



MINUTES

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 150 EAST MONROE STREET
WYTHEVILLE, VA 24382

1. Persons Present:

Beth A. Taylor - Mayor
Cathy D. Pattison - Vice-Mayor
Holly E. Atkins - Council Member
Gary L. Gillman - Council Member
Candice N. Johnson - Council Member
T. Brian Freeman - Town Manager
Elaine R. Holeton - Assistant Town Manager
Sherry G. Corvin - Town Clerk
Paul Cassell - Interim Town Attorney
Clarence Doyle - Police Officer
Charlie Jones - Downtown Wytheville, Inc. Assistant
Mark Bloomfield
Vicki Parks
Andy Sayers
Landon Sayers
Patricia Austin
Glenda Crockett-Eans

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 Committee. 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 Atkins, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilman Gillman, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mayor Taylor.

B. **Meet and Greet Sessions**

Mr. Mark Bloomfield - Joint Industrial Development Authority (JIDA)

Mr. Mark Bloomfield attended the meeting to hold a Meet and Greet Session with the Committee to be considered for appointment to the Joint Industrial Development Authority (JIDA). Town Manager Freeman proceeded to ask Mr. Bloomfield a series of questions regarding his personal interests in serving on the JIDA. Mr. Bloomfield stated that he is a long-time Wytheville resident, business owner and volunteer. He noted that he has worked very closely with the JIDA in the past, and that he is very familiar with the procedures of the JIDA and its importance. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Bloomfield's background and his interest in serving on the JIDA. The Committee thanked Mr. Bloomfield for meeting with them.

Recess

A motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to recess the Work Session. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion, there being none the motion was approved with the following voting results, and there being no opposition: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson. (4:06 p.m.)

It was the consensus of the Committee to reconvene the Work Session. (4:08 p.m.)

Ms. Vicki Parks - Joint Industrial Development Authority (JIDA)

Ms. Vicki Parks attended the meeting to hold a Meet and Greet Session with the Committee to be considered for appointment to the Joint Industrial Development Authority (JIDA). Town Manager Freeman proceeded to ask her a series of questions regarding her personal interests in serving on the JIDA. Ms. Parks stated that she is, currently, the CEO of the Wythe County Community Hospital. She noted that she started her career in accounting as an accounts payable clerk at a hospital and worked her way up to CEO. Ms. Parks advised that she has not worked with the JIDA of Wythe County, however, she has worked with other Industrial Development Authorities and is familiar with their processes and goals for promoting business. Discussion continued regarding Ms. Parks' background and her interest in serving on the JIDA. The Committee thanked Ms. Parks for meeting with them.

Recess

A motion was made by Councilwoman Atkins and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to recess the Work Session. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, and there being no opposition: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson. (4:16 p.m.)

It was the consensus of the Committee to reconvene the Work Session. (4:17 p.m.)

Mr. Andy Sayers - Building Code Appeals Board

Mr. Andy Sayers attended the meeting to hold a Meet and Greet Session with the Committee to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Building Code Appeals Board. Town Manager Freeman proceeded to ask him a series of questions regarding his personal interests in serving on the Building Code Appeals Board. Mr. Sayers stated that he is an electrician and a business owner. He noted that he has worked in the area for many years and has seen contractors perform jobs that have made him question the safety of their work. Mr. Sayers advised that he would like to help prevent those kinds of things from happening by serving on this board. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Sayers' background and his interest in serving on the Building Code Appeals Board. The Committee thanked Mr. Sayers for meeting with them.

Recess

A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to recess the Work Session. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results, and there being no opposition: Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Councilwoman Atkins, Councilman Gillman, Councilwoman Johnson. (4:29 p.m.)

It was the consensus of the Committee to reconvene the Work Session. (4:32 p.m.)

Mr. Landon Sayers - Building Code Appeals Board

Mr. Landon Sayers attended the meeting to hold a Meet and Greet Session with the Committee to be considered for appointment to the Building Code Appeals Board. Town Manager Freeman proceeded to ask him a series of questions regarding his personal interests in serving on the Building Code Appeals Board. Mr. Sayers stated that he is over the building and grounds maintenance for Wythe County, owns his own business and has worked in construction for around 20 years. He noted that he is aware that there are people performing contractor work without the proper licensing, and by serving on this board, he would like to help keep licensed contractors in work in the area. Mr. Sayers stated that he feels as if his background as a licensed contractor, electrician, etc. will help him serve on this board. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Sayers' background and interest in serving on the Building Code Appeals Board. The Committee thanked Mr. Sayers for meeting with them.

There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned. (4:38 p.m.)

T. Brian Freeman, Town Manager

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk