

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members absent: John W. Jones, Jr.

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Police Officer Tommy Lester, Wayne Quesenberry with *Wytheville Enterprise*, Frankie Scott

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 22, 2008. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 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, William B. Weisiger, H. Judson Lambert. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He thanked Mr. Frankie Scott for attending the meeting, and advised that the Council will be glad to hear from Mr. Scott. Mayor Crewe remarked that he did not receive the sign-up sheet, so he is not sure if Mr. Scott signed up to address the Council. Mr. Scott indicated that he is just attending the meeting to listen to the Council. Mayor Crewe noted the Council appreciated Mr. Scott attending the meeting.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. Both Council Committees will meet on their regular day and time this week but will not meet next week because of the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference.
2. The New River Regional Water Authority's facility in Austinville is progressing very well. The contractor is probably four or five months ahead of schedule in terms of major construction features. The contractor has put the media in the filters and has been cleaning the filters. The Town of Wytheville sold to the Authority about one-half million gallons of water. The contractor needs clean water to clean the filters. They will go through a lot of testing procedures, but in the next few months, the plant will be capable of producing water. There is some other work that has to be done with the plant. There is a ground storage tank that needs to be completed, and a section of 20-inch water line that needs to be completed. By early 2009, the plant will be capable of sending water to Wythe County, the Town of Wytheville, and Carroll County. The Authority has hired two employees to operate the plant, and these employees started work last Wednesday. All in all, the facility is coming along very well.
3. The Town had great difficulty acquiring any salt for the winter season. Salt is kind of like petroleum, and it is difficult to find. Director of Public Works Hackler was able to get a commitment of 200 tons. This year, salt is approximately \$200 per ton, and, last year, it was \$64.00 per ton. There is a shortage nationwide, and, interestingly, Mr. Hackler brought an article that was in *USA Today* where some community in Ohio had just completed a \$400,000 salt storage facility, and now, they cannot find any salt to put in the storage facility. Vice-Mayor King inquired as to why the price of salt has increased. Town Manager Sutherland remarked that fortunately, the Town has in reserve 200 tons. Councilman Weisiger inquired as to this amount versus what the Town usually buys. Town Manager Sutherland answered that this is about the same amount the Town used last year. Councilman Weisiger noted that last year was a mild year. Mayor Crewe indicated that the Farmer's Almanac is predicting that this is not going to be a mild year.

Town Manager Sutherland explained that the reality of what happens in those situations is that instead of salting every street all over Town, the Town will just have to salt hills, intersections, and major streets rather than salting all the streets. He pointed out that this is all the Town could do, and there is nothing for the Council to take action on, but he was just providing this as a point of information.

4. Mayor Crewe advised that he thinks the interesting item among other things is this is the first time the Town has turned the tap the other way and pumped water to Austinville. He indicated that this was a rather significant day of work, and, apparently, the Town did not lose any water, and the water went through. Town Manager Sutherland indicated that it is kind of a circuitous route right now because the County has its whole water system out there, and when everything is finished, there will be a 20-inch waterline connecting everything. Town Manager Sutherland indicated that the water did get to Austinville. Vice-Mayor King noted that this is amazing. Mayor Crewe noted that is correct. Vice-Mayor King remarked that she wants to go view the plant before it gets cold weather. Councilman Weisiger inquired if the Budget and Finance Committee went on Thursday morning. Mayor Crewe noted the Committee did not tour the plant on Thursday.

Mayor Crewe indicated that the next agenda items are Committee reports, and the Committees could do whatever they wanted. He stated they could summarize the reports or read them. Mayor Crewe remarked that Town Manager Sutherland has a copy of the reports, but he did not know if Mr. Scott has a copy of them. Mayor Crewe inquired if the Committees would like to summarize them, read them, or just skip reading the reports and put the Committee reports into the written record.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, advised that she would not read the report but enter the report into the minutes as follows:

Recently, the Town has performed a number of improvements to the West End Cemetery and the Oakwood Cemetery. These improvements include new fencing and other aesthetic improvements, and in addition, we have purchased certain articles of equipment that are needed for the ongoing operations of the cemeteries. These improvements and the purchase of equipment have resulted in the expenditure of approximately \$109,700 in General Fund revenues. Town Treasurer Michael Stephens has requested that the Council authorize the transfer of funding from the Cemetery Trust Fund to the General Fund for reimbursement of these expenses. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Council authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer \$109,700 from the Cemetery Trust Fund to the General Fund. Mayor Crewe indicated that the motion from the Budget and Finance Committee is to authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer \$109,700 from the Cemetery Trust Fund to the General Fund to pay for the expenditures the Town has already made on improvements in the two cemeteries. He noted this comes from the Committee with a second. He inquired if there is any discussion on the motion. Mayor Crewe inquired if this includes all the money, and indicated that last week he knows they were talking about another \$1,500. He inquired if this amount is in the \$109,700. Town Manager Sutherland advised that is correct, and it may be off a few hundred dollars one way or the other, but this amount is very close. Mayor Crewe reiterated that the motion is to transfer \$109,700 from the Cemetery Trust Fund to the General Fund. He inquired if there is any further 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. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Lambert, reporting for the Public Works Committee, reported that he, likewise, would not read the report but enter the report into the minutes as follows:

Last year, at a meeting of the Joint Governing Bodies, a committee was formed consisting of members from Wythe County, the Town of Rural Retreat and the Town of Wytheville to consider the feasibility of a countywide water system. At that time, it was anticipated that a study of this magnitude would cost approximately \$75,000, and we were seeking grant funds from the Virginia Department of Health to cover these expenses. As it turns out, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission has offered approximately \$40,000 in grant funds to be used for the study, and the Virginia Department of Health has offered a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to be combined with other funding sources to fund the study. Recently, each of the three governing bodies agreed to appropriate \$5,000 toward the study, which results in approximately \$75,000

of funds available for the engineering assessment. Wythe County will act as the fiscal agent for these activities and has requested that two members from each governing body be appointed to serve as the management team and selection committee. Therefore, it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Council agree with the acceptance of the grant funds from the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and the Virginia Department of Health, and that we agree that the County of Wythe will act as the fiscal agent for this study, and, finally, that we appoint Town Manager Wayne Sutherland and Councilman Judson Lambert to serve as members of the management team and selection committee.

Mayor Crewe indicated that the Committee has a motion, if he is reading it correctly, that has four parts. He explained that the motion is the Council agrees to accept the grant funds from the Mount Rogers District Commission for the study of the countywide water system, that the Town accepts the monies from the grant from the Virginia Department of Health, that the Town agrees that Wythe County will act as the fiscal agent for the study, and that the Town appoints Town Manager Wayne Sutherland and Councilman Judson Lambert as members of the management team and selection committee. Mayor Crewe noted that these are the four parts to that motion. He advised that the motion has a second coming from the Committee. 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. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. ([Attachment](#)).

RE: APPOINTMENT – JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is the notification of a reappointment to the Joint Industrial Development Authority to fill the expiring term of Mr. David Elmore whose term expires November 13, 2008. He advised that Mr. Elmore is eligible for reappointment, and he had indicated his willingness to serve again if the Council desires to appoint him. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Weisiger to reappoint Mr. David Elmore to the Joint Industrial Development Authority. 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: APPOINTMENT – RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Crewe noted the next agenda item is the appointment of student members to the Wytheville Recreation Commission to fill the expired terms of Mr. Thomas D. Harrison and Ms. Allison B. Phillips whose terms expired September 30, 2008. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King to reappoint Mr. Thomas D. Harrison and appoint Ms. Kelsey Wilburn to the Wytheville Recreation Commission as student members. She advised that Mr. Harrison has been a real asset to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lambert. 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: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – ENTRANCE CORRIDOR REGULATIONS

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding amending Article XVI, General Provisions, of the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance, to include Section 16-18, Entrance Corridor Overlay District, and upon approval, placing this Entrance Corridor Overlay District on the Peppers Ferry Road entrance corridor from Interstate 77 to Eleventh Street. He noted this would be for the scheduling of a public hearing, but it is coming from the Planning Commission with no recommendation. Mayor Crewe remarked that the Council found this information at their seat when they arrived. He explained that the Planning Commission has made two amendments to the proposed regulations for the overlay district. Mayor Crewe noted he did not know if the Council wants to go ahead, go back, etc. He indicated that the Planning Commission did not make a recommendation because they are continuing to review the ordinance, and they will review this matter at their November meeting. Mayor Crewe stated the Council does not need to do anything ahead of time, and they can wait for the Planning Commission, which is what they normally do. Vice-Mayor King advised that the Council will wait for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation. Mayor Crewe noted that no action needs to be taken at the moment.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:10 p.m.).

Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

Sharon P. Hackler, MMC, Clerk of Council

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