

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008, 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., Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Police Officer David Wall, Wayne Quesenberry with *Wytheville Enterprise*, Agnes Eades, Jean-Paul Dunford

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 Vice-Mayor King followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Jones.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2008, and the request of the Wytheville Fire Department to conduct the annual Fire Prevention Parade on October 11, 2008, and the request of the March of Dimes for waiver of fee for use of Withers Park on October 11, 2008. 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 August 11, 2008, and the request of the Wytheville Fire Department to conduct the annual Fire Prevention Parade on October 11, 2008, and the request of the March of Dimes for waiver of fee for use of Withers Park on October 11, 2008. 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: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He advised that, likewise, he did not think anyone is present who desired to address the Council. Mayor Crewe inquired if there are persons present who wished 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. Both Council Committees will meet on their regular days and times this week.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that she would like to take this opportunity to express her appreciation to both Bankers Insurance Company and Lester Insurance Agency on submitting proposals. Vice-Mayor King noted the considerable work that was involved in providing the quotations and that they were well prepared and addressed the various exposures of the Town of Wytheville. Vice-Mayor King stated that after reviewing all of the provided information about the coverage and premium amounts, she would like to make a motion that Council accept the proposal submitted by Bankers Insurance Company. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was a second on the motion to accept the proposal submitted by Bankers Insurance Company. Councilman Weisiger seconded the motion. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. Councilman Jones stated that upon receiving next year's proposals, he recommended that everything being considered in the bid should be broken down to eliminate doing such as the Budget and Finance Committee did this year. Mayor Crewe stated that attempt was made, however, coverages do not always match. Town Manager Sutherland suggested that next year, all proposals should be submitted by August 1, 2009, giving the Committee a month to review. Mayor Crewe inquired of any other discussion. 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 Wytheville Community College is now offering athletic programs to its students in addition to their normal academic programs. Vice-Mayor King stated

two of the new athletic programs to be offered include basketball and volleyball. She noted these new athletic programs will be competitive with athletic programs from other community colleges and smaller area colleges. Vice-Mayor King remarked to accommodate these new programs, the Community College has requested to lease the upper floor of the old Community Center. She stated that currently, the lower level of the old Community Center is being utilized by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. She noted the use of the upper level by the Community College will not have any impact on the activities of the American Legion and VFW. Vice-Mayor King noted the Community College has also indicated that it wants to perform certain improvements to the gymnasium including refinishing the floors and installing new scoreboards. Vice-Mayor King stated the Committee believes that it is worthwhile to have the space at the old Community Center utilized, and thinks it would be beneficial to the Community College in the advancement of their athletic programs. Vice-Mayor King stated as such, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Town continue negotiations with the Community College to lease the upper level of the old Community Center to Wytheville Community College for a period of one year with a ninety-day termination clause. She noted in addition, the Committee would like to recommend the Community College be permitted to utilize the facilities immediately while the negotiations proceed. Mayor Crewe noted that the motion has two parts, one to continue negotiations for a one year lease with a ninety-day termination clause and secondly to let the college use the facilities now while negotiations proceed. Mayor Crewe stated that this is a Committee recommendation, therefore, it has a second to the motion. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. Councilman Lambert inquired if there was a provision to extend the term of the lease beyond one year. Mayor Crewe noted that was an option to be negotiated but a probability. 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. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Weisiger, reporting for the Public Works Committee, reported that the Virginia State Police are proceeding with the construction of facilities that will implement the new statewide radio system for the State Police. Councilman Weisiger stated the State Police are in need of locating a tower on Sand Mountain that would be a component of the overall statewide system. He noted as such, the Committee had received a request from the State Police to lease a parcel of land approximately sixty feet by sixty feet on Town owned land on the top of Sand Mountain. Councilman Weisiger remarked additionally, the State Police have offered the Town space on their new tower that could be used for the Town's own communication requirements in the future. He noted in the event the Town does locate equipment on the State Police tower, the technicians for the Virginia State Police would maintain the Town's equipment. Councilman Weisiger reiterated this communication system that the Virginia State Police are installing is an important, needed communication system throughout Virginia. He stated the Town thinks it is worthwhile to cooperate with the Virginia State Police and would recommend that the Town execute a deed of lease with them to accommodate their need. Councilman Weisiger noted the State Police have agreed to bear any expense associated with surveys, legal document preparation, etc. He stated it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Town authorize a deed of lease with the Virginia State Police provided that the final form of the document is reviewed and agreed to by the Town Attorney. Mayor Crewe noted that there is a motion from the Committee for Council to authorize a deed of lease with the Virginia State Police provided that the document is reviewed and agreed upon by the Town Attorney. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any further discussion. 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.

Councilman Weisiger also reported that several weeks ago, the Council approved an appropriation of \$5,000 to conduct a water study to determine the feasibility of interconnectivity of the water systems of Wytheville, Wythe County, and the Town of Rural Retreat. Councilman Weisiger noted the appropriation authorized by the Council was contingent upon a like appropriation by the County of Wythe and the Town of Rural Retreat. He remarked since that time, both governments have agreed to the appropriation of this funding. Councilman Weisiger stated Mount Rogers Planning District Commission is seeking the remaining \$60,000 in grant funds to be provided both by the Virginia Department of Health and the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. He remarked that the Committee would like to note that subsequent to the application made by the three Wythe County governments, the County of Smyth and the County of Pulaski have also expressed interest in participating in a broader regional water study. Councilman Weisiger expressed it is unknown at this time if they will actually commit to participating in the study, and the Committee will keep Council informed about the expansion of the study area. Mayor Crewe noted that Mr. Pete Hubert, the County Administrator of Pulaski,

mentioned recently that the County of Pulaski had every intention of proceeding with the study and is very interested in participating. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Crewe stated the term of Mr. Charles G. Crockett to the Southwest Regional Enterprise Center Small Business Incubator Board expires September 13, 2008, and Mr. Crockett is eligible and willing to serve one more year. Mayor Crewe inquired of Council if they wanted to reappoint Mr. Crockett at this Town Council meeting. Vice-Mayor King made a motion to reappointment Mr. Charles G. Crockett to the Southwest Regional Enterprise Center Small Business Incubator Board for a one year appointment, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Weisiger. 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: PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Mayor Crewe noted the next agenda item is the annual report of the Planning Commission, and Councilman Jones, who serves as the liaison, will present the annual report. Councilman Jones noted that in September and October of 2007, a public hearing was conducted to consider the request of Walgreens, which the Planning Commission recommended be denied. Councilman Jones stated in November and December of 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the rezoning of property next to Carrington Place, which the Planning Commission recommended be denied. Councilman Jones reviewed the rezoning request at Peppers Ferry and Cove Roads from M-1 Industrial to B-1 Business with Conditions and noted the Planning Commission recommended to Town Council that this rezoning be approved. Councilman Jones noted a public hearing was held to consider amending various sections of the Zoning Ordinance regarding industrialized building units. Councilman Jones stated Mr. Patrick Umberger, on West Lee Highway, requested rezoning from R-1 Residential to B-2 Business, which the Planning Commission recommended for approval and Mr. Umberger also gave the Council a proffer of property. Councilman Jones reviewed the request of Huff Ford to rezone the property behind the present Ford location from B-1 Business to B-2 Business, and he stated the Planning Commission also recommended that this rezoning be denied. Mayor Crewe noted that it was a busy year for the Planning Commission, and he appreciated the service provided by the Planning Commission. Mayor Crewe asked if anyone present had questions or comments about the Planning Commission. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

RE: RECOVERY OF FUNDS

Mayor Crewe inquired if anyone had other matters to be brought before Council. Councilman Jones requested that Town Manager Sutherland review the standpoint with Town Attorney Kaase on Verizon and Rohm & Haas in regard to recovering funds. Mayor Crewe noted that request can be done.

Councilman Jones remarked that he and Mayor Crewe enjoyed a nice dinner with the Board of Supervisors in Pulaski.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:11 p.m.).

Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

Sharon P. Hackler, MMC, Clerk of Council

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

AUGUST 25, 2008

1. A recommendation on the renewal of insurances will be issued at the meeting.
2. Wytheville Community College is now offering athletic programs to its students in addition to their normal academic programs. Two of the new athletic programs that are to be offered include basketball and volleyball. These new athletic programs will be competitive with athletic programs from other community colleges and smaller area colleges. To accommodate these new programs, the Community College has requested to lease the upper floor of the old Community Center. Currently, the lower level of the old Community Center is being utilized by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. The use of the upper level by the Community College will not have any impact on the activities of the American Legion or VFW. The Community College has also indicated that it wants to perform certain improvements to the gymnasium including refinishing the floors and installing new scoreboards. We believe that it is worthwhile to have the space at the old Community Center utilized, and think it would be beneficial to the Community College in the advancement of their athletic programs. As such, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Town continue negotiations with the Community College to lease the upper level of the old Community Center to Wytheville Community College for a period of one year with a ninety-day termination clause. In addition, we would recommend the Community College

be permitted to utilize the facilities immediately while the negotiations proceed.

Jacqueline K. King

John W. Jones, Jr.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

AUGUST 25, 2008

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This communication system that the Virginia State Police are installing is an important, needed communication system throughout Virginia. We think it is worthwhile to cooperate with the Virginia State Police and would recommend that we execute a deed of lease with them to accommodate their need. The State Police have agreed to bear any expenses associated with surveys, legal document preparation, etc. It would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Town authorize a deed of lease with the Virginia State Police provided that the final form of the document is reviewed and agreed to by the Town Attorney.

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water study to determine the feasibility of interconnectivity of the water systems of Wytheville, Wythe County, and the Town of Rural Retreat. The appropriation authorized by the Council was contingent upon a like appropriation by the County of Wythe and the Town of Rural Retreat. Since that time, both governments have agreed to the appropriation of this funding. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission is seeking the remaining \$60,000 in grant funds to be provided both by the Virginia Department of Health and the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. We would note that subsequent to the application made by the three Wythe County governments, the County of Smyth and the County of Pulaski have also expressed interest in participating in a broader regional water study. It is unknown at this time if they will actually commit to participating in the study, and we will keep the Council informed about the expansion of the study area.

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H. Judson Lambert