

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, John W. Jones, Jr., William B. Weisiger

Members absent: H. Judson Lambert

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon P. Hackler, Town Treasurer Michael G. Stephens, Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, Police Officer Chris Irvin, Danny Gordon with WYVE/WXBX, Wayne Quesenberry with *Wytheville Enterprise*, Jack Hunley, Tommy Hundley

**RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE**

Mayor Crewe called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Weisiger.

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 2010. A motion was made by Councilman Weisiger and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 2010. 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. Against: None.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Crewe stated the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He noted he did not have signup sheets to indicate that anyone would like to address the Town 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. The Public Works Committee will not meet this week but Councilman Weisiger is invited to attend the Budget and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday.
2. A vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mr. Artie Hall on the Recreation Commission and an application was received from Ms. Mary Henslee to fill that vacancy. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King on behalf of the Recreation Commission to appoint Ms. Mary Henslee to the term formerly occupied by Mr. Artie Hall. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to appoint Ms. Henslee to the Recreation Commission. 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. Against: None.

3. Mayor Crewe noted also under Old Business he would like to report that the Town received a plaque of recognition for the Relay For Life, Wythe County Bronze Sponsor that was delivered by Mr. Michael Stephens to the Town Council.

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

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the Town Council had received notice from the Virginia Retirement System noting that the Virginia General Assembly, in its 2010 Session, passed legislation implementing new plan provisions for employees hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2010, who have no prior Virginia Retirement System service. She stated this new plan is called the VRS Plan 2 and noted that the legislation stipulates that Plan 2 employees will pay the five percent member contribution through salary reduction on a pretax basis according to Internal Revenue Service regulations. She stated the legislation goes on to say that a locality can elect to pay some or all of the five percent member contribution on behalf of the Plan 2 employees. Vice-Mayor King noted that regardless of the direction the Council chooses to pursue, it requires the adoption of a resolution that sets forth the option that the Council has chosen. She stated the Committee will review this in more detail next week since there is a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for the submission of the resolution, and noted the Committee will have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor King also reported that later this evening, the Council will consider, on third and final reading, the budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. She advised that the total budgeted amount under consideration for third reading continues to be \$16,332,905.00. She stated, as was pointed out at the last meeting, several line items within the budget were revised to more accurately reflect departmental appropriations, though the total budgeted amount remains unchanged. She stated the Committee would note again that the budget does not include any real estate or personal property tax increases, nor does it include any other increases in taxes. Vice-Mayor King advised when the Budget Ordinance is considered later this evening, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that it be adopted on third and final reading. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes. [\(C:\ra&@ ^} dE](#)

### **RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Weisiger, reporting for the Public Works Committee, reported that the Town's Police Department has requested that the Committee consider the relocation of a speed limit sign on Grayson Turnpike Road. He noted currently, for vehicular traffic proceeding south out of town, the speed limit changes from 35 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour at a point near the railroad underpass. He stated for vehicular traffic coming back into town, the reduction in the speed limit to 35 miles per hour does not change until a point on West Main Street near 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Weisiger advised that, clearly, traffic coming into town approaching the sharp curve on Grayson Turnpike Road onto West Main Street needs to have a speed reduction. He stated the Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Police Department and would recommend that the speed limit on Grayson Turnpike Road be reduced to 35 miles per hour at a point near the railroad underpass for vehicular traffic coming into town. Councilman Weisiger made a motion to change the speed limit to 35 miles per hour at a point near the railroad underpass, and it was seconded. Mayor Crewe noted a motion had been made

to change the speed limit to 35 miles per hour at that point. Mayor Crewe stated that the motion implied that the signage be changed as necessary to make it legally comply. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to change the speed limit or actually to move the location where the speed limit starts at 35 miles per hour. 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. Against: None.

Councilman Weisiger reported that the Committee thought it may be helpful to provide the Council with an update on the various activities of the New River Regional Water Authority. He stated the water treatment facility at Austinville has been operating now for a little more than a one year period. Councilman Weisiger noted that currently, the treatment facility is producing approximately 1.5 million gallons of water per day. He noted the bulk of this production is currently being purchased by the Town of Wytheville for use in Progress Park. He advised that Wythe County has a number of water system upgrades ongoing, and they will, in the very near future, increase their purchase of water to approximately 750,000 gallons per day. Councilman Weisiger stated that Carroll County, likewise, has a number of water line improvements projects underway, and it is anticipated by fall of this year they will consume about 500,000 gallons per day. He stated there are funds appropriated in the current year's budget to increase the number of personnel at the facility since once all three entities start consuming additional water, it will necessarily require the plant to operate more than one shift per day. He stated that the Committee would note that the plant is operating well, though there continues to be several minor punch list items that the contractor needs to address. Councilman Weisiger advised that there is no action required by the Council with regard to this matter, but the Committee did want everyone to know that the plant was functioning well and both Wythe County and Carroll County are making the necessary improvements needed to purchase water from the Authority. ~~Clara~~ ^} dE

#### **RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1249 – BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1249, the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2010-11. Mayor Crewe stated the ordinance is before Council on a motion from the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt and appropriate the departmental budget on third and final reading. Mayor Crewe asked if there is any discussion on the budget. Mayor Crewe inquired as to why such a large increase is made to the Town Council expenditures of \$379,000.00. Town Manager Sutherland stated that the line item is for comprehensive capital outlay items. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any other discussion on the Budget Ordinance. 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

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Mayor Crewe stated that Ordinance No. 1249 was adopted on third and final reading and effective on July 1, 2010. Councilman Jones noted that it was unlike Christiansburg's meeting.

#### **RE: CLOSED MEETING**

Mayor Crewe invited Mr. Jack Hunley and Mr. Tommy Hundley to attend the closed meeting. He entertained a motion that the Council go into a closed session to consider discussion with legal

counsel as allowed by Virginia Code Section §2.2-3711(A) (7) regarding pending litigation concerning the modular home ordinance case, US Cellular case, and the Sharon Bane/Jerry Covey case. Mayor Crewe noted the second item would be pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Virginia Code Section to discuss a real property matter concerning Mrs. Joan Dunn. Mayor Crewe stated the final item they would be discussing is a specific legal matter under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7) regarding Ordinance No. 1245 that was tabled several weeks ago. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was such a motion. Councilman Jones made the motion that was seconded by Vice-Mayor King. Mayor Crewe asked 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. Against: None (7:10 p.m.)

#### **RE: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Jones to reconvene to open session. 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. Against: None.

#### **RE: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Vice-Mayor King that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which the certification resolution applies and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wytheville Town Council. 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, John W. Jones, Jr. Against: None. A copy of the certification is attached and made part of these minutes. (7:56 p.m.)

#### **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:56 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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