

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members absent: William B. Weisiger

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, Police Officer John Humphrey, Justin Harmon with Wytheville Enterprise, Denise Cassell, William Cassell, Katie Dinger, Andy Dinger, Zach White, John White, Aaron Graham, Michael Graham, Nicholas Thomas, David Thomas, Andrew Walters, Cyndi Walters, Becky Grubb, Hunter Grubb, Kathy Grubb, Al Stephens, Walker Stephens, 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 Lambert. Mayor Crewe noted that he would ask the Boy Scout Pack 91 Webelos Den to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2006. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Lambert that the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2006, be adopted. 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe explained that on all Council meeting nights, there is the agenda item called Citizens' Period so that anyone who desires can come and talk to the Council about anything they would like. He inquired if there are persons present who wish to address the Council during Citizens' Period. Mayor Crewe advised that on the sign up sheet, Mr. Michael Graham has indicated that he desired to speak. He noted that the Council would be glad to hear from Mr. Graham at this time, unless he would like to waive and let one of the Boy Scouts speak. Mayor Crewe advised that Mr. Graham can handle this anyway he desires, but he was the only one who indicated on the sign up sheet that he desired to speak.

Mr. Michael Graham was recognized and stated this is a good thing for the Boy Scouts to attend the Council meeting. He noted that two and one-half years ago, and remarked that the Council probably remembers, he asked to get a special exception permit to the zoning for his house at the corner of Pine and Fourth Streets. Mr. Graham advised that the Planning Commission recommended to the Town Council that the special exception permit be granted, but it died at the Town Council meeting from lack of a motion. Mayor Crewe stated that is correct. Mr. Graham inquired if he wanted to pursue this again if the Council has any advice or any insight

since it has been two and one-half years. Mayor Crewe answered that he will speak for himself, personally, and noted that the Council can make any comments they desire. He remarked that he has not heard anything, so he does not have anymore knowledge now than he had then. Mayor Crewe stated that in terms of the process, Mr. Graham would have to start over again and fill out another request and go through the same procedure again. He noted that as far as he is aware, there is nothing new. Mayor Crewe indicated that he does not know if Mr. Graham's neighbors have changed and there is someone who is happier than they used to be, and advised he does not know about this. He reiterated that he has not heard anything pro or con from anyone of which he is aware. Mr. Graham inquired if the biggest concern was the neighbors. Mayor Crewe noted that, again, he is going by his recollection only, but advised that he thinks the neighbors were the biggest part because there were people who opposed it, if he remembers correctly. He stated he did not think these people appeared at the Planning Commission meeting but waited to attend the Town Council meeting, if he remembers correctly. Town Manager Sutherland indicated that it has been so long that he cannot remember. Mr. Graham advised that three of his neighbors came to the Planning Commission meeting, but only one of them came to the Town Council meeting. He noted that he was just wondering if there was any change in the plans for Fourth Street. Mr. Graham indicated that he knows that the newspaper stated it would probably be business eventually, but now is not the time. Mayor Crewe pointed out that he does not think there has been any change. He noted the only thing that may impact it, which is currently underway, and noted that Mr. Graham will hear a little more about it at this meeting, but VDOT is doing their traffic study, so people will see the cords across the roads in town, and advised that he knows they were across Fourth Street for awhile. Mr. Graham advised that he has seen the cords. Mayor Crewe noted that VDOT is doing this on the streets all over town, and, eventually, the Town will receive the numbers from the study. He stated that this may be a new piece of information, but the Town has not received it yet. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Town will definitely receive the numbers, but it is a matter of how long. Mr. Graham inquired if there is any insight from Assistant Town Manager Moore. Assistant Town Manager Moore stated that Mayor Crewe provided a good summary. Mr. Graham thanked the Town Council and noted he was just curious, and since he was attending the meeting, he wanted to ask. Mayor Crewe thanked Mr. Graham for attending the meeting.

Mayor Crewe inquired if there are others who wish to address the Town Council during Citizens' Period or if any of the Boy Scouts would like to state anything. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The Public Works Committee will not meet on Tuesday, November 14, though the Budget and Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, November 16, at its regular date and time.
2. To provide a brief update on something that happened earlier this summer, as the Council will recall, the Council authorized the Town staff to work with the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce in seeking grant funds that might be available to construct the Heritage Walk in the downtown area. The Chamber of Commerce has, in fact, assembled the information needed for the application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for an Enhancement Grant. The Town has signed the application on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and it has been sent to the Department of Transportation for their review. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking \$599,000 in

VDOT funds, and will use an additional \$149,000 in local funds to construct the project. There are no commitments in this grant application on behalf of the Town in terms of financial backing for the project. It will probably be some time before anyone has any insight as to whether the Chamber of Commerce is going to receive this grant or not, but the application has been submitted. Mayor Crewe noted that this is a lot more money than he would have thought it would have been, but stated it never hurts to ask. Town Manager Sutherland stated that is correct.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that this week, the Committee received a letter from Mr. Bob Ballard who is the vice chairman of the Agape Food Pantry which is located at 1355 West Spring Street. She noted that the Agape Food Pantry is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide food products to those persons in need in Wythe County. Vice-Mayor King advised that the Agape Food Pantry occupies a space that is leased from Mr. George and Mrs. Helen Keck for \$1 per year. She remarked that they had a purchaser's agreement to buy the property for \$10 in April, 2006, but since this property was owned by private persons on January 1, 2006, it is still subject to real estate taxation. Vice-Mayor King noted that the Agape Food Pantry has asked for reimbursement of the tax paid for the current year's taxes which equal \$125.12. She indicated that after reviewing this matter, it is the belief of the Committee that the Agape Food Pantry provides a valuable service to the community, and the Town's donation to them in an amount equal to their real estate taxation is worthwhile. Vice-Mayor King stated that as such, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Council make a donation in the amount of \$125.12 to the Agape Food Pantry. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones that the Town Council make a donation to the Agape Food Pantry in the amount of \$125.12. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. He inquired if the Agape Food Pantry exercised their option as far as the Town knows, and if they actually purchased the property. It was noted that is correct. Mayor Crewe noted that next year, he would guess that the Council will not have to consider a request like this from the Agape Food Pantry. 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Vice-Mayor King also reported that Wythe County Treasurer Sam Crockett is currently considering negotiating with a law firm located in Richmond to collect delinquent real estate taxes. She stated that both Wythe County and Wytheville have made these efforts in the past which has resulted in a significant collection of delinquent taxes. Vice-Mayor King advised that Treasurer Crockett has expressed his willingness to Town Treasurer Mike Stephens to collaborate on these collection efforts. She noted that Town Treasurer Mike Stephens feels that this is an effective way for the Town to collect its delinquent taxes and would recommend that the Town collaborate with the County on this activity. Vice-Mayor King stated that the attorneys will gather information from both treasurers and give notices to property owners concerning their delinquent taxes. She advised that if these notification efforts are not effective, they will subsequently take other legal actions in an effort to collect the taxes. Vice-Mayor King explained that once the tax is collected, the attorneys will retain twenty percent of the collected fees. She noted that the Committee agrees that the Town should make every effort to collect delinquent taxes and would recommend that Town Treasurer Mike Stephens be authorized to collaborate with Wythe County and the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair and Samson, LLC in these collection efforts. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to authorize Town Treasurer Stephens to collaborate with Wythe County and the law firm of

Linebarger Goggan Blair and Samson, LLC to collect delinquent taxes. Mayor Crewe advised he would assume that at some point there may need to be a contract signed or something of this nature. Town Manager Sutherland explained that a contract may need to be signed, but the Town does not know this yet. Mayor Crewe noted that the word "collaborate" was chosen deliberately, which makes sense. He 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Mayor Crewe advised that several of the Boy Scouts had asked questions when they were taking a tour of the building about the Recreation Center and were looking at the charts, diagrams, etc. outside in the hallway. He asked them to pay particular attention to the next section of the Budget and Finance Committee report. Mayor Crewe noted that they may receive some answers to some of the things they were talking about.

Vice-Mayor King reported that the Committee thought it may be helpful to give citizens an update on several matters relating to the new Community Center. She stated that first, the construction is going very well and interior finishes are being installed throughout the building. Vice-Mayor King stated that even though the building has made remarkable progress, there is still no definite date when the Town can expect to occupy the new facility. She remarked that secondly, the Committee would note that a couple of months ago, the Town publicly advertised for proposals from interested organizations to lease the existing Community Center facility. Vice-Mayor King stated the Council's hope was that they could find some organization who would desire to lease the entire facility. She noted that the Town did, in fact, receive two proposals from organizations, though neither of these expressed an interest in leasing the entire facility. Vice-Mayor King remarked that since that time, the Town has been contacted by two other organizations who have expressed an interest in leasing the facility. She explained that the Committee thinks it is worthwhile to extend the deadline for the receipt of proposals for at least another 30 days. Vice-Mayor King indicated that finally, the Town has heard some concerns with regard to the date when the existing Community Center will be closed. She noted that as the Committee mentioned previously, the Town does not have a firm date as to when the Town can occupy the new facility, and, therefore, the existing Community Center will remain open until the Town occupies the new facility. Vice-Mayor King advised that the Town will make every effort to give thirty days notice to the public prior to closing the existing Community Center. She stated that, obviously, there has to be some period of transition from the old facility to the new facility, and the Council wants to assure everyone that the Town is going to accommodate everyone's need as best as it can. Mayor Crewe advised that he has a thought that he is open to suggestion on. He noted that the report indicates that the Town will extend the deadline for proposals for the old Community Center for another 30 days. He indicated that his suggestion would be that the Council actually take a vote on it so there would be minutes that reflect this so it is covered by the Council rather than just adopting this portion of the report. Mayor Crewe stated if the Council doesn't want to do that, it is fine, but he thought there would be a little clearer time line if the Council actually adopted it. He noted he did not know if the Council wants to put a deadline or just state 30 days, and inquired if they want it 30 days from now, or if there is a particular date, or do they care. He explained that this is up to Council. Vice-Mayor King inquired if it would be 30 days from today. Mayor Crewe noted that the deadline would then be December 13. Councilman Lambert inquired if 30 days will be enough time because he noted he does not feel compelled to rush into this. Vice-Mayor King stated she thinks the Council needs a deadline. Councilman Lambert advised that he agreed, but 30 days might be a bit too soon. Mayor Crewe advised that the Council could set the deadline, and if it does not work, and the Council wants, they could extend the deadline again. Vice-Mayor King

stated that is correct. Mayor Crewe inquired as to the Council's meeting date in December. Councilman Jones noted that the Council will meet on December 11, so the Council could make the deadline at the end of December because the Council will not meet again in December after December 11. Mayor Crewe stated that is probably true. He noted if the deadline was December 31, the Council may not have it in time to process the paperwork, etc. for a few days. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Council can choose a date, and it does not really matter, and remarked that he did not think the Council will be meeting on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve to accept the proposal. He inquired if Councilman Jones' suggestion is December 31. Councilman Jones stated that is correct. Councilman Lambert stated he agreed. A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Lambert to extend the deadline until December 31, 2006, to receive proposals from any organization who wants to express an interest in leasing the current Community Center. 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. ([Attachment](#)).

Mayor Crewe remarked that he did not explain to the Boy Scouts when they were rushing through things, but the Town Council has two standing committees. He explained that there is a Budget and Finance Committee, which consists of Vice-Mayor King and Councilman Jones, who are sitting to his left. Mayor Crewe noted that the Budget and Finance Committee handles anything that has to do with the budget, the finance, the dollars, the money, etc. He stated that the Council also has a Public Works Committee, which is composed of Councilman Weisiger, whose seat is empty because he is out of town, and Councilman Lambert. Mayor Crewe advised that the Public Works Committee meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m., and the Budget and Finance Committee meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. He explained that he generally attends both meetings. Mayor Crewe advised that the Public Works Committee deals with such things as where curb and guttering is installed and anything that has to do with buildings and this sort of thing. He noted that the Council has two different Committees that things mostly fit under, and what the Boy Scouts are hearing at this meeting are both Committees giving their reports of what they have done in their meetings since the Council met the last time. Mayor Crewe pointed out that the Council meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. He remarked that since the last Council meeting, both Committees have been meeting, and this is what they are telling everyone at this meeting. Mayor Crewe stated it is now time for everyone to hear from the Public Works Committee.

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Lambert, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that over the past couple of months, both Committees of the Council have reviewed a draft agreement between the Town of Wytheville and the County of Wythe that provides for the bulk sale of water to Wythe County. He noted that Wythe County is currently installing a water line along Chapman Road that will terminate at a point east of Mark IV Honda where it will become connected to the Town's water line. Councilman Lambert explained that at this connection point, a meter vault has been set, and there is a water line extending from this meter box serving Progress Park. He stated the water line that Wythe County is constructing will also serve as a transmission main for the delivery of water to Wytheville from the newly constructed treatment facility on New River. Councilman Lambert noted that all of the water line work that has been performed by the Town and County allows the exchange of water between the two systems. He advised that the agreement that is being considered at this meeting is the same agreement that was adopted by the Council at the Joint Governing Bodies meeting two weeks ago. Councilman Lambert stated

that subsequent to that adoption, Rural Development has asked that it be amended to the extent that it provides that the agreement shall have the same term as the loan proceeds to construct the line. He noted that again, both Committees have reviewed this amendment, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Town adopt the revised agreement between the Town and Wythe County providing for the bulk sale of water. Mayor Crewe stated he will take this as a motion from the Committee with a second. He noted that the Council has the agreement before them, and basically what is different from what is before them now and what they saw last week is Paragraph #6 that deals with a 40 year term. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to adopt this agreement with the County. There being no 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

Councilman Lambert also reported that the Committee thought it may be helpful to give the Council and town citizens an update on a study being performed by the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission area to assess existing water supplies and to project the needs for water in the future. He remarked that last year's General Assembly adopted a law that requires all counties, cities, and towns to participate in a regional study to establish a comprehensive water supply planning process for the development of local, regional, and state water supply plans. Councilman Lambert noted that the purpose of this study, which is being administered by the State Water Control Board, is to ensure that there is adequate and safe drinking water throughout Virginia, to ensure that all efforts are taken to protect the state's water supply resources, and, finally, to encourage alternative water sources and the potential for regional water sources that will serve more than one jurisdiction. He stated that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission solicited proposals from engineering firms who were capable of performing this type of assessment and have, subsequently, employed Draper Aden and Associates from Blacksburg. Councilman Lambert advised that one of the first steps that will be taken by the consulting engineers is to determine, to the extent possible, all water supply resources within the planning district area. He remarked that the consulting engineers anticipate that this process will require two to three months to complete. Councilman Lambert noted that once this phase of the study is completed, each community water system that is identified by the consulting engineers will be required to estimate the quantities of water that they will need in the future. He advised that these future estimations will be categorized into broad areas such as residential use, commercial use, and industrial use, etc. Councilman Lambert explained that at each stage during the development of this water study, each governing body within the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission will make all of the engineering data available to the public and will hold public hearings to solicit any comments citizens may have about the planning document. He remarked that the Town would anticipate that there would be sufficient engineering data available within the next three to four months to hold the initial public hearing. Councilman Lambert noted that as this time becomes closer, the Committee will advise the Council. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: RESOLUTION – VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MASTER SWIMMING

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is to consider a resolution commending the Virginia Association of Master Swimming. He noted that this resolution is before the Council, and it is in their Council packet. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to adopt the resolution commending the Virginia Association of Master Swimming. 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., H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is the notification of appointments to the Wytheville Recreation Commission to fill the expiring terms of Dr. Christopher Pile and Mr. Paul Stanley whose terms expire December 31, 2006. He indicated that Dr. Pile is eligible for reappointment, and Mr. Stanley is not eligible for reappointment. Mayor Crewe stated that the Council hopes when they meet on December 11 that anyone who is interested in serving on the Recreation Commission would have filled out an application to make the Council aware of his/her interest, and the Council can fill those positions at their meeting on December 11, unless someone wants to do something differently at this meeting, which is, obviously the Council's option. There being no motions, Mayor Crewe advised that he would proceed with the agenda.

RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is the notification of appointments to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority to fill two unexpired terms created by member vacancies whose terms expire December 12, 2008; the expired terms of Mr. Tom Green and Mr. Steve Irvin whose terms expired December 12, 2005; and the expiring term of Mr. William H. Mutschler, Jr. whose term expires December 12, 2006. He noted this is for the Town's Industrial Development Authority and not the Joint Industrial Development Authority. Mayor Crewe noted that if he is counting correctly, by the end of December, there will be five vacancies. He noted that, again, if anyone is interested, the Council has appointments to be made either November 27 or December 11. Mayor Crewe reiterated that if anyone is interested, he/she needs to be filing an application with the Town so the Council is aware that he/she would like to serve on the Town Industrial Development Authority, unless someone has something, again, that he is not aware of. There being no motions, Mayor Crewe proceeded with the agenda.

RE: CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is setting a date for a public hearing to consider renewing the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity during 2007 for Premier Taxi Service, LLC and City Cabs of Wytheville, LLC for the operation of taxicabs, and LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc. and Guardian Ambulance Service for the operation of public vehicles. He noted that as the Council is aware, they have to hold a public hearing annually to determine the number of taxicabs and public vehicles for which Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity have to be issued. Mayor Crewe remarked that they have to be issued each calendar year. He noted that currently, there are four such services in Town including Guardian Ambulance, LifeCare Medical Transport, City Cabs of Wytheville, and Premier Taxi Service. Mayor Crewe indicated that all of these entities have to apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. He noted that the Council has the information in their packet where their insurance has been supplied, and the vehicles have to be inspected by the Police Department. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Council also saw the notation that the Town can get the necessary advertising completed to hold the public hearing on December 11, 2006. He inquired if anyone is opposed to holding the public hearing on December 11. There being none, it was the consensus of the Council to schedule a public hearing for December 11, 2006, to consider renewing the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity during 2007 for

Premier Taxi Service, LLC and City Cabs of Wytheville, LLC for the operation of taxicabs, and LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc. and Guardian Ambulance Service for the operation of public vehicles.

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

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 13, 2006

1. This week, our Committee received a letter from Mr. Bob Ballard who is the vice chairman of the Agape Food Pantry which is located at 1355 West Spring Street. The Agape Food Pantry is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide food products to those persons in need in Wythe County. The Agape Food Pantry occupies a space that is leased from Mr. George and Mrs. Helen Keck for \$1 per year. They had a purchaser's agreement to buy the property for \$10 in April, 2006, but since this property was owned by private persons on January 1, 2006, it is still subject to real estate taxation. The Agape Food Pantry has asked for reimbursement of the tax paid for the current year's taxes which equal \$125.12. After reviewing this matter, it is the belief of our Committee that the Agape Food Pantry provides a valuable service to the community, and our donation to them in an amount equal to their real estate taxation is worthwhile. As such, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that we make a donation in the amount of \$125.12 to the Agape Food Pantry.
2. Wythe County Treasurer Sam Crockett is currently considering negotiating with a law firm located in Richmond to collect delinquent real estate taxes. Both Wythe County and Wytheville have made these efforts in the past which has resulted in a significant collection of delinquent taxes. Treasurer Crockett has expressed his willingness to Town Treasurer Mike Stephens to collaborate on these collection

efforts. Town Treasurer Mike Stephens feels that this is an effective way for the Town to collect its delinquent taxes and would recommend that we collaborate with the County on this activity. The attorneys will gather information from both treasurers and give notices to property owners concerning their delinquent taxes. If these notification efforts are not effective, they will subsequently take other legal actions in an effort to collect the taxes. Once the tax is collected, the attorneys will retain twenty percent of the collected fees.

Our Committee agrees that we should make every effort to collect delinquent taxes and would recommend that Town Treasurer Mike Stephens be authorized to collaborate with Wythe County and the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair and Samson, LLC in these collection efforts.

3. We thought it may be helpful to give citizens an update on several matters relating to the new Community Center. First, the construction is going very well and interior finishes are being installed throughout the building. Even though the building has made remarkable progress, there is still no definite date when we can expect to occupy the new facility. Secondly, we would note that a couple of months ago, we publicly advertised for proposals from interested organizations to lease the existing Community Center facility. Our hope was that we could find some organization who would desire to lease the entire facility. We did, in fact, receive two proposals from organizations, though neither of these expressed an interest in leasing the entire facility. Since that time, we have been contacted by

two other organizations who have expressed an interest in leasing the facility. We think it is worthwhile to extend the deadline for the receipt of proposals for at least another thirty days. Finally, we have heard some concerns with regard to the date when the existing Community Center will be closed. As we mentioned previously, we do not have a firm date as to when we can occupy the new facility, and, therefore, the existing Community Center will remain open until we occupy the new facility. We will make every effort to give thirty days notice to the public prior to closing the existing Community Center. Obviously, there has to be some period of transition from the old facility to the new facility, and we want to assure everyone that we are going to accommodate everyone's needs as best we can.

Jacqueline K. King

John W. Jones, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 13, 2006

1. Over the past couple of months, both Committees of the Council have reviewed a draft agreement between the Town of Wytheville and the County of Wythe that provides for the bulk sale of water to Wythe County. Wythe County is currently installing a water line along Chapman Road that will terminate at a point east of Mark IV Honda where it will become connected to the Town's water line. At this connection point, a meter vault has been set, and there is a water line extending from this meter box serving Progress Park. The water line that Wythe County is constructing will also serve as a transmission main for the delivery of water to Wytheville from the newly constructed treatment facility on New River. All of the water line work that has been performed by the Town and the County allows the exchange of water between the two systems. The agreement that is being considered this evening is the same agreement that was adopted by the Council at the Joint Governing Bodies meeting two weeks ago. Subsequent to that adoption, Rural Development has asked that it be amended to the extent that it provides that the agreement shall have the same term as the loan proceeds to construct the line. Again, both Committees have reviewed this amendment, and it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that we adopt the revised agreement between the Town and Wythe County providing for the bulk sale of water.
2. We thought it may be helpful to give the Council and the town citizens an update on

a study being performed in the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission area to assess existing water supplies and to project the needs for water in the future. Last year's General Assembly adopted a law that requires all counties, cities, and towns to participate in a regional study to establish a comprehensive water supply planning process for the development of local, regional, and state water supply plans. The purpose of this study, which is being administered by the State Water Control Board, is to ensure that there is adequate and safe drinking water throughout Virginia, to ensure that all efforts are taken to protect the state's water supply resources, and, finally, to encourage alternative water sources and the potential for regional water sources that will serve more than one jurisdiction.

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission solicited proposals from engineering firms who were capable of performing this type of assessment and have, subsequently, employed Draper Aden and Associates from Blacksburg. One of the first steps that will be taken by the consulting engineers is to determine, to the extent possible, all water supply resources within the planning district area. The consulting engineers anticipate that this process will require two to three months to complete. Once this phase of the study is completed, each community water system that is identified by the consulting engineers will be required to estimate the quantities of water that they will need in the future. These future estimations will be categorized into broad areas such as residential use, commercial use, and industrial use, etc. At each stage during the development of this water study, each governing body within the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission will make all of the

engineering data available to the public and will hold public hearings to solicit any comments citizens may have about the planning document. We would anticipate that there would be sufficient engineering data available within the next three to four months to hold the initial public hearing. As that time becomes closer, we will advise the Council.

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H. Judson Lambert