

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM A OF THE WYTHEVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Beth A. Taylor, Vice-Mayor Jacqueline K. King, Councilman Mark J. Bloomfield, Councilwoman Cathy D. Pattison, Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Christopher R. Menerick, Chief Rick Arnold, Deputy Chief Joel Hash, Jr., Fire Marshal Charles Vannatter, Fire Engineer Randy Kirby, Fire Engineer Jeff Hodge, Fire Engineer Paul Cornett, Fire Engineer Charles Miller, Fire Engineer Kevin Russell, Volunteer Fire Chief Ronnie King, Virginia Fire Services Board Member Lee Day, Virginia Fire Services Board Member Jeff Bailey, Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Member Tim Perkins, Virginia Department of Fire Programs Member Mohamed Abbamin

Absent: Councilman Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore

RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE

Mayor Taylor noted the purpose of the meeting is to hold a discussion with members of the Virginia Fire Assessment Team regarding the fire services in the Town of Wytheville.

RE: FIRE SERVICES

Mayor Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting Mr. Abbamin noted that the Fire Assessment Team will be meeting with individuals of the Fire Department today and assessing the Town's staff and facilities. He stated that the Town will receive a report from the Fire Assessment Team probably in February, and they will offer recommendations of things the Town and the Fire Department could do to provide more efficient fire services to the citizens. Mr. Abbamin noted, for example, that they will not recommend the exact number of firemen the Town should have on the Fire Department, but they will make general recommendations, such as the Town needs more firemen, etc. Discussion was held between the Town Council, Town staff and the Fire Assessment Team regarding the items the Council and staff would like to see happen with the Fire Department. Mr. Abbamin noted that the Fire Assessment Team will conduct a Town Hall Meeting at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon for citizens to express any thoughts or concerns regarding the fire services in the town. Mayor Taylor thanked the Fire Assessment Team for their visit and assessment of the fire services. She noted that the Town Council appreciates their expertise and input and looks forward to receiving their recommendations.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (10:55 a.m.).

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor
Wytheville Town Council

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk