

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members absent: Jacqueline K. King

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, Patrol Officer John Humphrey, Stephanie Porter-Nichols with Wytheville Enterprise, 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. He noted that Vice-Mayor King will not be attending the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Weisiger followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Lambert.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2004; the request of Wythe County for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Gym on October 12, 2004, and November 10, 2004, for Student Government Day; the request of the Joint Public Service Authority for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Bingo Room on December 8, 2004, for a meeting; the request of the Mount Rogers Community Services Board for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Bingo Room for October 9, 2004, for an "End of Summer Bash for Clients"; and the request of George Wythe High School to conduct a homecoming parade on September 29, 2004. A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Lambert to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2004; the request of Wythe County for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Gym on October 12, 2004, and November 10, 2004, for Student Government Day; the request of the Joint Public Service Authority for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Bingo Room on December 8, 2004, for a meeting; the request of the Mount Rogers Community Services Board for waiver of fee for use of the Community Center Bingo Room for October 9, 2004, for an "End of Summer Bash for Clients"; and the request of George Wythe High School to conduct a homecoming parade on September 29, 2004. 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., John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe inquired if there are persons present who wish to address the Council during Citizens' Period. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, the following was reported:

1. Councilman Jones inquired as to what the Council finally decided about the citizens who are placing their brush, leaves, and grass out in the street. He inquired if the Town is still picking this up. Councilman Weisiger stated that citizens are continuing to place their yard debris in the street. He noted that the Town has been issuing them warnings. Mayor Crewe noted he understands that some tickets have been written. Town Manager Sutherland noted he has a packet of information for the Public Works Committee to review at their meeting in the morning. He stated the Town is prepared to issue tickets. Councilman Jones remarked that he came home, and thought it must have been an accident, but someone dumped in front of his pile of leaves, which is on the bank, two large piles of leaves. He noted he raked it up because he did not think it looked good. Town Manager Sutherland stated that the Public Works Committee will discuss this matter at their meeting in the morning.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Jones, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated the Committee received a report this week from Town Treasurer Mike Stephens who reported that the

Town had received all of the information from the Commissioner of Revenue needed to prepare tax tickets for real estate, personal property, and machinery and tools. He advised that Mr. Stephens noted that the information had been entered into the computer, and he anticipated that tax tickets would be mailed on September 30th. Councilman Jones stated that Mr. Stephens noted that, preliminarily, it would appear that the estimated revenues generated by property taxes were going to be relatively close to what was anticipated. He remarked that Mr. Stephens advised that real estate and personal property taxes were up slightly, while revenue from machinery and tools had declined slightly. Councilman Jones stated that Mr. Stephens noted, however, that the net result of all property taxes would be relatively close to what was budgeted. He remarked that property tax tickets were mailed as early as possible in the past few years to give citizens the opportunity to have a more lengthy time in which to pay their taxes, which are all due on December 15th. Councilman Jones noted that Town citizens are lucky the tax tickets are issued in the fall and not in the spring. Mayor Crewe stated he agreed.

Councilman Jones also reported that at the last meeting of Council, the Committee had discussed incentives that would be offered by the Town in the Enterprise Zone that was being proposed for Progress Park. He stated the Joint Industrial Development Authority had been developing the data, mapping, etc. to make application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, which would designate Progress Park as an Enterprise Zone. Councilman Jones explained that an Enterprise Zone is a specially designated district where new businesses and industries can receive certain financial incentives for the creation of new jobs. He stated that this past week, the state notified Wythe County that they had terminated, on a statewide basis, the application process for this year and would not receive any applications at all. Councilman Jones advised that the state did note they anticipate having another application process in the upcoming year. He remarked that, hopefully, much of the data that had been entered to date will still be usable when the application cycle comes up again next year. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Weisiger, reporting for the Public Works Committee, reported that the Committee met last week with Mr. Randy Martin, the Executive Director of the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, who asked that they consider designating a "No Parking" zone along the street at two of the Housing Authority's residential sites. He advised that the two sites Mr. Martin identified were the site at Union and 24th Streets and the site at Pine and 24th Streets. Councilman Weisiger stated that Mr. Martin noted there was ample parking space available for residents and visitors within each of these complexes, and indicated he would prefer that residents and visitors use the designated spaces rather than parking along the roadway. He advised that the Committee visited both of these sites and would like to continue to review this inquiry and have additional discussions with the Housing Authority Board. Councilman Weisiger stated the Committee agrees that it, potentially, could help the aesthetics of the perimeter of the Housing Authority sites with the new parking restrictions, but the Committee also sees that there may be a certain convenience to the existing residents. He remarked that the Committee would anticipate that they will have a recommendation for the Council by their next meeting.

Councilman Weisiger also reported that at the June 28th meeting of Council, the Committee recommended, and the Council subsequently approved, a resolution in lieu of moratorium on new cellular tower construction pending the Town's development of a new ordinance regulating the location of new cellular towers. He advised that the resolution the Town has in place at present will expire September 28th, and it is necessary that the Council extend this current interim application process some additional time until the Town has completed the process of adopting the new cellular tower regulations. Councilman Weisiger advised that the new regulations have been developed, and once they have been reviewed by the Town Attorney, they can be placed on the Council's agenda for adoption. He stated it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the current resolution be amended, extending its effective date until December 28, 2004. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger and seconded by Councilman Lambert to approve the resolution adopting an interim application process for wireless telecommunications facilities in lieu of moratorium. Mayor Crewe stated this resolution will extend the effective date until December 28, 2004. 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., John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: HOMESTEAD MUSEUM/VISITORS CENTER DEDICATION

Mayor Crewe stated he would like to congratulate the Museum Department and the Tourism Department on a successful Homestead Museum/Visitors Center dedication held on Saturday. He noted it was well attended and a job well done.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. (7:08 p.m.).

Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

Sharon P. Hackler, CMC, Clerk of Council

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