

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield

Members absent: Cathy D. Pattison

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Becky Grubb, Mike Forrest, Patrol Officer Chastity Russell

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 King.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2019; the request of the Wytheville Baptist Church to close Church Street, between Spring Street and Withers Road, on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold the Trunk-or-Treat event; and, the request of the Wytheville Fire Department to close Main Street and certain portions of Fourth and Spiller Streets on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to conduct the annual Fire Prevention Parade. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Bloomfield to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2019; the request of the Wytheville Baptist Church to close Church Street, between Spring Street and Withers Road, on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold the Trunk-or-Treat event; and, the request of the Wytheville Fire Department to close Main Street and certain portions of Fourth and Spiller Streets on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to conduct the annual Fire Prevention Parade, 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, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield. Against: None.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that there are no citizens attending the meeting who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, therefore, she would proceed with the agenda.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The next Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 a.m., in the Council Conference Room.
2. The Public Works Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, in the Council Conference Room, but the meeting may be canceled.
3. The Wytheville Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated that the Town received information that the Assistant Principal at George Wythe High School is working on an emergency procedure plan for students at George Wythe High School, Spiller Elementary School and Scott Memorial Middle School. She noted that they have requested that they be able to use the Wytheville Community Center as a place that would be utilized in a crisis situation to bring students to be reunited with parents in case other schools would be on lockdown, as well. Vice-Mayor King remarked that this would apply to the three schools that are located in town. She commented that the Council thinks that this is a reasonable request, and, clearly, the Town would want to be of assistance in the time of an emergency. Vice-Mayor King advised that it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Town notify the Wythe County School Board that the Council is in agreement with them designating the Wytheville Community Center as a location to utilize in emergency situations for the students. A motion was made by the Budget and Finance Committee, which does not

require a second, to approve notifying the Wythe County School Board that the Council has agreed to utilize the Wytheville Recreation Center as a location to utilize in emergency situations for the students. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the Wythe County School Board's request. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield. Against: None.

Vice-Mayor King, also, reported that the Budget and Finance Committee wanted to take this opportunity to make everyone aware of the upcoming community shredding event. She stated that the Town has provided this service on nine previous occasions. Vice-Mayor King noted that the tenth shredding event will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. She explained that the document destruction services will be provided by Southwest Shredding. Vice-Mayor King commented that due to the volume of documents that was received previously, the Town will, again, impose the standard that no one can bring anything in excess of what would be held by a 55 gallon container. She remarked that the event is limited to town residents only, and businesses are not allowed to participate. Vice-Mayor King stated that the event will be held in the Municipal Building parking lot. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Bloomfield, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that, recently, the Town bid the milling and paving of various streets throughout the Corporate Limits. W&L Construction, Incorporated of Chilhowie, Virginia, was the low bidder in this process. He noted that the Town has awarded a contract to W&L Construction, Incorporated and has now provided them with a notification to proceed. Councilman Bloomfield remarked that W&L Construction, Incorporated has indicated that they would anticipate beginning the milling and paving schedule within the next week or so. He explained that Town forces are, currently, working to raise manholes and valves throughout the designated area, and, also, repair other items that may be impacted with the paving schedule. Councilman Bloomfield commented that, as usual, there will be certain inconveniences associated with the paving schedule, but, as always, the Town appreciates everyone being patient through the situation until the project is complete. Councilman Bloomfield advised that there is no action required by the Council, but the Committee did want to make the citizens aware that the milling and paving program was about to commence.

Councilman Bloomfield, also, reported that, recently, Town staff met with representatives from the Bristol District of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). He explained that Mr. Donnie Necessary now serves as District Administrator, and he explained that approximately \$28 million had been allocated for making improvements to detour routes in three districts along Interstate 81. Councilman Bloomfield stated that it is anticipated that about one third of this money would be available in the Bristol District. He noted that the purpose of these improvements would be to assist with detours off of the interstate that are directed through towns in emergency situations. Councilman Bloomfield commented that these improvements would be to the actual road system, signs and signal upgrades. He remarked that Mr. Necessary noted that signal upgrades along the Main Street corridor are probably a priority. Councilman Bloomfield expressed that these signals, when revised, would be able to be controlled by VDOT from a remote location. He explained that the Town has now received information from the Virginia Department of Transportation that they have begun the assessment of the Town's signs and signals and would be finalizing all of these during the month of September. Councilman Bloomfield remarked that the Public Works Committee had not anticipated that this project would move this quickly, but it may well be an opportunity for the Town to have certain new improvements to its sign and signal systems that will be paid for at the expense of VDOT. He stated that the Public Works Committee should have more information about this program as the Town moves forward, and, certainly, the Council will make this available to everyone as soon as it has this information. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

Town Manager Sutherland noted that the road leading to the Crystal Springs Recreation Area has been paved. Discussion ensued regarding the paving of the road to Crystal Springs.

RE: RESOLUTION – PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider a resolution for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. Mayor Taylor stated that the resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands started in 1919 in Foster Falls; and,

WHEREAS, in 1962, the Children's Home relocated to its current location in the Town of Wytheville; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the children who come to the Children's Home are from the 19 counties west of Roanoke; and,

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Children's Home has provided a place of sanctuary, love and support for children across the region; and,

WHEREAS, the Children's Home staff provides a family atmosphere and unconditional love to the thousands of children who have passed through the facilities' doors in the past 100 years; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of the Children's Home is committed to working with the children's families and other significant people in their lives to help the children return to their homes whenever possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, hereby congratulates the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands on their 100 Year Anniversary and encourages the citizens of the Town of Wytheville to help celebrate these many years of service that have been provided to children in need.

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 September two thousand nineteen.

Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to adopt a resolution congratulating the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands for their 100 Year Anniversary. 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, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield. Against: None.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:12 p.m.).

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk

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