

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Deputy Clerk Lauren E. Bedwell, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Planning Director John Woods, Police Chief Joel Hash, Patrol Officer John Khuchane

**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 Vice-Mayor Pattison.

**RE: AGENDA AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE NO. 1414**

A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to amend the Town Council meeting agenda to remove 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, due to the Town Council adopting the ordinance on first and final reading at the Council Work Session earlier in the evening. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to amend the agenda. 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: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 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 Vice-Mayor Pattison to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 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**

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: NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business, Town Manager Freeman reported the following:

1. The Tree Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in Conference Room A.
2. The Wytheville Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
3. Downtown Wytheville, Inc. (DTW) will meet on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the DTW office.
4. The Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority will meet on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority office.
5. The New River Regional Water Authority will meet on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Austinville.
6. The next Council Work Session will be held on Monday, August 22, 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: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider reappointing Ms. McKenzie Tate as a youth member to the Wytheville Recreation Commission (term expired August 1, 2022). Mayor Taylor stated that Ms. Tate is eligible for reappointment and noted that she has indicated the willingness to serve again, if reappointed. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to reappoint Ms. McKenzie Tate as a youth member to the Wytheville Recreation Commission for a one year term, which expires August 1, 2023. 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: PRESENTATION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a presentation by Planning Director John Woods to Repeal and Replace the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance. She noted that Planning Director John Woods will be seeking action from the Town Council authorizing the Planning Commission to proceed with this project. Planning Director Woods continued to review the proposed changes with the Town Council through a PowerPoint presentation. He noted some of the proposed changes to the current Zoning Ordinance that would help address housing issues in the town, and he advised that the ways that Town Staff would like to approach this would be to develop a Unified Development Ordinance. Planning Director Woods stated that Staff would like to combine the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances into one unified document. He remarked that, currently, the Town's Zoning Ordinance has 30 articles, and Staff would like to simplify it to nine articles depicted in the PowerPoint presentation. He commented that it is Staff's hope that the changes will speed up the approval process for projects, etc. Planning Director Woods stated that Town Staff is hoping that the Town Council will authorize the Planning Commission to proceed with this project. Mayor Taylor inquired if the Council has any questions or comments for Planning Director Woods. Councilwoman Atkins inquired if there are a couple of businesses or home developers that are looking into this type of development in a specific, targeted area. Planning Director Woods explained that the Zoning Ordinance would be townwide, and it would apply to all

zoning districts. He noted that Town Staff is not trying to make dramatic changes to single family zoning districts, but Staff is looking for ways to update the ordinance, making it easier to understand, etc. Councilwoman Atkins inquired of Planning Director Woods if he could give the Council an example in town where the zoning districts are an issue. Planning Director Woods stated that the pallet factory on Madison Street is a by-right use in that zoning district, however, it is located across the street from houses in the same zoning district. He explained that there is no way to guide one use so that there is not a conflict with the other. Planning Director Woods continued to explain that there are other neighborhoods where there are mixes of industrial and residential uses. He remarked that, currently, there is no way to deal with how those uses can interact. Councilwoman Atkins inquired of Planning Director Woods how long the current Zoning Ordinance has been in effect. Town Manager Freeman advised that the current Zoning Ordinance has been in effect since 1969, however, it has been amended 108 times. He remarked that it has, basically, become an antiquated document. Town Manager Freeman explained that at a certain time, a rewrite is a must, which is the same for the Subdivision Ordinance. He continued to note that the Unified Development Ordinance makes perfect sense because now everyone is essentially only using one guide. Town Manager Freeman continued to discuss the reasons that a repeal and replace of the Zoning Ordinance is needed. Discussion continued regarding repealing and replacing the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to authorize the Planning Commission to repeal and replace the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Councilman Bloomfield to authorize the Planning Commission to repeal and replace the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilwoman Atkins clarified that this authorization is not to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance, and that it will be referred to the Council for final approval. Mayor Taylor stated that is correct. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any further discussion on the motion. 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: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (6:17 p.m.).

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Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

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Lauren E. Bedwell, Deputy Clerk