

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Attorney Robert P. Kaase, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Henry Blake Cooke, Steve Gollither, Corie Patton, Jared Arnold, Julie Patton, Reese Patton, Gretchen Robinson, Holden Robinson, Kelly White, Scot Farthing, Leslie Farthing, Caden Farthing, Beth McGee, Brandon Harner, Deacon Beamer, Parker Coe, Zac Taylor, Chris Irvin, Kaitlyn Farthing, Bailey Cooke, Drew McGee, Seth Leonard, Tina Leonard, Sebastian Lamrouex, Suyin Lamrouex, Todd Mathews, Roger Leonard, Marie B. Bishop, Rachel Cooke, Kaitlin Taylor, Aaron Carnett, Dylan Anderson, Landon Thompson, Wes Robinson, Millicent Rothrock of *The Wytheville Enterprise*, Police Officer Jonathan Lackey

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 Taylor.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2017. He inquired of the Council if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Hundley to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2017, as presented. Mayor Crewe 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: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He noted that this is the reason for most of the citizens attending the meeting. Mayor Crewe stated that on January 9, 2017, a resolution was adopted by the Council commending the George Wythe High School Football Team for an outstanding 2016 football season. He presented the resolution, which read as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team completed their 2016 season with an overall record of 12-2; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team was District Champions in regular season play in the Hogoheegee District with a 6-0 record; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team defeated Twin Springs in the Sectional Quarter Finals with a score of 61-6; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team defeated Patrick Henry in the Sectional Semi-Finals with a score of 44-9; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team defeated Parry McCluer in the Sectional Finals, Western Section game, with a score of 35-14; and,

WHEREAS, Kane "Booger" Owens rushed for over 1,000 yards during the season, and Deacon Beamer broke the school record for touchdown passes thrown in a single season with 22 passes; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Football Team broke the school record for the most points scored in a season with 640 points; and,

WHEREAS, the players and coaches of the George Wythe High School Football Team through their outstanding display of athletic ability, team play and sportsmanship have reflected great credit upon the school and upon the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends the George Wythe High School Football Team, its Head Coach, Mr. Brandon Harner, its Assistant Coaches, Doug Campbell, Quinton Hensley, Brandon Blankenship, Trey Johnson, Mark Harmon, Kenny Sayers, Steve Gollither, David Martin, Scotty Dove—Team Doctor and other high school officials concerned for the outstanding record of the Football Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the George Wythe High School Football Team, the coaches, other officials concerned and the news media.

Mayor Crewe requested the members of the football team and coaches to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – GEORGE WYTHER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the presentation of the resolution to the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams. He stated that, likewise, on January 9, 2017, a resolution was adopted by the Council commending the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams for a successful 2016 season. He presented the resolution, which read as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams completed their 2016 season with the Boys' Team winning the Conference 46 Meet, and the Girls' Team finishing in second place at the Conference 46 Meet; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams qualified for the State Meet by finishing in the top six teams at the 1A West Regional Meet in Wise, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams participated in the VHSL State Cross Country meet in Warrenton, Virginia, and finished in the top 10; and,

WHEREAS, it is the first time in more than 10 years that the entire Boys' and the entire Girls' Cross Country Teams participated in the State Meet; and,

WHEREAS, the team members and coaches of the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams, through their outstanding display of athletic ability, team play and sportsmanship, have reflected great credit upon the school and upon the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams, their Head Coach, Steven Gollither, Volunteer Bruce Stephens, Volunteer Julia Tomiak and other high school officials concerned for the outstanding accomplishment of the Cross Country Teams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the George Wythe High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams, the coaches, other officials concerned and the news media.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, to be affixed this 9th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Mayor Crewe requested the members of the cross country teams and coaches to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He stated that Officer Kelly White indicated on the sign in sheet that he wished to address the Council. Mayor Crewe asked

Officer White to come forward to the podium to address the Council so that the minutes could be properly recorded.

Officer Kelly White stated that the Wytheville Police Department Hazardous Duty Supplement Committee would like to inquire of the Council, since it has been roughly the period of time that they were thinking for the assessment to come back, if there is any information for the Council to report to the Police Department. He remarked that there have been a lot of questions come to the Committee through the Department, therefore, that is why the Committee is inquiring of the Council if there was an idea or clue as to when they might have answers. Mayor Crewe stated that the Town has not heard anything regarding the supplement. He inquired of Town Manager Sutherland if he had heard anything. Town Manager Sutherland advised that all the Town has been told is that it is with the actuarial and the Town will receive the results when it is ready. Mayor Crewe stated that Town staff will make contact, but, to date, the Town has not received any word. Officer White noted that he had one more item to discuss with the Council. He commented that it has been brought to his attention that over the last couple of weeks, apparently, there have been some different things to come up regarding the LEO's program and certain members might have some questions or concerns. Officer White expressed that he would like to stress to feel free to meet with the Committee at any time. He noted that there is a Committee to address any concerns or questions that anybody might have. Officer White remarked that this is all he has to add to this part. Mayor Crewe inquired of Officer White if he had heard concerns from the Council or from Officers. Officer White stated that, apparently, the concerns are on the Town's side. He noted that Director of Public Safety Newberry had talked to him the other day and addressed some issues and concerns that had come out about what was possibly said in the first initial Council meeting where he addressed the Council about some issues that may be floating around. Officer White commented that it was a brief conversation that went several different ways. He reiterated that he wanted the Council to know, and noted that he hoped he had answered the questions that Director Newberry brought forth to him, but, if not, to feel free to contact the Committee at any time. Officer White commented that if he has not answered all of the questions, please feel free to contact him any time. He noted that the Committee would be willing to meet to discuss any questions from anyone. Mayor Crewe stated that the Council can speak for themselves, but he feels like any questions the Council may have were addressed until the Town receives the numbers and information. Vice-Mayor King inquired of Officer White if he knew what Director Newberry was asking. Officer White stated that there were some comments of concern that come up by Town Manager Sutherland and Mayor Crewe. Town Manager Sutherland advised that if the Council will recall, the question was what did Administration need. Officer White remarked that the questions involved exactly what the clarification of the Administration was and that they were waiting on the assessment to come back so they would know more figures at that time. He reiterated that he just wanted to make that clear at this meeting, and if there are any questions or concerns to feel free to ask the Committee at any time. Officer White stated that the Council and the Committee members could meet as a group, and it would not be a problem. Mayor Crewe thanked Officer White. He noted that the Council would contact the Committee as soon as they received more information.

Mayor Crewe remarked that no one else indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council. Mayor Crewe stated that if no one else wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, he will proceed with the agenda.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated that the Budget and Finance Committee is pleased to report that the Town has received notification from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that an award has been given to W-L Construction for the completion of Community Boulevard. She noted that the Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled a February 7, 2017, preconstruction conference with the contractor. Vice-Mayor King remarked that this award will complete a very important section of roadway that has long been sought by the Town. She explained that the initial portion of Community Boulevard was constructed several years ago, but because of budget constraints, only one half of the project was completed. Vice-Mayor King commented that once completed, this roadway will connect Peppers Ferry Road with Lithia Road. She noted that this will provide a convenient connection between the north and south sides of town and make a convenient access from motels to the Meeting Center. Vice-Mayor King expressed that although the meeting has not yet been conducted, the Town anticipates that construction on this project will commence this spring. She stated that Town staff would estimate that it will take approximately one year for the construction to be completed. Vice-Mayor King advised that there is no additional action that is required of the Council at this time, but the Budget and Finance Committee did want to note that it is pleased that an award has been made.

Vice-Mayor King, also, reported that the second equally important notification that the Town has received from the Virginia Department of Transportation is that the Town is authorized to award the contract on the Heritage Walk Project. She explained that this portion of the project will commence on the south side of Main Street and proceed into the Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park. Vice-Mayor King noted that the project has already been bid and DCI/Shires, Incorporated was the successful bidder. She remarked that the Town was only awaiting the authorization from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to proceed. Vice-Mayor King commented that an authorization from VDOT was required because funds for the project were from the Virginia Department of Transportation. She stated that the Budget and Finance Committee anticipates that DCI/Shires, Incorporated will start on this portion of the project in the very near future. Vice-Mayor King expressed that the Budget and Finance Committee would like to note that this is the same company that is performing the improvements in the downtown area. She noted that DCI/Shires, Incorporated has indicated that it will take 180 days to complete the Heritage Walk Project once both parties agree on a date that the work will commence. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7:00 a.m.
2. The Willow Brook Jackson/Umberger Homestead Museum Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room A of the Municipal Building.
3. The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County will meet on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
4. The Joint Governing Bodies will meet on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Retreat Town Hall.
5. The new Recycling Center is scheduled to open on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Hundley, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that over the past two meetings, the Council has noted that they were considering renaming the portion of roadway that leads to the Reed Creek Mill. He noted that this is the third time that the Public Works Committee has presented this topic at a Council meeting and the Town has on two, previous occasions contacted all property owners along the route. Councilman Hundley expressed that the Council has not received any additional communications in favor of, or opposing, the name change. He remarked that having said this, the Public Works Committee believes that it would be beneficial to rename this portion of roadway to Reed Creek Mill Road. Councilman Hundley stated that the Public Works Committee would like to propose that the name become effective on May 1, 2017. He noted that during the period of time between now and May 1, the Town will have the opportunity to change street signs, as well as to give all property owners notice of the change of the road name and to provide them with a new address. Councilman Hundley advised, therefore, it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that effective May 1, 2017, the roadway leading from Calhoun Street to the Reed Creek Mill be designated as Reed Creek Mill Road. Upon recommendation of the Public Works Committee, it was the consensus of the Council to approve renaming the portion of Sixth Street, at its intersection with Calhoun Street, Clay Street and Church Street leading to the Reed Creek Mill as Reed Creek Mill Road, effective May 1, 2017.

Councilman Hundley, also, reported that the Public Works Committee is pleased to report that the Town's new recycling facility will be open on February 1, 2017, to receive recyclables, and the new facility will open at 7:00 a.m. on that morning. He noted that the new recycling facility is located adjacent to the Town's Maintenance Shop at 1025 South Third Street. Councilman Hundley stated that this new facility was constructed after a decision was reached, this fall, that the recycling facility would be more appropriately located at this new location. He explained that the last day that recyclables will be received at the Monroe Street facility will be Friday, January 27, 2017. Councilman Hundley remarked that there will be no recycling containers available that weekend until the new recycling facility opens on February 1, 2017. He expressed that the relocation of the recycling facility will provide an opportunity for an enhanced use of the space at the Monroe Street facility. Councilman Hundley stated that the Public Works Committee would like to note that the new Recycling Center is attractive, clean and well lit. He noted that the new

Recycling Center will operate under the same guidelines as the facility that was located on Monroe Street, which means that it will be open 24 hours per day for the receipt of recyclables. Councilman Hundley remarked that beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of February 1, 2017, the Town will give a market bag to the first 50 patrons coming to the Recycling Center. He commented that these recycling bags can be used for grocery and other shopping tasks to eliminate the use of plastic bags. Councilman Hundley stated the Public Works Committee encourages everyone to continue their recycling efforts at this new facility. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:21 p.m.).

Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, Town Clerk

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 23, 2017

1. We are pleased to report that we have received notification from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that an award has been given to W-L Construction for the completion of Community Boulevard. The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled a February 7, 2017, preconstruction conference with the contractor. This award will complete a very important section of roadway that has long been sought by the Town. The initial portion of Community Boulevard was constructed several years ago, but because of budget constraints, only one half of the project was completed. Once completed, this roadway will connect Peppers Ferry Road with Lithia Road. This will provide a convenient connection between the north and south sides of town and make a convenient access from motels to our Meeting Center. Although the meeting has not yet been conducted, we anticipate that construction on this project will commence this spring. We would estimate that it will take approximately one year for the construction to be completed. There is no additional action that is required of the Council at this time, but we did want to note that we are pleased that an award has been made.
2. The second equally important notification that we have received from the Virginia Department of Transportation is that we are authorized to award the contract on the Heritage Walk Project. This portion of the project will commence on the south side of Main Street and proceed into the Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park. The

project has already been bid and DCI/Shires, Incorporated was the successful bidder. We were only awaiting the authorization from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to proceed. An authorization from VDOT was required because funds for the project were from the Virginia Department of Transportation. We anticipate that DCI/Shires, Incorporated will start on this portion of the project in the very near future. We would like to note that this is the same company that is performing the improvements in the downtown area. DCI/Shires, Incorporated has indicated that it will take 180 days to complete the Heritage Walk Project once both parties agree on a date that the work will commence.

Jacqueline K. King

Beth A. Taylor

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 23, 2017

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Thomas F. Hundley

Joseph E. Hand, Jr.