

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Christopher R. Menerick, Irene Daugherty, Paul Cuvelier, Mark Daugherty, Jeffrey Kyle, Aaron Lawson, Patrol Officer John Shumate, Others

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 Councilman Hand.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2019, and the request of Members of the Community to conduct the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March and for a waiver of fees for use of the Heritage Preservation Center to conduct the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program on Sunday, January 19, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m. 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 November 12, 2019, and the request of Members of the Community to conduct the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March and for a waiver of fees for use of the Heritage Preservation Center to conduct the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program on Sunday, January 19, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m., 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 results: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None. Abstention: Joseph E. Hand, Jr. Councilman Hand advised that he abstained from voting to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2019, due to being absent from the meeting.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS – “HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL” WALKING/RUNNING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that during Citizens' Period, the Council would present three of the six proclamations to participants who completed the “Hike the Appalachian Trail” Walking/Running Incentive Program. She explained that the remainder of the participants will receive their proclamation at the December 9, 2019, Town Council meeting. Mayor Taylor advised that she would read each proclamation and would then request the participant to come forward for the presentation of the proclamation and to receive an appreciation gift. She presented proclamations to Mr. Paul Cuvelier, Ms. Irene Daugherty and Mr. Aaron Lawson who completed the “Hike the Appalachian Trail” Walking/Running Incentive Program.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She stated that there is no one listed on the sign in sheet 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, November 26, 2019, at 7:00 a.m., in the Council Conference Room.
2. The Town of Wytheville Municipal Offices will be closed, and all services curtailed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, 2019, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Pattison, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated that the Council has received a request from the Loudoun County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors seeking support of a resolution before the General Assembly that would, hopefully, provide new

safety measures on the interstate highways. She remarked that, currently, the Virginia Department of Transportation has service patrol vehicles along the interstate that assist motorists with a variety of problems. Councilwoman Pattison noted that these vehicles are also involved in assisting in situations where there are police, fire and rescue responses. She explained that, currently, these vehicles are not authorized to have flashing red or white lights and can only use amber colored lights. Councilwoman Pattison commented that it is the thought of many across the state that their ability to have emergency type lighting and sounding devices would greatly assist their ability to respond during an incident. She stated that later in the meeting, the Council will consider a resolution seeking the General Assembly to take such an action. Councilwoman Pattison advised that it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that when the resolution is presented that it be adopted as drafted.

Councilwoman Pattison, also, reported that the Town of Wytheville Water Treatment Plant has received another award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its consistent and professional manner in which the Town's water is treated and provided to its citizens. She explained that this particular award, for the year 2018, notes the Town's consistent addition of fluoridation to the water system. Councilwoman Pattison explained that fluoridation, of course, is an important chemical to prevent oral problems and other diseases. She stated that the Council is very appreciative of the efforts of the Town's employees at the Water Treatment Plant and wanted to use this forum to offer its congratulations. 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 the Town has received a request from the Marathon Realty Corporation to close and abandon 14th Street, between Main Street and Monroe Street. He explained that pursuant to State law, the Council has, previously, adopted policies and procedures to handle any requests for the abandonment or vacation of public rights of way. Councilman Bloomfield noted that the first step in following the procedure is to note that a public hearing must be conducted to hear public sentiment about this matter. He stated that the law provides that notice of the meeting must be published at least twice in *The Wytheville Enterprise* with at least six days elapsing between the first and second publication. Councilman Bloomfield commented that, secondly, the procedure requires that viewers or the Public Works Committee be appointed to view such public right of way and report in writing any inconvenience that would result from the discontinued use of the street. He remarked that given both of those circumstances, the Council would note that it has advertised a public hearing to consider the abandonment/vacation of North 14th Street, running parallel to North 12th Street and North 16th Streets, between Main and Monroe Streets, for the December 9, 2019, Town Council meeting. Councilman Bloomfield advised that it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Public Works Committee of the Council be appointed as viewers for this matter. He stated that if the Council favorably considers the closing of the street, the subsequent action would be for the adoption of an ordinance that is recorded and indexed in the name of the Town of Wytheville in the Circuit Court of Wythe County. Councilman Bloomfield advised that any person who feels aggrieved by such an action would have 60 days to file an appeal in the Circuit Court. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Hand to appoint the Public Works Committee as the viewers to consider the request of Marathon Realty Corporation to abandon/vacate North 14th Street, which runs parallel to North 12th and North 16th Streets, between Main and Monroe Streets. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to appoint the Public Works Committee as the viewers for this matter. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None.

Councilman Bloomfield reported that the Christmas season is rapidly approaching, and Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated and other organizations have been working diligently to provide festive activities. He explained that starting on Friday evening, December 6, 2019, there will be a variety of activities in Withers Park including the lighting of the holiday Christmas tree, serving refreshments and live entertainment. Councilman Bloomfield remarked that carriage rides will be available during this time, as well. He noted that on Saturday, December 7, 2019, the annual Christmas parade will occur at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bloomfield stated that the parade will take its normal route down Main Street, and, as usual, a number of streets will be closed to accommodate the parade. He commented that, again, this year, the Town will have Santa making his appearance in Wytheville on the Wytheville Fire Department's aerial device. Councilman Bloomfield explained that prior to the Christmas parade and earlier in the day, there will be other activities including opportunities to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, have a hands-on experience with Public Works and Emergency Services vehicles and other activities around the Fourth Street Civic Center and Wytheville Farmers' Market. He noted that specific activities and times are available for viewing on the Town's webpage or Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated's

webpage. Councilman Bloomfield advised that the Council believes that everyone has made a very sincere effort to provide a festive beginning of the Christmas season. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: RESOLUTION – TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider a resolution supporting traffic incident management legislation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pattison and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to adopt a resolution supporting traffic incident management legislation. 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, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:15 p.m.).

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk