



MINUTES

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 AT 4:27 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 150 EAST MONROE STREET
WYTHEVILLE, VA 24382

1. A. **Persons Present:**

Mayor Beth Taylor, Vice-Mayor Cathy Pattison, Councilwoman Holly Atkins, Councilman Gary Gillman, Councilwoman Candice Johnson, Town Manager Brian Freeman, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Holeton, Chief Deputy Clerk Brandi Jones, Interim Town Attorney Paul Cassell, Computer Operations Manager Ron Jude, Director of Public Utilities Billy Anderson, Planning Director John Woods, Social Media/Marketing Project Coordinator Shane Terry, Wytheville Police Corporal Todd Matthews, Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alison Pollard, Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Assistant Charlie Jones, Patricia Austin, Rob Kern, Meagan Bokovoy, Deb King, Beth Cochran, Josh Pennington, Anastasia Kapranos, Terry Clements, Jeremiah Nohr, Lindsey Schuwolf, Lily Grossman, Madelyn Vinzella, Anthony Manning, Daniela Cardoso, Halle Reinholtz, Niall Hamilton, Jackson Kirsch, Oscar Montgomery, Others

Persons Absent:

None

2. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Taylor advised that the first item on the agenda is the Approval of Agenda, and this required a motion and approval by the Council. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the Work Session agenda.

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 results, by roll call vote: Voting Yea: Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Atkins, Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilman Gillman.

B. **Presentation by Virginia Tech students regarding their recent project with Downtown Wytheville, Inc.**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next item on the agenda is a presentation by Virginia Tech students regarding their recent project with Downtown Wytheville, Inc. She advised that she would like to thank Virginia Tech and their students for choosing Wytheville to be a part of their project. Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Assistant Charlie

Jones introduced the Virginia Tech students to the Town Council. Various Virginia Tech students then gave brief individual presentations regarding their landscape project proposals for the vacant area located on West Main Street in downtown Wytheville, which included themes such as bird watching, a bird garden, "Monarch Wytheville", "Urban Slide", "Urban Backyard", "Depth of Wytheville", "The Growth of Wytheville", "Super Sanctuaries", "Stretching the Seasons", "Blended Settings", "Community Park" and "Evo Park". Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Assistant Jones provided some information regarding the next steps for this project, and stated that he will discuss the project further at a future meeting. The Town Council thanked the Virginia Tech students for their presentations and for the information they provided.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned (5:01 p.m.)

T. Brian Freeman, Town Manager

Brandi N. Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk