



MINUTES
WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 4:00 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 Holeyton, Town Clerk Sherry Corvin, Town Treasurer Michael Stephens, Computer Operations Manager Ron Jude, Assistant Computer Operations Manager Jeff Hooper, Police Sergeant Tommy Lester, Administrative and Events Coordinator Charlie Jones, David Johnston

2. RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

3. RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Pattison.

5. RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the Approval of Agenda. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Pattison, 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.

6. RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2023. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2023, as presented.

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

7. RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS, REQUESTS, RESOLUTIONS, COUNCIL DECISIONS

A. RE: STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ACQUIRE A REFUSE TRUCK AND A DEHUMIDIFICATION UNIT

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is a Staff Report/Presentation by Town Manager Brian Freeman regarding the issuance of General Obligation Bonds

in the maximum amount of \$843,000 to be used to acquire a refuse truck and a dehumidification unit for the Town. Town Manager Brian Freeman stated that the dehumidification unit for the indoor pool at the Wytheville Community Center has been an issue in the past. He noted that the current unit has started failing and that it was part of the original construction of the facility. Town Manager Freeman advised that a new dehumidification unit was really the only option, and that the approximate cost of replacing the unit is \$583,880. He commented that another portion of these bonds will be for a refuse truck. Town Manager Freeman stated that the current refuse truck is at its full life expectancy, and, over the last couple of years, it has experienced a lot of parts failures and maintenance needs. He noted that the anticipated cost for the new refuse truck is \$253,597. Town Manager Freeman advised that an additional \$5,000 was added for Bond Counsel. He stated that these bonds are through the United States Department of Agriculture and the maximum amount of the bonds is \$843,000. A brief discussion continued regarding further details of the General Obligation Bonds. Vice-Mayor Pattison inquired of Town Manager Freeman regarding when the new refuse truck will be delivered. Town Manager Freeman stated that he was not sure when it would be delivered, however, the purchase order has been executed and Staff anticipates that the truck will be received during the current calendar year. He commented that the dehumidification unit is anticipated to be installed during the first quarter of 2024. Councilwoman Johnson inquired of Town Manager Freeman regarding the levy of taxes for the purchaser of a General Obligation Bond. Town Manager Freeman stated that the owner of the Bond does not have the ability to levy taxes. Discussion continued regarding the guidelines and requirements of repayment for a General Obligation Bond for the Town of Wytheville.

B. RE: PUBLIC HEARING - ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ACQUIRE A REFUSE TRUCK AND A DEHUMIDIFICATION UNIT

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the maximum amount of \$843,000 to be used to acquire a refuse truck and a dehumidification unit for the Town. 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.

C. RE: CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ACQUIRE A REFUSE TRUCK AND A DEHUMIDIFICATION UNIT

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is consideration by the Town Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and the execution and delivery of certain related documents. She inquired if there was a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the maximum amount of \$843,000 to acquire a refuse truck and a dehumidification unit for the Town, and to execute and to deliver certain related documents.

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

8. RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. (4:13 p.m.)

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk