



MINUTES

WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 150 EAST MONROE STREET
WYTHEVILLE, VA 24382

1. **RE: ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Beth Taylor, Vice-Mayor Cathy Pattison, Councilwoman Holly Atkins, Councilman Gary Gillman, Councilwoman Candice Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Town Manager Brian Freeman, Assistant Town Manager Elaine HOLETON, Town Clerk Sherry Corvin, Interim Town Attorney Paul Cassell, Computer Operations Manager Ron Jude, Director of Public Utilities and Engineering Billy Anderson, Planning Director John Woods, Police Officer Chastity Russell, Police Officer John Khachane, Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Executive Director Todd Wolford, Jim Cohen, Brenda Willard, Chris Fox, David Johnston, Tasos Gogos, Patricia Austin, C.J. Patel, Sheri Runnells, Danny Gordon

2. **RE: CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

3. **RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mayor Taylor advised that a quorum of Council members was present.

4. **RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Candice Johnson.

5. **RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to amend the agenda to include a Veteran's Banner Project Discussion as the first agenda item. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Atkins, Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilman Gillman.

6. **RE: 6:00 P.M. RECESS**

Mayor Taylor advised that for informational purposes, the agenda includes a 6:00 p.m. scheduled recess, if necessary.

7. **RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024, as presented.

Motion made by Councilman Gillman, Seconded by Councilwoman Atkins. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

8. **RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS, REQUESTS, RESOLUTIONS, COUNCIL DECISIONS**

A. RE: VETERAN'S BANNER PROJECT DISCUSSION

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is discussion regarding the Veteran's Banner Project. She stated that Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Executive Director Todd Wolford would give the Council more information regarding this topic.

Downtown Wytheville Executive Director Todd Wolford thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He noted that he has worked with Town staff and Councilwoman Johnson on this project for about two months. Director Wolford then provided some information regarding the Veteran's Banner Project, and the process of how the designs for the banners were developed. Discussion was held regarding the requirements for veterans to be able to participate in the Veteran's Banner Project. It was the consensus of the Council to allow all current and former residents of the Town and Wythe County, who are/were veterans to participate in the Veteran's Banner Project. Town Manager Freeman stated that this project has been included in the second reading of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, however, the project costs will be funded by families, donors, sponsors, etc., and this will pay for the expense of the printing and design costs of the banners. Councilwoman Johnson advised that there is also a copyright fee of \$100 for the banners.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Gillman to approve the Veteran's Banner Project with the changes made allowing current and former residents of the Town and Wythe County who are/were veterans to participate in the Veteran's Banner Program. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

Councilwoman Johnson thanked Director Wolford and Town Manager Freeman for working with her on this project.

B. RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1433, BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 24-25 - STAFF REPORT/PRESENTATION

Mayor Taylor advised that the next item on the agenda is to consider Ordinance No. 1433, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25, on second, but not final, reading. She stated that Town Manager Freeman will give the Council more information on this ordinance.

Town Manager Freeman stated that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 lays out the Town of Wytheville's financial plan for providing the high-quality service to residents, businesses and visitors that they have come to expect. He noted the proposed budget includes cautious revenue projections, along with modest operational increases to prepare for the financial year ahead. Town Manager Freeman continued to present various information regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget with the Council, including a three (3) percent cost of living adjustment for all full-time employees, a one (1) percent year-end holiday bonus, career development opportunities, a full-time Narcotics Investigator, the Town's expenditures, etc.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1433, BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 24-25 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider Ordinance No. 1433, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25. She inquired if there were any citizens present who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1433, BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 24-25 - SECOND READING

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the consideration by Town Council to approve Ordinance No. 1433, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25, on second, but not final, reading. She inquired if there was a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1433, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25, on second, but not final, reading.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Pattison, Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilman Gillman, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mayor Taylor, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilwoman Johnson.

C. RE: ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE - STAFF REPORT/PRESENTATION

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a staff report/presentation regarding the sale of a non-exclusive franchise, privilege, lease or right for an electric, light, heat, and power transmission and distribution system in the Town of Wytheville. She stated that Town Manager Freeman will be presenting more information to the Council regarding this matter.

Town Manager Freeman gave a brief overview of the State Code section that refers to franchises for utility and other telecommunication providers. He then reviewed information regarding the expiring franchise, the process for awarding a franchise that has taken place in the past and the due date for the Town's Invitation to Bid for this franchise. Town Manager Freeman stated that Mayor Taylor will open any bids received and will read them aloud during the meeting. He noted that after the bids have been opened and read, the Council will hold a public hearing. Town Manager Freeman advised that it is recommended that the Council accept the bid, contingent upon negotiations with Town staff before the final review and approval at the May 28, 2024, Town Council meeting.

RE: ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE - OPENING AND READING OF BIDS

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to open and read aloud bids that have been received to consider the sale of a non-exclusive franchise, privilege, lease or right for an electric, light, heat, and power transmission and distribution system in the Town of Wytheville. She commented that only one bid has been received to open and read aloud. Mayor Taylor stated that the bid is from Appalachian Power Company for the proposed franchise, and the amount is for \$1,000. There being no other bids to be opened and read aloud, Mayor Taylor proceeded with the agenda.

RE: ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider the sale of a non-exclusive franchise, privilege, lease or right for an electric, light, heat, and power transmission and distribution system in the Town of Wytheville. She inquired if there were any citizens present who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE – BID ACCEPTANCE

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the consideration by Town Council to accept the high bid contingent upon the negotiation by Town staff of an appropriate franchise agreement to be submitted to the Council for approval. She inquired if there was a motion to accept the high bid contingent upon the negotiation by Town staff of an appropriate franchise agreement to be submitted to the Council for approval.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Pattison, Seconded by Councilman Gillman. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilwoman Atkins stated that she would like to lessen the number of years of the next franchise agreement. Town Manager Freeman stated that Staff will look into this. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Atkins, Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilman Gillman.

D. RE: TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUEST - WYTHEVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider the request of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center for traffic control on Saturday, July 20, 2024, for a Street Fair event. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the

request of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center for traffic control on Saturday, July 20, 2024, for a Street Fair event.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson, Seconded by Councilman Gillman. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

E. RE: RESOLUTION - VDOT PROJECT FUNDING AND COMMITMENT AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider approving a resolution from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for Project Funding and Commitment and Signature Authority. Town Manager Freeman briefly explained the details of the resolution to the Town Council and noted that it provides VDOT with who has signatory authority at the Town and/or the ability to execute agreements and/or addendums for approved projects. He commented that a similar resolution has been adopted by the Town Council in the past. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to approve a resolution from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for Project Funding and Commitment and Signature Authority.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson, Seconded by Councilman Gillman. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilman Gillman, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mayor Taylor, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilwoman Johnson.

F. RE: RESOLUTION - SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO VDOT FOR NORTH 4TH STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider approving a resolution supporting a Smart Scale application to provide pedestrian improvements on North 4th Street from Commonwealth Drive to Northwinds Apartments. Planning Director John Woods presented the Town Council with a Staff Report regarding the North 4th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project, which would include the construction of sidewalks extending from Virginia Avenue to Northwinds Apartments, new signalized crosswalks at Commonwealth Drive and project is approved, it will be 100 percent funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which means that no local match would be required. Planning Director Woods advised that it would be the recommendation of Town Staff for the Town Council to approve the resolution endorsing the SMART SCALE application to VDOT because it is a requirement of the application process. He explained the application process to the Town Council and noted that the application deadline was August 1, 2024. Mayor Taylor thanked Planning Director Woods for his presentation. She inquired if there was a motion to approve a resolution supporting a Smart Scale application to provide pedestrian improvements on North Fourth Street from Commonwealth Drive to Northwinds Apartments.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson, Seconded by Councilwoman Atkins. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilman Gillman, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mayor Taylor, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilwoman Johnson.

G. RE: RESOLUTION - GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Athletic Teams and Academic Teams. She inquired if there was a motion to approve a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Athletic Teams and Academic Teams.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Pattison, Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

H. RE: TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider scheduling a Meet-and-Greet session or appointing a member to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee to fill a vacant position (term expires May 14, 2028). She inquired if Town Clerk Corvin had any comments regarding this agenda item. Town Clerk Corvin stated that it was self-explanatory in the agenda information, which noted that the Town Council could elect to schedule a Meet-and-Greet session or make the four-year appointment to the Committee, at this meeting. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to consider scheduling a Meet-and-Greet session or appointing a member to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee to fill the vacant position (term expires May 14, 2028).

A motion made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to schedule a Work Session on May 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., for a Meet-and-Greet session with an applicant to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilwoman Atkins confirmed that the Council has the choice to schedule a Meet-and-Greet session or appoint a member. She inquired if the Council has been in a routine of scheduling Meet-and-Greet sessions for applicants. Mayor Taylor stated that she thinks that it depends on the situation. Discussion ensued regarding whether to schedule a Meet-and-Greet session or to appoint the applicant and if the Meet-and-Greet had to be held at a certain time. Mayor Taylor advised that the motion and second is to schedule a Work Session for May 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to hold a Meet-and-Greet session with an applicant to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee. She 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

I. RE: PUBLIC HEARING - MONROE STREET HOUSING PRODUCTION PROJECT

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider scheduling a public hearing for the May 28, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider a Community Development Block Grant application for the Monroe Street Housing Production Project. Assistant Town Manager Holeton stated that this application is due on June 12, 2024. She commented that if the Council chooses to follow Town Staff's recommendation, a public hearing could be scheduled for the May 28, 2024, Town Council meeting, which would meet the requirement of the grant application for the project. Assistant Town Manager Holeton advised that if the Council chooses to schedule the public hearing at the meeting on May 28, 2024, Town Staff will review the project in greater detail, but, at this meeting, all that needs to take place is the scheduling of the public hearing. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to schedule a public hearing for the May 28, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider a Community Development Block Grant application for the Monroe Street Housing Production Project.

Motion made by Councilwoman Atkins, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

J. RE: PUBLIC HEARING - STREET VACATION REQUEST - HOUSEMAN AND HARMAN

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to consider the request of Ronald E. Houseman, Jr. and Mark Alan Harman, Trustee of the Mark Alan Harman Trust, to vacate an undeveloped portion of West Pine Street, extending between North 16th Street and North 18th Street, and appoint viewers for this street vacation request. Director of Public Utilities and Engineering Billy Anderson briefly reviewed the street vacation request with the Town Council members. He stated that Town Staff

recommends that the Council schedule a public hearing for the June 10, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider the street vacation request. Mayor Taylor inquired if there were any questions for Director Anderson. There being none, Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to schedule a public hearing for the June 10, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider the request of Ronald E. Houseman, Jr. and Mark Alan Harman, Trustee of the Mark Alan Harman Trust, to vacate an undeveloped portion of West Pine Street, extending between North 16th Street and North 18th Street, and to appoint the Public Works Committee as viewers for this street vacation request.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Pattison, Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

9. RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She stated that there are several citizens listed on the sign-in sheet who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period. Mayor Taylor requested for the citizens who signed in to speak to please come to the podium, state his or her name and address and limit comments to three minutes unless speaking on behalf of a group and then individuals will have seven minutes to speak.

Mr. David Johnston was recognized and stated that he resides at 650 South 10th Street in Wytheville. Mr. Johnston addressed the Town Council regarding the Town's public alley located near his home, the Town's Mowing Ordinance, and his displeasure regarding the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the enforcement, the billing for the mowings and the public notices regarding the Town's Mowing Ordinance. Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Johnston for his comments. Mr. Johnston thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. Councilwoman Atkins stated that if the mowing notice was not posted in the Town's water bills, then she would like to have further discussion about the topic because she knows a lot of citizens do not get a newspaper due to the price, some citizens do not have internet, etc. She reiterated that if the notice was not posted in the water bill, she would like the Town Council to discuss adjusting mowing bills at another meeting. Town Manager Freeman inquired of the Town Council if there was a consensus for Town Staff to place a reminder regarding the Town's Mowing Regulations in the next water bill if the notice has not already been included this year. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins for Town Staff to place the Town's Mowing Regulations as an insert in the next mailing of water bills if the notice was not already included in the water bills this year. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson.

Mr. Tasos Gogos was recognized and stated that he owns Papa Taso's restaurant, and he resides at 552 North 10th Street in Wytheville. Mr. Gogos advised that he would like to address the Council regarding the benefits of business owners in downtown Wytheville, and the struggles of business owners located outside of the downtown area in town. Town Manager Freeman noted that business owners townwide have the same benefits, however, they are worded differently. He then explained some of the benefits that are available to business owners in Wytheville. Mr. Gogos inquired if he could schedule a meeting with Town Manager Freeman to discuss this matter further, so that he can receive a better understanding of the information Town Manager Freeman presented. Town Manager Freeman stated that Town Staff would set up a time for a meeting with Mr. Gogos regarding the benefits for business owners.

Mr. C.J. Patel was recognized and stated that he owns the Sleep Inn hotel in Wytheville. Mr. Patel thanked Staff for their follow-up email with him, from the last Town Council meeting, regarding the issues with streetlights that he discussed with the Council. He inquired about limited access areas where some of the streetlights are located, and if he could receive some more information regarding limited access areas. Town Manager Freeman defined a "limited access" area. He stated that he would like for him, and Assistant Town Manager Holeton to meet with Mr. Patel to discuss the streetlights he has referred to that are located in a limited access area. Discussion was held regarding these

streetlight outages, the police patrolling businesses in Wytheville, police patrolling businesses in surrounding localities and mowing concerns.

Mayor Taylor inquired if there were any other citizens present who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period. There being none, she proceeded with the agenda.

10. RE: PRESENTATIONS TO TOWN COUNCIL

A. RE: PRESENTATION TO TOWN COUNCIL - UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE WYTHEVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a presentation by Ms. Patricia Austin to provide an update on the activities of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center. She stated that Ms. Austin will now give the Council an update regarding this topic.

Ms. Patricia Austin was recognized and stated that she resides at 705 East Withers Road. Ms. Austin stated that their mission supports education to preserve the history, artifacts and the facility of the former African American Heritage Center. She gave a brief history of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center. Ms. Austin stated that the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center has provided adult education through Mount Rogers, computer and smart phone education, community focus education, etc. She noted that within the last four (4) months, the Wytheville Training School and Cultural Center has had over 346 encounters. Ms. Austin then reviewed these encounters and how many there were in each program with the Council. She stated that the Wytheville Training School and Cultural Center will be hosting fraud prevention training, celebrating Juneteenth, conducting an International Hot Dog Extravaganza fundraiser, holding a Street Fair event, etc. The Town Council thanked Ms. Austin for her presentation.

B. RE: PRESENTATION TO TOWN COUNCIL - UPDATE ON MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a presentation by Planning Director John Woods to provide an update on the public input session regarding traffic calming on Mountain View Drive. She stated that Planning Director Woods would now give the Council more information regarding the public input session.

Planning Director Woods stated that, recently, a public input session was held at the Wytheville Meeting Center regarding traffic calming on Mountain View Drive. He noted that he presented some of the traffic calming options for Mountain View Drive included chicanes, miniature roundabouts, painted curb bump-outs and speed humps. Director Woods commented that based off the options that were proposed, citizens did not like any of the options. He then briefly reviewed the results of these options from citizens with the Council. Planning Director Woods advised that there was a little more support from citizens to add an additional STOP sign at the intersection of Mountain View Drive and 17th Street. Discussion was held regarding the public comments that were received from citizens during the public input session and traffic calming on Mountain View Drive. Director Woods stated that based off the feedback from citizens, he would recommend not implementing any costly traffic calming options and, instead, to consider some additional enforcement in the area during the busiest times that have been indicated at the public input session. Councilwoman Johnson stated that she would like to thank Town staff for working together with the citizens of Mountain View Drive to receive their comments and suggestions regarding the speeding issues on Mountain View Drive.

11. RE: NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is New Business. Town Manager Freeman stated that he did not have any New Business to report, at this time.

12. RE: REPORTS

A. RE: UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Clerk Sherry Corvin presented the upcoming meetings, as follows:

1. The Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office.
2. The New River Regional Water Authority will meet on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Water Plant in Austinville.
3. The District III Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Marion Office.
4. The Homestead Museum Advisory Board will meet on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Jackson House.
5. The Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated (DTW) Board of Directors will meet on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the DTW Office.
6. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers.
7. The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County (JIDA) will meet on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.
8. The Town of Wytheville Municipal Offices will be closed, and all services curtailed, on Monday, May 27, 2024, due to the Memorial Day holiday.
9. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Wytheville Town Council will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

13. RE: OTHER BUSINESS

A. RE: COUNCIL MEMBER TIME

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Council Member Time. She inquired if Councilman Gillman had anything to discuss during Council Member Time. Councilman Gillman stated that he would like to suggest that the Town Council adopt a resolution recognizing the Vintage Baseball team. A brief discussion was held regarding adopting a resolution at a future Town Council meeting to recognize the Vintage Baseball team.

Mayor Taylor inquired if Vice-Mayor Pattison had anything to discuss during Council Member Time. Vice-Mayor Pattison stated that she did not have anything to discuss at this time.

Mayor Taylor stated that she did not have anything to discuss during Council Member Time.

Mayor Taylor inquired if Councilwoman Johnson had anything to discuss during Council Member Time. Councilwoman Johnson stated that she would like to thank Town Manager Freeman and Lieutenant Bard for their work toward resolving the traffic concerns on Main Street from the owner of The Paper Clip.

Mayor Taylor inquired if Councilwoman Atkins had anything she would like to discuss during Council Member Time. Councilwoman Atkins inquired about paving on West Fulton Street, which is a dead end. Town Manager Freeman stated that he would check to see if this street is included in the paving schedule.

Councilwoman Atkins inquired about possibly installing curb and guttering on the 1300 block of West North Street due to stormwater runoff during substantial rain events. Town Manager Freeman stated that he would look into this request.

Councilwoman Atkins inquired if the Council would consider approving Friday, July 5, 2024, as a holiday for Town employees to extend the observance of the July 4, holiday. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired if Wythe County was also giving their employees July 5, 2024, off. Councilwoman Atkins stated that she was not sure, however, she would like to like to give Town employees this day off regardless. A

discussion was held regarding considering July 5, 2024, as a holiday for Town employees to extend the observance of July 4.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Atkins and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve Friday, July 5, 2024, as a one-time Town employee holiday due to the July 4 holiday. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Atkins, Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilman Gillman.

14. RE: CLOSED MEETING

- A.** Mayor Taylor advised that it would be necessary for the Council to go into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A.) (3.) Discussion regarding the proposed acquisition of real property for a public purpose. She inquired if there was a motion to go into a Closed Meeting.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson, Seconded by Councilman Gillman. 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: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson. (6:49 p.m.)

B. RE: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Taylor advised that it would now be necessary to certify the Closed Meeting. She noted that it would also be necessary to reconvene into open session. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was a motion to certify the Closed Meeting held pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A.) (3.) Discussion regarding the proposed acquisition of real property for a public purpose and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies, and only such public business matters were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Motion made by Councilwoman Atkins, Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilman Gillman, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mayor Taylor, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilwoman Johnson. (7:23 p.m.)

15. RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. (7:24 p.m.)

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Clerk of Council