definition television, and, hopefully, at some point, voice over the internet within 12 months. He stated they are excited to be in the area. Mr. Brinker remarked that something else he needs to bring to the Council's attention that Rapid Cable did not do is the State legislators, last year, enacted a bill that went into effect January 1, that requires them to collect a right of way fee that is payable on a month-to-month basis to the Virginia Department of Transportation. He explained it is for uses of their facilities and services through VDOT's highways, and it not only applies to cable television services, but to telephone companies and satellite services as well. Mr. Brinker indicated that within that bill that passed last year, satellite companies and cable systems have to pay the State a five percent franchise fee, and this goes to the State, and noted he believes it comes back. Town Manager Sutherland advised Mr. Brinker that no one has figured this all out. Mr. Brinker indicated that they are still trying to sort this out. Mayor Crewe remarked that there are some exceptions and loopholes in parts of this that are still being considered. Mr. Brinker

advised that he is on the board of the cable association in the State, and they are trying to circumvent some of the pass-throughs to their customers. He inquired if there are any other questions, and advised he will be more than happy to address them. Mayor Crewe thanked Mr. Brinker for his comments, and inquired if anyone has any questions for Mr. Brinker. Town Manager Sutherland requested Mr. Brinker to tell the Council what he told him about high definition televisions, and noted he did not really know what it is, how it is going to work, or where it is headed in 2008. Mr. Brinker explained that JetBroadband is offering high definition services, which are going to be the next level of technology for cable operators and satellite operators, and noted that video operators is probably a better term for it. He stated that as of July 2008, the government has mandated that everyone has to have a television tuner in their home that is capable of receiving compression signals, high definition, or digital cable services. Mr. Brinker indicated that what the government is doing is taking back the spectrum that the broadcasters have so they can auction this off. He reiterated that as of 2008, everybody is going to need to have some type of tuner to pick up digital compressed signals, whether it is through their company, through satellite, or over the air. Mr. Brinker stated the cable companies are trying to stop this. He explained that there are 300 million television sets in this country. He noted he cannot see his grandmother or grandfather going down to Wal-Mart and buying a television set and trying to figure out how this is going to work, when all they want is a 12 off air channel and analog television set. Mr. Brinker indicated that JetBroadband is preparing themselves for this so they will have that available to their customers as that compression technology happens. He noted their goal is to do that regardless of what the government states. Mr. Brinker noted they are going to have a year and one half to get all of those channels, and they will be digital simulcast from their facility. Mayor Crewe thanked Mr. Brinker for his comments. He inquired if there are any other questions or comments, or if there are others who wished to address the Town Council during the public hearing. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe noted the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He advised that no one signed up to speak during Citizens' Period. Mayor Crewe remarked that unless he is missing something, he would proceed with the agenda.

Mayor Crewe stated that unless someone objects, he is going to skip the Committee Reports for the time being and move on to the ordinances. Councilman Jones inquired regarding Old Business. Mayor Crewe answered that he will come back to it. He stated what he would like to do is skip on the agenda to item J-2, which is the ordinance for the JetBroadband franchise. Mayor Crewe noted that after this item, he would move down to agenda item L-2. He remarked that unless someone objects, these are the things that people who are attending the meeting are interested in hearing. He advised he does not hear any objections, so he is now moving to the ordinances listed on the meeting agenda.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1208 – EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1208, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 10, Planning and Development of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, by amending Article IV, Erosion and Sediment Control, on second reading. He noted this would amend the erosion and sediment control regulations to bring them into compliance with State law. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to approve Ordinance No. 1208, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 10, Planning and Development of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, by amending Article IV, Erosion and Sediment Control, on second, but not final, reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1208 was approved on second, but not yet final, reading.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1209 – JETBROADBAND VA, LLC FRANCHISE

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1209, an ordinance of the Town Council creating for JetBroadband VA, LLC, doing business as JetBroadband, a new franchise granting permission

to construct, operate, and maintain a cable system upon, along, across, over, and under the streets and public rights of way of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first reading. He stated the recommendation and the motion is that it be adopted on first and final reading. A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 1209, an ordinance of the Town Council creating for JetBroadband VA, LLC, doing business as JetBroadband, a new franchise granting permission to construct, operate, and maintain a cable system upon, along, across, over, and under the streets and public rights of way of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to grant the 15-year franchise. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1209 was adopted on first and final reading. Town Manager Sutherland inquired if in this regard, if the Council could discuss the lease.

RE: JETBROADBAND LEASE

Town Manager Sutherland presented the lease that was with Rapid Cable and noted there have been a few modifications. Town Manager Sutherland advised that he and Mr. Brinker met Thursday afternoon and discussed this. He explained that this is for the lease of a piece of land on Sand Mountain on which JetBroadband has a tower that is part of their operations. Town Manager Sutherland advised that the lease mentions, and noted he was hoping to get this done today, a leased parcel that is described in Exhibit A, and reiterated that this exhibit did not get completed. He explained that he thinks both Committees had the opportunity to briefly review this lease. Town Manager Sutherland inquired of Mr. Brinker, if he understands correctly, if they are going to close sometime shortly and would need this lease as a part of their closing package. Mr. Brinker answered that they are looking at closing on February 22, 2007. Town Manager Sutherland indicated that, if possible, if the Council could adopt this lease or adopt it and authorize the Mayor to execute it once the Town gets it in a final form and has the plat prepared, it would probably be beneficial to JetBroadband. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger to approve the lease with JetBroadband and to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease as soon as it is in final form with the plat attached. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: WALL OF HONOR CIVIC MONUMENT HONOREES

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is to consider the recommendation of the Wall of Honor Committee regarding honorees to the Wall of Honor Civic Monument. He noted the recommendation is to add two names to the Civic Monument, and they are Benny Dean Burkett and Ralph Carter Whitt. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the recommendation of the Wall of Honor Committee to add the names of Benny Dean Burkett and Ralph Carter Whitt to the Wall of Honor Civic Monument. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT – VIRGINIA RECYCLING

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request of Virginia Recycling for a special exception permit to operate a recycling center at 1290 West Pine Street, which is located on the north side of Pine Street between 22nd and 24th Streets, in a B-2 Business District. He noted the Council found the recommendation at their seats when they arrived at the meeting from the Planning Commission who held their meeting on Thursday night that this special exception permit be granted with the four stipulations set forth in the recommendation. Mayor Crewe explained that the Council would, likewise, need to hold a public hearing, which could be held on March 12, 2007. Mayor Crewe inquired if anyone has any objections to hold the public hearing on March 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. There being no opposition, it was the consensus of the Town Council to schedule a public hearing for the Council meeting of March 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request of

Virginia Recycling for a special exception permit to operate a recycling center at 1290 West Pine Street, which is located on the north side of Pine Street between 22nd and 24th Streets, in a B-2 Business District.

Mayor Crewe stated he thought these were the items that most people attending the meeting were interested in. He noted everyone is welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The Public Works Committee will meet on Wednesday morning of this week rather than on Tuesday morning. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on its regular day, which is Thursday.
2. Next week, the Public Works Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20, and there was discussion about the potential for the Budget and Finance Committee to meet on Wednesday morning, February 21.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee has been approached by two department heads concerning the need for line item revisions within their departmental budgets. She noted that first, Director of Public Information/Tourism Rosa Jude has requested that her budget be amended by \$15,000 to reflect a \$15,000 grant secured by the Blue Ridge Travel Association to be used for the installation of fiber optic service in the new Community Center. Vice-Mayor King stated that secondly, Director of Public Works Dennis Hackler has requested that the monies received from the sale of surplus equipment totaling \$11,631.50 be placed in the budget for different line items. She advised that first, Director of Public Works Hackler would request that \$7,950.00 be placed in the budget for the new Community Center, \$2,000.00 be placed in the budget for Snow and Ice Removal, and \$300.00 be placed in the Horticulture budget with the remaining \$1,381.50 placed in the Snow and Ice Capital Purchase category for the purchase of a new snow plow. Vice-Mayor King remarked that the Committee believes that both of these requests are valid, and it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Council approve the request of both department heads for these budget revisions. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the request from Director of Public Information/Tourism Rosa Jude and Director of Public Works Dennis Hackler for line item revisions to their departmental budgets. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Vice-Mayor King also reported that their Committee noted in a prior meeting that it was time to renegotiate a contract for the Town's auditing services. She remarked that for the past number of years, the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates has performed the auditing services for the Town. Vice-Mayor King advised that the Committee has negotiated the value of the audit for the coming year and has received a price of \$17,000. She indicated that this price is slightly more than the Town is currently paying, which is \$14,500, but the auditors have noted there are additional services required to meet State auditing standards. Vice-Mayor King noted the Town has always been pleased with the services provided by Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates and would recommend that the Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract for \$17,000 for the auditing of the Town's financial statements for fiscal year 2006-2007. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract for \$17,000 for the auditing of the Town's financial statements for fiscal year 2006-2007 with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. Councilman Jones inquired if there is anything in the contract about a penalty for not submitting the required paperwork on time. Town Manager Sutherland noted that Town staff could ask about this issue. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Town could renegotiate the contract. He stated that in fairness to Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates, the Town of Wytheville was not the only one they were late submitting the information for. Councilman Jones advised that he understands this. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any other discussion on the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Vice-Mayor King reported that the Committee would note, briefly, that the budget development process for fiscal year 2007-2008 is under way. She advised that department heads are now in the process of preparing information on their operational budgets for the following year. Vice-Mayor King stated that for the next meeting, it is anticipated that the Committee will propose an adoption schedule for the Council to consider. She explained that the Committee would anticipate that it would be similar to prior years, but do want to review this one more time prior to proposing a schedule for adoption. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Weisiger, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that on January 11, 2007, there was a meeting of the Homestead Advisory Board. He indicated that at this meeting, the Board reviewed and adopted an operating agreement between the Friends of the Homestead Museum and the Town of Wytheville. Councilman Weisiger explained that generally, the agreement provides for the general operational aspects of the Homestead Property and contains information with regard to financial management policies and guidelines for the operational matters regarding the Friends of the Homestead Museum. He stated that both Committees have had the opportunity to review this agreement, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the "Operating Agreement Between the Town of Wytheville and the Friends of the Homestead Museum," which is attached, be adopted. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger and seconded by Councilman Lambert that the Town Council adopt the "Operating Agreement Between the Town of Wytheville and the Friends of the Homestead Museum" and that the Mayor be authorized to execute it. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Councilman Weisiger also reported that as the Council is aware, Crown/Wytheville, L.L.C. is currently preparing a site on North Fourth Street that will be used for various retail activities. He explained that in the latter part of 2006, the Council approved an agreement where a portion of Tazewell Street is to be abandoned in exchange for the dedication of a new right of way for Tazewell Street including the improvement needed to reconstruct the most northern section of Tazewell Street. Councilman Weisiger advised that excavation activities are currently under way on either side of Tazewell Street, and, in the near future, there will be a period of time when the new section of Tazewell Street is being constructed. He explained that during that period of time, it will be necessary for Tazewell Street to be closed to vehicular traffic. Councilman Weisiger stated that another issue that relates to this development is the need for drainage structures on Town-owned property. He indicated that the Town owns a parcel of property on the southernmost border of the Crown Development property that is bound by Tazewell Street and North Fourth Street. Councilman Weisiger advised that in order to install these drainage structures, it is necessary for Crown Developers to obtain a drainage easement from the Town of Wytheville. He noted the easement is attached, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the easement be approved. Mayor Crewe inquired if this easement would be signed by Town Manager Sutherland or himself or if it matters. Town Manager Sutherland advised that he is unsure as to who is supposed to sign the easement. Mayor Crewe noted that the easement is blank and does not note who is supposed to sign it. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger and seconded by Councilman Lambert that the Town Council approve the drainage easement with the Crown Developers and that the document be signed by the appropriate Town official. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. Councilman Weisiger noted that when Tazewell Street is ready to be closed, the Town will need to make an advanced notice somehow to the public. He inquired if the Town will receive some advance notice from the Crown Developers. Town Manager Sutherland answered that the Town has told the Crown Developers that they want a notice because the Town wants to erect several signs, and there will be some signs that need to be relocated. He stated the Town knows that somewhere in this part of town, notice will have to be given to people to not be using Tazewell Street. Town Manager Sutherland reiterated that there will have to be signs erected. He noted that the other item to consider is the Visitors Center, and people are going to have to come down Fourth Street and in the back way. Councilman Weisiger explained that at this last meeting they were at for the Homestead Advisory Board, they were very interested in having some advance notice for this. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Crown Developers have been good to work with so far. Town Manager Sutherland stated that thus far, the Crown Developers have been good to work with. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is the notification of appointment or reappointment to the Wytheville Planning Commission to fill the expiring term of Mr. Kenny Ervin whose term expires March 2, 2007. He noted that Mr. Ervin is eligible for reappointment and has indicated his willingness to serve again. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Lambert to reappoint Mr. Kenny Ervin to the Wytheville Planning Commission. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is the notification of appointment or reappointment to the Board of Architectural Review to fill the expiring term of Mrs. Susan Zammit whose term expires February 23, 2007. He advised that Mrs. Zammit is eligible for reappointment. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to reappoint Susan Zammit to the Board of Architectural Review. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Mayor Crewe inquired if these members are recommended to the Circuit Court for appointment. Councilman Jones advised that is not correct, and these members are appointed by the Town Council.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:25 p.m.).

Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

Sharon P. Hackler, MMC, Clerk of Council

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

1. We have been approached by two department heads concerning the need for line item revisions within their departmental budgets. First, Director of Public Information/Tourism Rosa Jude has requested that her budget be amended by \$15,000 to reflect a \$15,000 grant secured by the Blue Ridge Travel Association to be used for the installation of fiber optic service in the new Community Center. Secondly, Director of Public Works Dennis Hackler has requested that the monies received from the sale of surplus equipment totaling \$11,631.50 be placed into his operating budget for different line items. First, he would request that \$7,950.00 be placed in the budget for the new Community Center, \$2,000.00 be placed in the budget for Snow and Ice Removal, and \$300.00 be placed in the Horticulture budget with the remaining \$1,381.50 placed in the Snow and Ice Capital Purchase category for the purchase of a new snow plow.

We believe that both of these requests are valid, and it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that we approve the request of both department heads for these budget revisions.

2. Our Committee noted in a prior meeting that it was time to renegotiate a contract for our auditing services. For the past number of years, the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates has performed the auditing services for the Town.

We have negotiated the value of the audit for the coming year and have received a price of \$17,000. This price is slightly more than we are currently paying, which is \$14,500, but the auditors have noted that there are additional services required to meet State auditing standards. We have always been pleased with the services provided by Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates and would recommend that we authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract for \$17,000 for the auditing of the Town's financial statements for fiscal year 2006-2007.

3. We would note, briefly, that the budget development process for fiscal year 2007-2008 is under way. Department heads are now in the process of preparing information on their operational budgets for the following year. For the next meeting, it is anticipated that we will propose an adoption schedule for the Council to consider. We would anticipate that it would be similar to prior years, but do want to review this one more time prior to proposing a schedule for adoption.

Jacqueline K. King

John W. Jones, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

1. On January 11, 2007, there was a meeting of the Homestead Advisory Board. At this meeting, the Board reviewed and adopted an operating agreement between the Friends of the Homestead Museum and the Town of Wytheville. Generally, the agreement provides for the general operational aspects of the Homestead Property and contains information with regard to financial management policies and guidelines for the operational matters regarding the Friends of the Homestead Museum. Both Committees have had the opportunity to review this agreement, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the "Operating Agreement Between the Town of Wytheville and the Friends of the Homestead Museum," which is attached, be adopted.
2. As the Council is aware, Crown/Wytheville, L.L.C. is currently preparing a site on North Fourth Street that will be used for various retail activities. In the latter part of 2006, the Council approved an agreement where a portion of Tazewell Street is to be abandoned in exchange for the dedication of a new right of way for Tazewell Street including the improvements needed to reconstruct the most northern section of Tazewell Street. Excavation activities are currently under way on either side of Tazewell Street, and, in the near future, there will be a period of time when the new section of Tazewell Street is being constructed. During that period of time, it will be necessary for Tazewell Street to be closed to vehicular traffic.

Another issue that relates to this development is the need for drainage structures on Town-owned property. The Town owns a parcel of property on the southernmost border of the Crown Development property that is bound by Tazewell Street and North Fourth Street. In order to install these drainage structures, it is necessary for Crown Developers to obtain a drainage easement from the Town of Wytheville. The easement is attached, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the easement be approved.

William B. Weisiger

H. Judson Lambert