

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

Members absent: None

Others present: Town Manager T. Brian Freeman, Assistant Town Manager Elaine R. Holeton, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Police Chief Joel Hash, Police Sergeant Tommy Lester, Candice Johnson, Mike Forrest, Maggie Minton, Robbie Minton, James Cohen, Mary Alice Watson, Stephen Holsten

RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Atkins.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2022. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2022, as presented. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – RESOLUTION – MAGGIE MINTON

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the adoption and presentation of a resolution to Ms. Maggie Minton recognizing her for winning the George Wythe High School Girls Singles Finals State Tennis Championship. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to adopt a resolution recognizing Ms. Maggie Minton for winning the George Wythe High School Girls Singles Finals State Tennis Championship. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

Mayor Taylor invited Ms. Minton to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken. She noted that she would now read the resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Maggie Minton is a rising senior at George Wythe High School, where she has played tennis for two years; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2022, Maggie made George Wythe High School proud when she excelled and won the State Tennis Championship; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie won the Class 1A Girls State Singles Finals tennis match in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie is the first ever George Wythe High School tennis player to win the State Tennis Championship in the history of George Wythe High School; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie has brought great recognition to the Town of Wytheville and George Wythe High School by her display of exceptional tennis skills and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends Ms. Maggie Minton, Coach Mary Alice Watson and other high school officials for this historical and outstanding accomplishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to Ms. Minton, Coach Watson, school officials and the news media.

Mayor Taylor congratulated Ms. Minton on her accomplishments. She thanked Ms. Minton for attending the meeting, and she proceeded with the agenda.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She inquired if there were any citizens attending the meeting who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period. There being none, she proceeded with the agenda.

RE: STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Report was entered into the record as follows:

- A. I am pleased to announce that the Town of Wytheville has filled the Director of Parks and Recreation Department position. Mr. Josh Sharitz was chosen among a strong field of candidates to lead the Department and began his position today, Monday, July 25, 2022. Mr. Sharitz is a Wytheville native, with a strong educational and professional background in Organizational Leadership and Parks and Recreation. For most of the last four years, he was the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Blacksburg. Prior to that, Mr. Sharitz was an Aquatics and Community Programs Supervisor for the Town of Christiansburg, and he was the Director of the Hethwood Foundation in Blacksburg. Josh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Leadership and Communication and is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Virginia Tech. I am confident that he will bring strong leadership, energy and a can-do attitude to the Department. I look forward to working more closely with him as he and his team shape the future of the parks and recreation in Wytheville.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Town Manager Freeman reported the following:

- 1. The Joint Industrial Development Authority will meet on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

2. The Homestead Museum Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Homestead property.
3. The next Council Work Session will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, followed by the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1414

Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 1414, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 9, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I. In General, Division 1. Generally, Section 9-36. Trespassing; Designation of Police to Enforce Trespass Violations, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first reading. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to postpone considering Ordinance No. 1414, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 9, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I. In General, Division 1. Generally, Section 9-36. Trespassing; Designation of Police to Enforce Trespass Violations, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, until the August 8, 2022, Town Council meeting. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilwoman Atkins stated that she would like the minutes to reflect that as it was discussed in the Council Work Session, this agenda item will be placed on another agenda for another meeting date so that it can be discussed again. She inquired if the reason for this is so that more information could be provided by Wytheville Police Chief Joel Hash. Mayor Taylor stated that is correct. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any further discussion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition, by roll call vote:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RE: SHENTEL TELECABLE FRANCHISE

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to set a public hearing to consider renewing the Shentel telecable franchise. She noted that the public hearing could be set for August 22, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to set a public hearing for the Monday, August 22, 2022, Town Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building to consider renewing the Shentel telecable franchise. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (6:09 p.m.).

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk