

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members absent: John W. Jones, Jr.

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Police Officer John Claypool, Dale E. Hartley, Beth Marcotte, Eric Crowgey, Lisa Crowgey, Pat Snapp, Becky Grubb

**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 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 25, 2006. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2006. 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, William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Crewe stated the next item on the agenda is Citizens' Period. He noted that Ms. Beth Marcotte has indicated that she would like to speak to the Council regarding the Wythe Grayson Regional Library.

Ms. Beth Marcotte was recognized and stated that she is attending the meeting because the Wythe Grayson Regional Library is still closed on Mondays. She advised that as long as the library is closed on Mondays, she will be seeing the Council at any of their meetings. Ms. Marcotte indicated that she understands this matter is on the agenda at this meeting, and advised she is looking forward to hearing some good news. She thanked the Council for listening to her comments. Mayor Crewe explained that the news Ms. Marcotte is going to hear is that the Town is trying to schedule a meeting with the Town of Rural Retreat and Wythe County, and advised that she will hear this from the Budget and Finance Committee. He noted that the Council is still pursuing this matter. He thanked Ms. Marcotte for attending the meeting.

Mayor Crewe noted that Mr. Eric Crowgey had a question mark beside his name and advised that he did not know if he wanted to address the Council regarding the artisans center. He advised that if Mr. Crowgey wants to address the Council, they will be glad to hear from him.

Mr. Eric Crowgey was recognized and stated he lives at 465 Richdale Road, Wytheville. He advised that he and his wife, Lisa, represent the Hobert N. Grubb building in downtown Wytheville. Mr. Crowgey noted that, presently, they are pursuing opening the artisans center in 30-45 days. He remarked that they have been in discussion with Director of Museums Frances Emerson. Mr. Crowgey explained that Mrs. Emerson has given them a list of names. He stated that the first e-mail went out today, and the letters are to be sent out tomorrow. Mr. Crowgey advised that they heard there was something on the agenda at this meeting about the artisans center. He noted that they were kind of under the impression that the Town was kind of at a standstill on this matter, and it was probably not going happen for awhile. Mr. Crowgey stated, therefore, with Hobert N. Grubb moving out of the Main Street level of that building and moving into the basement level, they felt this would be an opportunity to keep that part of Main Street alive, and, therefore, they are pursuing it, and, hopefully, opening up possibly 18 stalls/slots in that building. He advised that this is their intention. Mr. Crowgey indicated that it may come about kind of crudely and roughly at first because they are doing something new, but right now, this is their plan. Mr. Crowgey noted that when they heard the agenda for this meeting, they are kind of hesitant to move forward because if the Town is going to jump in and do this, it is going to be hard for a private enterprise, like them, to accomplish this. He stated they are hoping out of 54 names of Wythe and Bland County artisans who are actively seeking rental space, and this is what it will be is rental space, and noted they are not asking for a commission on any of this, that they will be able to get 18 people to go through, especially the Christmas season, and

get the artisans center jump started. Mr. Crowgey remarked that he did not know where the Town will be with that, but this is their intention and what they have planned. He stated they have met a couple of times with Mrs. Frances Emerson with the Town, and she has provided them with the feasibility study that was completed with the grant money. Mayor Crewe indicated that where the Town is with this, and noted that anyone on Council can comment if they desire, but what they will hear at this meeting from the Budget and Finance Committee is to pursue, unless someone objects, whatever grant money and funding is available. He remarked that there are kind of two pieces in that consultant study. Mayor Crewe noted one part is simply the artisans' sale bazaar and this is one of the terms he has heard, and it is kind of a marketplace idea, which is what Mr. Crowgey just elaborated on. He explained that the other piece is a performing arts center where there would be some sort of a stage, seating, lighting, etc. Mayor Crewe noted that the report indicates that both of those would be very difficult to do separately, but they may work together. He stated this is basically as far as the Town has gotten, and the Town is trying to investigate the possibilities and see what can and cannot be funded, and what is and is not available. Mayor Crewe advised that he thinks he can speak for Council in stating that he is glad Mr. and Mrs. Crowgey are working on this, and if they are working with Director of Museums Emerson, they know everything the Council knows. He indicated that he did not know that Mr. and Mrs. Crowgey were this far along until now. Mayor Crewe stated that he did not think the Town is going to be doing anything that is going to work at cross purposes or slow the Crowgeys or interfere with anything they are trying to do. He stated that at this point, it is kind of a warm fuzzy idea that they are trying to get some handles on, and, in fact, get a better development. Mayor Crewe reiterated that he did not think the Town would be doing anything that works at cross purposes from his interpretation of what he has seen so far. He noted that what the Crowgeys are doing would not interfere with the Town, and what the Town is doing would not interfere with what the Crowgeys are doing. Mr. Crowgey indicated that his bottom line is they do not want to pay a mortgage. Mayor Crewe stated that he understands this. He noted the Town has to make the artisans center pay for itself, too. Mr. Crowgey noted that the designated area in front of the building is for a demonstration area, and what they indicated to them would be a small area for musical groups to come in. He stated that they are also in that 18 slot area and there is this possibility. Mr. Crowgey advised that it does not include the entire area, because in 30-45 days, this group cannot put it all together. He noted that they are working with Hobert N. Grubb, and they are moving their items out presently, and he and Mrs. Crowgey just wanted to fill that space as quickly as possible. Mayor Crewe thanked Mr. Crowgey for letting the Council know what they are doing. He advised that the Crowgeys will hear the report in a few minutes, but reiterated he does not think the Town is doing anything that will interfere with what the Crowgeys are doing. Mayor Crewe indicated that if someone has any questions or comments or if he is missing something to please let him know. Mr. Crowgey remarked that if the Town has some money they would like to donate to them toward their efforts, they would be more than happy to accept it. Mayor Crewe stated that the Town appreciates the opportunity. Mr. Crowgey thanked the Council. Mayor Crewe thanked Mr. Crowgey for his comments. Vice-Mayor King advised that she was not aware that Director of Museums Emerson was working with Hobert N. Grubb. Mayor Crewe stated he did not know this either. Town Manager Sutherland noted that he heard this last week that they were working with the Crowgeys. He advised that as the Crowgeys will hear, this is just seeking grant funds, and the Town just heard of a potential for some grant funds. Town Manager Sutherland indicated that if the Town was successful in getting the grant funds, it would take forever to get the money. Mayor Crewe remarked that there are lot of things to be done in order to obtain the funds. Vice-Mayor King advised that she guesses the Crowgeys should just ignore the report. Mayor Crewe noted that is not correct, but just to file the report and maybe there is some money some place if the Town is successful in finding it. Vice-Mayor King stated that is correct, and no one knows. Mayor Crewe indicated that is correct until the Town asks for the money. He thanked the Crowgeys for attending the meeting and reiterated the Council's thanks for the Crowgeys telling them what is going on. Mayor Crewe stated that the Council looks forward to working with them.

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

### **RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. On Sunday, the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference will commence, and the Council will be traveling to this conference.
2. The Joint Governing Bodies will meet on October 30, 2006, and it is Wythe County's turn to host the meeting.

## **RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that recently, there was a study performed to determine the feasibility of the creation of an artisans center in Wytheville. She noted that this study looked at the feasibility of having a center that would be for sales space for local craftsman as well as space that could be used for the performance of heritage music. Vice-Mayor King advised that the feasibility study did conclude that such a facility would be successful in Wytheville. She noted that the Town learned, this week, that there may be an opportunity to apply for grant funds from Rural Development that could be used toward the creation of such a facility. She remarked that if the Town was successful in obtaining grant funds from Rural Development, it may also serve as an avenue for funding from other sources such as the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Vice-Mayor King noted that the Committee thinks it is worthwhile for the Town's staff to gather additional information concerning these grant opportunities. She indicated assuming that the Council is open to pursuing this concept, the Committee will investigate these opportunities more thoroughly. Mayor Crewe stated that not hearing anything to the contrary, he will assume that no one has any opposition, and the Town should consider this to see what possibilities are available.

Vice-Mayor King also reported that at the last meeting of Council, a representative of the Friends of the Library was present to request additional funding for the Wythe Grayson Regional Library. She remarked that as the representative noted, the Library is having certain financial problems which have resulted in reduced hours of operation. Vice-Mayor King noted that the request for additional funding has been made to all of the governing bodies in Wythe County, and the County has suggested that it may be worthwhile for all three governing bodies to discuss this funding request. She remarked that no meeting has been arranged thus far, but the Town does agree that it is worthwhile for all of the governing bodies to review this topic. Vice-Mayor King indicated that once the Committee has additional information, they will share it with the Council. Mayor Crewe noted that the Council looks forward to hearing more about this, and his understanding is that Mr. Gilley did meet with someone, and advised he did not know if it was Mr. Dalton, but he knows there were some discussions that they have had that the Town needs to be brought up to date on. He advised that this is part of the reason for this meeting. Mayor Crewe noted that this is being discussed, but there has not been a meeting of all three governing bodies yet. He stated if nothing else, there is a meeting on October 30, and all of the governing bodies will be together on the fifth Monday. Mayor Crewe advised that he knows this topic can be discussed on October 30 if not before. 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 the Town of Wytheville has certain regulations that control the chemical parameters of sewage that is being placed into the Town's system by business and industries. He explained that these regulations are generally referred to as the pretreatment regulations, but are established in the Town Code in Division 7 of Chapter 16, and are specifically described as industrial wastes. Councilman Weisiger noted the purpose of these regulations is to assure that wastes that are received into the Town's system do not cause damage to the treatment facility or cause other environmental concerns. He remarked that any industrial or business user that has certain levels of chemicals in their effluent must receive a permit from the Town of Wytheville that stipulates the quantities of these chemicals that can be placed into the system. Councilman Weisiger advised that the discharge of each of these businesses and industries is monitored monthly to ensure compliance with the regulations. He explained that when the monthly report indicates that the business or industry has exceeded its permitted amount, there is a Notice of Violation sent to that facility as well as assessing monetary charges against that business or industry. Councilman Weisiger stated that basically, there are two types of pollutants that are received into the facility. He noted that certain chemicals, such as heavy metals, are not permitted and can cause damage at the water treatment facility. Councilman Weisiger advised that the other types of pollutants that are received at the sewage treatment plant are either biological or chemical pollutions that do not necessarily harm the facility, but do require extra effort to reduce their presence. He summarized that having said all that, the ordinance, as it is written, requires that annual publication be made to list the violators of the Pretreatment Ordinance. Councilman Weisiger noted that the Committee agrees that persons who put chemicals into the sewage treatment system that could cause harm should be identified in publications. He noted that the Committee thinks, also, there are situations where the violation is relatively negligible and does not warrant the publication of names of businesses and industries that were not within their limits. Councilman Weisiger noted that the Committee has reviewed this item and has suggested that the section of the ordinance that deals with the publication of names of violators be amended to the extent that it is permissive and not mandatory. He advised that the

Committee has drafted an amendment to the ordinance and has sent it to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for their comments. He indicated that assuming that these revisions are acceptable to the Department of Environmental Quality, the Committee will offer an ordinance in the near future providing for these changes. Councilman Weisiger noted that no action is required of the Council at this time, but the Committee did want to make everyone aware of the review that was underway.

Councilman Weisiger also reported that as everyone is aware, the construction of the new Community Center is progressing well. He stated it is still anticipated that the Town will be able to occupy the building sometime shortly after the first of next year. Councilman Weisiger stated that while a specific date for occupancy of the building has not yet been established, it is clear that within the next few months, the building will be available, and it will be important that the Town has a good roadway to the new facility. He advised that the new roadway has been built connecting Peppers Ferry Road with the new Community Center, and, at this point, it is merely a gravel base. Councilman Weisiger indicated that this segment of roadway between Peppers Ferry Road and the new Community Center will be a component of the new connector road when it is constructed that will proceed southeasterly to Lithia Road. He stated that the APAC Construction Company was awarded the paving contract for the Town for this year, and they performed part of their work this past spring and will be here in the next week or so to finalize the paving schedule. Councilman Weisiger noted that while the Town needs a good surfaced roadway to get to the new Community Center, the Virginia Department of Transportation has asked that the Town not apply regular asphalt pavement to this section of roadway since, when the construction begins for the entire roadway, there will no doubt be damage done to this section of the road. He explained that as such, the Town has asked APAC to give them a quotation for providing a prime and seal surface treatment to this section of roadway. Councilman Weisiger noted that after negotiations, the Town has authorized APAC, Incorporated to proceed with this resurfacing of Community Boulevard at a price of \$12,500. He stated that this type of surface treatment will serve the Town adequately until the roadway is paved and will be performed at substantially less cost than regular asphalt paving. Councilman Weisiger advised that APAC, Incorporated is scheduled to surface the road on October 16. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

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**RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION FACILITY USE PERMIT**

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is to consider the recommendation of the Recreation Commission regarding an Application for a Special Exception Facility Use Permit. He explained that as the Council will recall, on Sundays, the Recreation Center closes at midnight, and there is a request that someone would like to have a New Year's Eve party, which is on a Sunday, that would go to 1:00 a.m. He remarked that this requires a special exception facility use permit. He stated that the Recreation Commission reviewed this request and would recommend that the special exception facility use permit be approved so that the applicant can stay until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and approve the request of Ms. Carolyn Young for a Special Exception Facility Use Permit. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to accept the Recreation Commission's recommended approval of the special exception facility use permit. 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, William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

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**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:18 p.m.).

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Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

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Sharon P. Hackler, MMC, Clerk of Council

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