



# AGENDA

## WYTHEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 AT 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 150 EAST MONROE STREET  
WYTHEVILLE, VA 24382

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1. **CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN JOHN W. JONES, JR.**
2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM - CHAIRMAN JOHN W. JONES, JR.**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2023 (**requires motion and vote**)
4. **CITIZENS' PERIOD**
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Presentation of the draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Special Provisions for Conditional Uses, by Planning Director John Woods
  - B. Presentation of the draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Subdivision Requirements, by Assistant Town Manager Elaine Holeyton (*materials to be provided at the meeting*)
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
  - A. Additional Attachments - June 2023 Council Actions
  - B. VDOT Design Public Hearings: July 11, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m., Wytheville Meeting Center Intersection of U.S. Route 11 and W. Monroe Street & I-81 Corridor Improvement Program Safety improvements northbound between Exit 72 and Mile Marker 73.4

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# MINUTES

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### 1. UNAPPROVED MINUTES

#### RE: ATTENDANCE

##### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman John Jones, Jr., Vice-Chairman Brad Litton, Vice-Mayor Cathy Pattison, Mr. David Schmidt, Mr. George Wittwer, Mr. Keith Jones

##### **ABSENT:**

Ms. Lisa Anderson

##### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Assistant Town Manager Elaine HOLETON, Chief Deputy Clerk Brandi Jones, Planning Director John Woods, Matthew Clarke, Sandra Clarke, Heather Kapranos, Nick Kapranos, Denise Clay, Scott McCroskey

#### RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

### 2. RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Jones established that a quorum of Planning Commission members was present.

### 3. RE: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Chairman Jones presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2023. He inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Mr. Wittwer, Seconded by Mr. K. Jones.

Voting Yea: Chairman Jones, Jr., Vice-Chairman Litton, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Wittwer, Mr. K. Jones.

### 4. RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Chairman Jones advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He stated that there are three citizens listed on the sign-in sheet who wished to address the Planning

Commission during Citizens' Period. Chairman Jones inquired if Ms. Heather Kapranos would please come to the podium and state her name and address for the recording of the minutes.

Ms. Heather Kapranos was recognized and stated that she resides at 770 Holston Road in Wytheville. She commented that she was attending the meeting to see if there had been any changes regarding what was initially proposed for Asbury Lane. She noted that she may want to speak later in the meeting if she had questions. Chairman Jones thanked Ms. Kapranos for her comments.

Ms. Denise Clay was recognized and stated that she resides at 545 Tremough Drive in Wytheville. Ms. Clay continued to voice her concerns regarding the decreasing of minimum square footage of houses in the proposed Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Ms. Clay thanked the Planning Commission for allowing her to speak. Chairman Jones inquired if anyone had any questions for Ms. Clay. Mr. Schmidt stated that the UDO is only a preliminary draft ordinance. He noted that he, also, is not for decreasing the size of the houses, however, that is his opinion, and he is not aware of how the other Commissioners feel about it. Mr. Schmidt remarked that a final decision has not been made on this section of the UDO and that it is simply a working draft document. Ms. Clay thanked Mr. Schmidt for his comments. Chairman Jones thanked Ms. Clay for her comments.

Mr. Scott McCroskey was recognized and stated that he resides at 425 Wytheview Drive in Wytheville. He noted that he had a couple of concerns that he would like to address with the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Asbury Lane Subdivision. Mr. McCroskey commented that, originally, the proposal had somewhere between 10 to 13 lots, and now it has been proposed to have 21 lots. He inquired if this number changed from the first time the plat was presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. McCroskey stated that he thought the abutting property owners were meeting again with the Town, and that the residents were to be notified of the meeting. He remarked that he was not notified of the Planning Commission meeting held this evening, and that it just so happened to be that he was able to attend the meeting by circumstance. Chairman Jones explained that the public hearing held by the Planning Commission in March was held for a rezoning request, which required the abutting property owners to be notified of the proposed property being rezoned. He advised that the rezoning request was recommended for approval to the Town Council by the Planning Commission, and the rezoning of the property was approved by the Town Council, as well. Chairman Jones advised that the Subdivision Variance Request that is on the agenda later in the meeting did not require notification of the abutting property owners. Mr. McCroskey continued to discuss his concerns regarding the proposed subdivision on Asbury Lane. He thanked the Planning Commission for allowing him to speak. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. McCroskey for his comments.

Assistant Town Manager Holeton stated that she would like to clarify that the square footage of the homes is not being discussed about this particular development. She explained that what Ms. Clay was referencing is the overall work on the Unified Development Ordinance, which is townwide, and it has been ongoing for over one year. She remarked that she wanted to make sure that those two things are separate topics. Assistant Town Manager Holeton stated that regarding the conceptual plat that was submitted at the rezoning public hearing, which Mr. McCroskey attended, and Chairman

Jones was correct regarding his comment that in the State of Virginia for any rezoning application, there is a requirement that all of the adjacent landowners are notified and also that the public notice is advertised in the newspaper. She explained that this is why the abutting property owners were notified for the rezoning. Assistant Town Manager Holeton commented that for the subdivision plat review and so that everyone is aware, this is the first meeting that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the conceptual subdivision plat. She noted that there will be multiple meetings to review the subdivision plat, therefore, there will not be a decision made on the subdivision plat at this meeting. Assistant Town Manager Holeton explained that at this meeting, the Planning Commission will be reviewing three variance requests. She remarked that what she would suggest as adjacent landowners, if they are interested in following this particular development, then she would encourage them to attend the Planning Commission meetings for the next two to three months. Assistant Town Manager Holeton advised the citizens to call the Planning and Zoning Staff to see if the topic is going to be on the meeting agenda. She stated that the Wytheville Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and the Wytheville Town Council meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Assistant Town Manager Holeton noted that the conceptual plan for the rezoning of the property on Asbury Lane will be reviewed next with the Planning Commission and Staff. She noted that Town Staff is here to help answer questions. Chairman Jones thanked Assistant Town Manager Holeton for her comments.

**5. RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. RE: CONCEPTUAL PLAN OF THE ASBURY LANE SUBDIVISION PRESENTATION**

Chairman Jones advised that the next agenda item is the presentation of the Conceptual Plan of the Asbury Lane Subdivision by Assistant Town Manager Holeton. Assistant Town Manager Holeton explained that the Planning Commission packages included a copy of the Conceptual Plan of the Asbury Lane Subdivision. She commented that Town Staff wanted the Planning Commission to be familiar with the project since it will officially come before the Planning Commission again for the Preliminary Plat Review. She explained that this will not come before the Planning Commission until a couple of things have been sorted out. Assistant Town Manager Holeton explained that, currently, the developer is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on some requirements for the roadway, and he is also working with an onsite soil evaluator for the onsite septic systems. She noted that this site is not eligible for public sewer. Assistant Town Manager Holeton continued to explain the process of the onsite soil evaluator's work. She noted that the septic work will be reviewed and approved by the Virginia Department of Health before the Planning Commission will review the Preliminary Plat. Assistant Town Manager Holeton stated that, essentially, the process is that the Planning Commission will review the Preliminary Plat when it is ready, and then it will go to the Town Council for final approval. She reviewed the depiction of the Conceptual Plan with the Planning Commission. Planning Director Woods advised that all the lots on the Conceptual Plan exceed the requirement for an R-1 Residential Zoning District. He expressed that the lots are bigger than the zoning district requires. Discussion

continued regarding the septic systems for the proposed subdivision. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton stated that in order for the developer to move forward in good faith on this development, he needs to know whether or not the Town is going to approve the variances. Chairman Jones inquired if there were any other questions for Assistant Town Manager Holeyton.

Mr. Keith Jones inquired as to why public utilities are not available for this development. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton explained that it has to do with the elevation of the property. Planning Director Woods continued to explain why the neighborhood has never had public sewer. He noted that it is lower than the nearest elevation of a sewer line, therefore, it would require a pump station to make it work, which would be approximately a \$2M to \$2.5M project for the number of units the pump station would serve, and the Town would never recoup the cost. Mr. Keith Jones inquired if there was any idea of how many units the development planned to include. Planning Director Woods stated that there will not be more units than they are able to subdivide. He commented that the Town has received the preliminary plat which, likewise, could change. Discussion continued regarding the plans for the Asbury Lane Subdivision. Mr. Schmidt inquired of Assistant Town Manager Holeyton regarding the procedure once the Planning Commission makes their recommendation to the Town Council regarding the variance requests and once the lots are made into parcels, perked, tested, etc. He inquired if there is some type of stormwater detention facility that needs to be built with those lots in order for them to be approved or not. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton advised that the stormwater is currently under discussion, therefore, that is another detail that needs to be determined. She continued to explain that the presence of existing development on the site makes this a unique subdivision application. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton reiterated that the Planning Commission will make a recommendation at this meeting to the Town Council to consider the subdivision variance requests for the property located on Asbury Lane.

**B. RE: SUBDIVISION VARIANCE REQUEST FOR ASBURY LANE**

Chairman Jones advised that the next agenda item is to consider a Subdivision Variance Request for the property located on Asbury Lane and to make a recommendation to the Wytheville Town Council for the approval or denial of the Subdivision Variance Request.

Assistant Town Manager Holeyton stated that she always likes to use any opportunity as a learning opportunity for the Planning Commission because there is not a lot of subdivision review, and she noted that some of the review is going to inform the Commissioners of the rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance. She noted that she wanted the Planning Commissioners to be aware of the enabling statute for giving exceptions to the subdivision ordinance language. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton continued to explain the Code of Virginia mandatory and optional provisions of a Subdivision Ordinance. She stated that her Staff Report covers any unnecessary hardships and topographical and other conditions peculiar to the site, and why Town Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission approve the variance requests to the Subdivision Ordinance. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton noted that there are three

variance requests that the Planning Commission will be reviewing at this meeting. She advised that the first variance request has to do with the paved surface width. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton described the request to the Planning Commission. She advised that Town Staff recommends that this variance request be approved. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton advised that the second variance request has to do with curb and gutter, and she described the request to the Planning Commission. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton advised that Town Staff recommends the request be approved. She stated that the third variance request has to do with street right of way width and described the request to the Planning Commission. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton advised that Town Staff also recommends that this request be approved. She stated that the Planning Commission will now consider this request, discuss it and make a motion to make a recommendation to the Town Council to approve or deny this request.

Mr. Wittwer inquired of Town Staff if curb and gutter is required when a stormwater system is required. Planning Director Woods stated that, typically, curb and gutter increases flooding downstream, therefore, it is better to minimize curb and gutter. He continued to explain why curb and gutter minimization is better for stormwater management. Mr. Wittwer stated that with curb and gutter, the subdivision would have a concentrated river, and it would cause more harm than good. Planning Director Woods remarked that one of the main factors that increases flooding downstream is curb and gutter because the water gets to a particular location quicker. Discussion continued regarding flooding in low lying areas around the town due to curb and gutter installation. Vice-Chairman Litton inquired of Town Staff as to why it is a requirement to install curb and gutter. Planning Director Woods advised that this is one of the sections in the new Zoning Ordinance that Town Staff may recommend revising. Chairman Jones inquired if there were any other questions or comments. Mr. Keith Jones inquired of Town Staff regarding the variance on the width of the road from 30 feet to 18 feet, which is about a 40 percent decrease. He inquired why the current ordinance requires a road width of 30 feet, and how a road width of 18 feet will suffice. Planning Director Woods stated that, originally, when this subdivision was developed, the codes were from the 1960's and 1970's and designed to keep the car and convenience for the car in mind. He noted that this still has to be accommodated, but a 30 foot right of way allowed for two-way traffic and room to park on each side, therefore, 18 feet is adequate for two-way traffic on a cul-de-sac such as this. He commented that research has shown that there is a lot less speeding, it is safer for pedestrians if you keep the street narrower and it is a more people friendly environment. He advised that this is not something that the general public is used to seeing because they picture the convenience of lots of places to park versus a street where people will slow down. Planning Director Woods remarked that this is a better solution for a subdivision. Mr. Schmidt stated that if the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is prepared to approve this, then he does not have a problem with it. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton commented that the developer will need an answer on the three variances so that he can continue to the next step.

Mr. Matthew Clarke was recognized and stated that he resides at 190 Nottingham Drive in Wytheville. He noted that he met with Mr. Stephen Dalton of Southwest Soil

who took soil samples, laid out the drain fields and added them to the plat and then submitted everything to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). He remarked that he hopes to have an answer from the VDH at any moment. Mr. Clarke continued to discuss the septic fields, lot lines, etc. with the Planning Commission. Mr. Schmidt inquired about the septic for Lot 21. Mr. Clarke advised that there is one septic, which is drain field six, that will require an easement for Lot 21. Discussion continued regarding Lot 21. Mr. Clarke thanked the Planning Commission for allowing him to speak. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Clarke for his comments.

Chairman Jones stated that his feeling is that if VDOT is willing to approve it, and having worked with VDOT while in the construction business, then the developer is ahead if VDOT is willing to approve a project. He noted that sometimes VDOT is a lot stricter on things than the Town is so he agrees with Mr. Schmidt regarding approving the variances. Chairman Jones inquired if there were any other comments or questions. He inquired if there is a motion to make a recommendation to the Town Council to approve or deny the three Subdivision Variance Requests for the property located on Asbury Lane. A motion was made by Mr. K. Jones and seconded by Mr. Wittwer to make a recommendation to the Wytheville Town Council to approve the three preliminary requests for a variance to the current Town of Wytheville Subdivision Ordinance which include the following: 5-22.3: Paved Surface Width - to accept the existing width of 18 feet of paved surface that is in place; 5-22.4: Curb and Gutter - to approve no installation of curb and gutter; and, 5-21.1: Street Right of Way Width - to approve the right of way width of 40 feet. Chairman Jones inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following roll call vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Jones, Jr., Vice-Chairman Litton, Vice-Mayor Pattison, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Wittwer, Mr. K. Jones.

**C. RE: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DRAFT PRESENTATION**

Chairman Jones advised that the next agenda item is the presentation of the draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Development Standards by Planning Director John Woods.

Planning Director Woods discussed the draft Unified Development Ordinance, Article 7: Site Development Standards with the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued regarding Section 7.2 Clear Sight Triangle. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton stated that it would be her interpretation that this section would be required for new developments or redevelopments. Planning Director Woods discussed Section 7.4 Landscaping and Buffer Yard Requirements. He noted that the Tree Advisory Committee will give the Planning Commission final approval of the buffer yard tree plant materials to include in this section. Discussion ensued regarding Section 7.5 Lighting. Vice-Chairman Litton commented that he has some suggestions for Section 7.5-D General Lighting Standards because of trucking companies. He noted that some language needs to be added to this section. Discussion ensued regarding bright lighting, etc. in areas of town. Assistant Town Manager Holeyton reminded the Planning Commission that this is a living document and can be changed at any time.



Discussion was held regarding what is to come in preparation for the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance, which includes a complete first full draft of Articles 1, 2 and 3; the completion of Article 4; building out the remaining sections in Article 5; building out the remaining sections of Article 8; the complete revision and compilation of definitions for Article 9; revisions for consistency and completeness; editing, wordsmithing and formatting; public comment followed by appropriate revisions based on the public comments; and, adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Wittwer inquired of Planning Director Woods if any thought had been put into electric vehicles in the new ordinance. Planning Director Woods stated that Assistant Town Engineer Billy Anderson has been working on Town-owned potential sites for adding charging stations. He noted that it is a good idea to add something in the parking section of the UDO. Discussion ensued regarding the future of electric vehicles in town. Chairman Jones inquired if there were any other questions or comments.

**6. RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:31 p.m.).

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John W. Jones, Jr., Chairman

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Brandi N. Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk

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## 8.18. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

### A. Purpose and Applicability

1. To regulate and encourage/facilitate the development of wireless telecommunications facilities that are compatible with the character and heritage of the Town of Wytheville and its environs.
2. To ensure the safe placement of poles and equipment and minimize the risk of physical damage and other potential adverse impacts of communications towers.
3. To require where commercially and economically feasible, the joint use or colocation of equipment on wireless telecommunications towers to avoid unnecessary proliferation of communications towers and related equipment.

### B. Telecommunication Tower Under 50'

1. In accordance with Code of Virginia 15.2-2316.3,4, a telecommunication tower under 50' tall as measured from the ground, is considered an "Administrative Review-Eligible Project."
2. Towers shall be proposed at a location that allows adequate setback from all adjacent property lines at a linear distance which equals the height of the tower.
3. Visual simulation of tower appearance shall be submitted as part of the permit application and developer shall submit a view shed mitigation plan.
4. Engineered drawings shall be submitted at time of permit to ensure the structure is safe.
5. In areas with existing restrictive covenants against such towers and/or in areas where underground utilities are required to be underground, a permit may be denied.

### C. Small-Cell Facilities

1. The following standards of this section shall be used to evaluate proposed small-cell facilities for permitting approvals.
2. Compliance with Regulatory Agencies: All small-cell facilities and associated accessory equipment shall meet the current standards and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and any other agency of the federal or state government with the authority to regulate wireless services and equipment.
3. Visual Impact: Small-cell facilities shall be designed and located to minimize the impact on the surrounding neighborhood and to maintain the character and appearance of the Town. Applicants installing small-cell facilities are highly encouraged to install new freestanding metal poles. The location of new freestanding poles shall be done in a manner that minimizes impact to the viewshed and character of the Town.
4. Aesthetic Considerations: Wireless communication providers shall consider the aesthetics of the existing streetlights and neighborhoods adjacent to proposed small-cell locations prior to submitting an application to the Town. The aesthetic treatment of small-cell facilities shall conform to neighborhood aesthetic design treatments as follows:

- a. Town Wide Streetscape Compatibility: When a small-cell facility is installed in the Downtown District, in an Entrance Corridor, along the North 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, or along the Main Street Corridor, the pole design shall closely match or be aesthetically compatible with the decorative streetlight and signal poles used in Downtown Wytheville and along the East Main Street entrance gateway area. In these areas, pole color shall be black to match the existing street furniture, streetlights, and similar equipment.
  - b. Neighborhood Specific Styling: When a small-cell facility is installed in a neighborhood with custom or decorative streetlights, sign poles, or similar street amenities, the small-cell facility shall match or be compatible with the neighborhood design aesthetic for color and style.
  - c. Situational Screening: Where possible, small-cell facilities should be located to minimize visibility. Locations that are screened by trees, landscaping, existing structures, or other means are preferred.
  - d. Supplemental Streetlighting: Pole assemblies may utilize mast arms for a supplemental streetlight, and/or decorative pole bases, architectural luminaires, mounting heights, pole color, etc., to match or blend with the decorative poles used in the streetscape.
  - e. Camouflage Techniques: New small-cell facilities are encouraged to use camouflage design techniques that blend the facility with the natural and/or built environment. However, camouflage techniques that draw attention to the structure, such as flags, lighting, or unusual colors should not be used unless the pole and visible equipment are designed to provide an appealing or artful visual quality. For example, a structure that discretely conceals the equipment is preferred over awkward attempts to disguise a wireless tower as a flagpole. However, if a configuration can be provided that conceals a small-cell facility in a flagpole, and the resulting pole looks like a normal and natural flagpole in an appropriate location, that would be an ideal approach.
  - f. Color: Typically, the new or replacement pole color will be the same as the existing or adjacent street light poles. However, along roadways where no existing decorative poles have been installed, other colors may be approved if visual simulations demonstrate that an alternative color would be less intrusive on the visual character of the neighborhood.
5. Right-of-way Installations: The Town of Wytheville recognizes two types of small-cell installations that are permitted in public rights-of-way as follows:
- a. Type 1: Attachments to existing wooden power or communications poles and strand-mounted systems on existing power and/or communication system poles.
  - b. Type 2: New freestanding metal pole installations.
  - c. An overview of each type is shown in Sections 8.18.B.9 below.
6. Regulations for Right-of-Way Installations
- a. The Town of Wytheville recognizes that installing utility facilities in the public right-of-way is allowed; however, the Town shall not be liable to owners or users of small-cell facilities for any damage caused by those persons or entities.

**b. Type 1: Attachments to Existing Wooden Power Poles (See Figure 8.2 Attachments to Existing Wooden Poles**

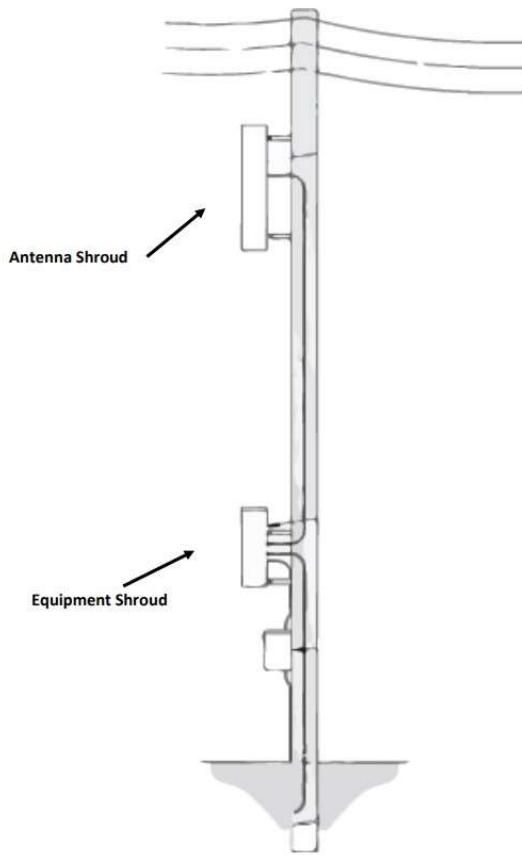
- 1.) Overview: Small-cell facilities may be deployed in the public right-of-way through the utilization of an existing wooden power, communications, or street light pole. Strand-mounting of small-cell equipment on existing wooden pole networks is also allowed under the conditions of this Section. (Note: Strand-mounted equipment that meets the definition of "micro-wireless facility" found in Code of Virginia § 15.2-2316.3. Definitions, are exempt from Town permitting requirements.) Existing poles may be replaced with taller wooden poles to facilitate the small-cell equipment as necessary, subject to applicable zoning district height restrictions.
- 2.) All attachments to wooden power poles shall be approved by the Town of Wytheville and the utility company that owns the pole prior to installation.
- 3.) All equipment shall meet the requirements of the utility company that owns the pole and the Town's Small-cell Permit requirements. All equipment located within the ROW shall be located such that it meets Town standards, ADA requirements, and does not obstruct, impede, or hinder usual pedestrian or vehicular travel.
- 4.) Small wireless facilities shall also meet all requirements of the applicable Right-of-Way Land Use Agreement with the Town. Small-cell facilities in the rights-of-way shall be removed and relocated at no cost to the Town as provided in the Town's Right-of-Way Land Use Agreement.
- 5.) Design Standards: All small-cell carrier antennas and antenna equipment mounted on existing wooden poles or strand mounted on existing overhead utilities shall be covered by a shroud or enclosed in an attractive case or small cabinet. Antennas that functionally cannot be covered by a shroud shall have concealment built up to the antenna edge to create an aesthetically uniform appearance. The small-cell equipment shall be co-located and concealed by up to two shrouds, including the radio cabinet area and antenna area. The electric meter service and disconnect do not require shrouding. The antenna shroud may alternatively be mounted to strand cable on an existing span. Plans, details, sketches, or product brochures may be submitted to the Zoning Official for review of the proposed aesthetics. No new overhead cable spans shall be created for the sole purpose of the small-cell facility.

**Table 8.2 Specifications for Type 1 Small-Cell Facilities Mounted on Existing Wooden Poles**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Specification or Directions</u>
<u>Luminaire and Mast Arm (If provided)</u>	<u>Consult with the Town of Wytheville and AEP (or other pole owner) for guidance at each proposed location.</u>
<u>Luminaire Mounting Height (If provided)</u>	<u>Same height as surrounding luminaires.</u>
<u>Electrical service, Grounding, RF Equipment Disconnect, and Utility Equipment</u>	<u>Per AEP's or other pole owner's requirements and any National Electric Code requirements.</u>
<u>Equipment Shroud</u>	<u>49" H x 19" W x 13" D maximum.</u>

<u>Antenna (If provided)</u>	<u>19" diameter x 80" height (maximum).</u>
<u>Antenna - Side mounted (If provided)</u>	<u>16" wide with height and depth to create a volume not to exceed 9 cubic feet.</u>
<u>Owner Identification</u>	<u>A 30 square inch (maximum) plate with the carrier's name, location identifying information, and emergency telephone number shall be permanently affixed to the equipment.</u>
<u>Color</u>	<u>Wood pole mounted small-cell facility accessory equipment and shrouds shall match the color of nearby street furnishings and decorative poles where present. Where no decorative street furnishings are installed they shall be colored black, gray, or brown.</u>

**Figure 8.?** Schematic Example of Attachments to Existing Wooden Poles



- c. Type 2: New freestanding metal pole installations (See Figure 8.? New Freestanding Metal Poles with or without Optional Streetlight Mast Arm and Luminaire
  - 1.) General Guidance: New freestanding metal pole small-cell poles are standalone structures located in the right-of-way. The use of new freestanding small-cell poles is the preferred method for installation of small-cell facilities.

- 2.) Location: New metal pole assemblies for small-cell facilities shall be located at or near parcel boundaries to minimize the negative visual impacts on individual property owners. The Zoning Administrator may approve a location away from a parcel boundary if it can be demonstrated that the proposed location is less visually intrusive than available locations at parcel boundaries.
- 3.) Types of Poles Allowed: There are two main pole types with some minor variations for freestanding small-cell poles.
  - a.) The first type (Type 2.1) conceals all small-cell carrier antennas and equipment internally to the pole and cantenna, behind a shroud or concealment. No separate ground level equipment shelters, cabinets or electrical panels shall be installed at each location unless all reasonable alternative pole locations and underground locations have been explored and found substantially lacking.
  - b.) The second type (Type 2.2) is a pole with separate equipment cabinets and will be allowed when the proposed area has adequate right-of-way width to safely house and conceal the associated equipment cabinet and power meter cabinet or on an arterial roadway requiring breakaway pole features. Any separate equipment cabinet located in areas as described shall be located at least 20' from curb or edge of pavement; or 3' behind a sidewalk. Separate ground mounted cabinets may also be permitted in areas where visual concealment is less necessary due to adjacent land use patterns, such as near drainageways, adjacent to natural open spaces, etc., by the Zoning Administrator's determination on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.) Design Standards
  - a.) All electrical components associated with small-cell facilities and any associated accessory equipment shall conform to applicable building codes and Wytheville's design aesthetics as described herein.
  - b.) Freestanding small-cell facility aesthetics must be approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to installation. All new freestanding poles shall match or be substantially similar to the finishes, designs, colors, and other aesthetic characteristics of the poles that are either existing or have been designated for the area.
  - c.) All antennas and wiring shall be concealed within the vertical pole, within a cantenna, or behind a shroud mounted to the top of the pole structure. All cantennas and shrouds shall provide as complete concealment as possible to ensure concealed views of antennas, equipment, and other hardware. Antennas that functionally cannot be covered by a shroud shall have concealment built up to the antenna edge to create a uniform appearance aesthetically.
  - d.) All Type 2 new metal freestanding small-cell poles shall be separated by at least 500 feet from another freestanding small-cell facility and shall meet all applicable requirements of Section 4 regarding placement.

- e.) Type 2.1 poles shall have all equipment, meters, and wiring mounted internally. The antennas shall utilize a cantenna, shroud or similar camouflage design acceptable to the Town.
- f.) Type 2.2 poles may have separate equipment cabinets and meters. The equipment cabinets shall use camouflage design techniques, including the use of materials, colors, screening, undergrounding, or other design options that will blend into the surrounding urban or natural setting. Wherever possible, new small-cell equipment cabinets shall utilize existing landforms, vegetation, and structure to aid in screening the facility from view and to blend in with surrounding built and natural environment and maintain a cohesive appearance.
- g.) Type 2.1 and 2.2 poles may have one separate 3 cubic foot equipment shroud or similar camouflage design acceptable to the Town covering externally mounted equipment in addition to the cantenna. To qualify for this installation, the applicant must demonstrate that the additional technology cannot be integrated into the equipment cabinet and/or the cantenna or there are multiple carriers co-locating on the pole.

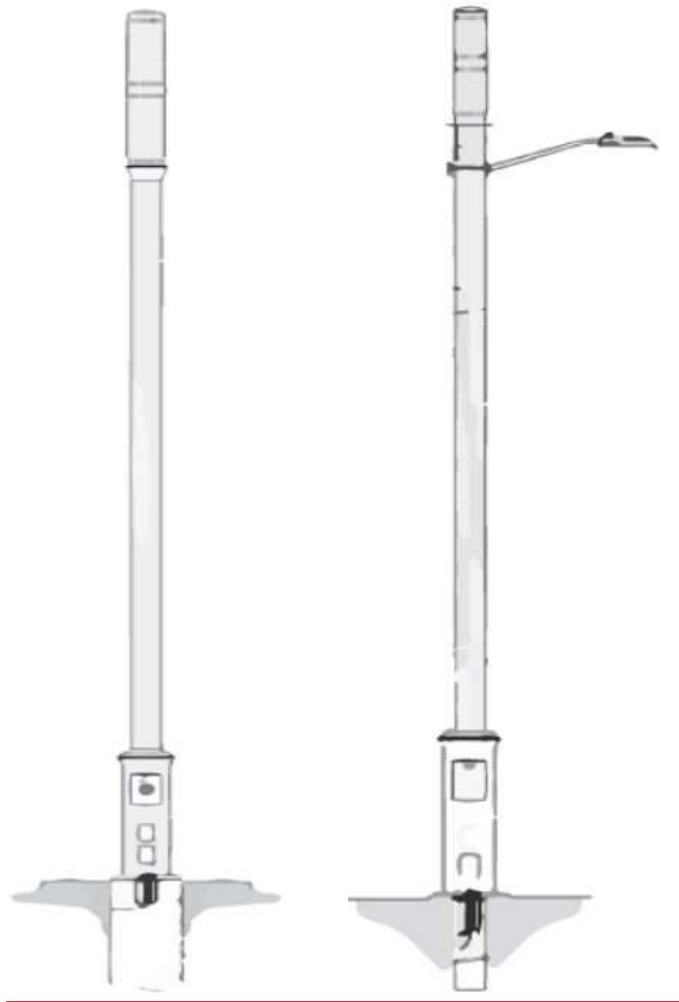
**Table 8.? Specifications for Type 2 Small-Cell Facilities Mounted on New Metal Poles**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Specification or Directions</u>
<u>Pole Type</u>	<u>Round, straight, galvanized steel, or aluminum.</u>
<u>Pole Color and Finishes</u>	<u>Paint color shall be black unless an alternative color is required to match the style of street fixtures in a particular neighborhood. Paint shall be by the powder coat method. Poles and equipment cabinets fabricated with steel shall be galvanized prior to powder coating.</u>
<u>Pole Design Parameters</u>	<u>Poles shall meet the standards of TIA-222 rev H including any updates or addendums. Local standards for wind and snow load are a wind zone of 115 mph and a 25 pound per square foot snow load.</u>
<u>Equipment Cabinet Dimensions</u>	<u>20" diameter x 5'-8" tall (maximum)</u>
<u>Access Doors</u>	<u>Utility access- Per AEP requirements, meter shall be recessed as much as possible into the equipment cabinet. Luminaire access- hand hole with fused power disconnect. Carrier access- Lockable door appropriately sized.</u>
<u>Luminaire and Mast Arm (If provided)</u>	<u>Consult with the Town of Wytheville and AEP (or other pole owner) for guidance at each proposed location.</u>
<u>Luminaire Mounting Height (if luminaire provided) and Pole Height</u>	<u>Install luminaires at the same height as surrounding luminaires. Structure height may not exceed 50'.</u>
<u>Electrical Service</u>	<u>Per AEP's requirements and any National Electric Code requirements.</u>
<u>Ventilation</u>	<u>Passive louvers and/or passive ventilation systems are preferred. If required, fans shall not emit noise greater than 50 dBs at one meter (3.28').</u>
<u>Cantenna (If provided)</u>	<u>19" diameter x 80" height (maximum)</u>
<u>Side-mounted Shroud (if allowed)</u>	<u>16" wide with height and depth not to exceed 9 cubic feet.</u>
<u>Equipment Cabinet Area (if allowed)</u>	<u>350 SF maximum size. An evergreen hedge, Evergreen trees or an architectural screen fence shall be provided for towers located in residential zoning districts and along Entrance Corridor streets.</u>

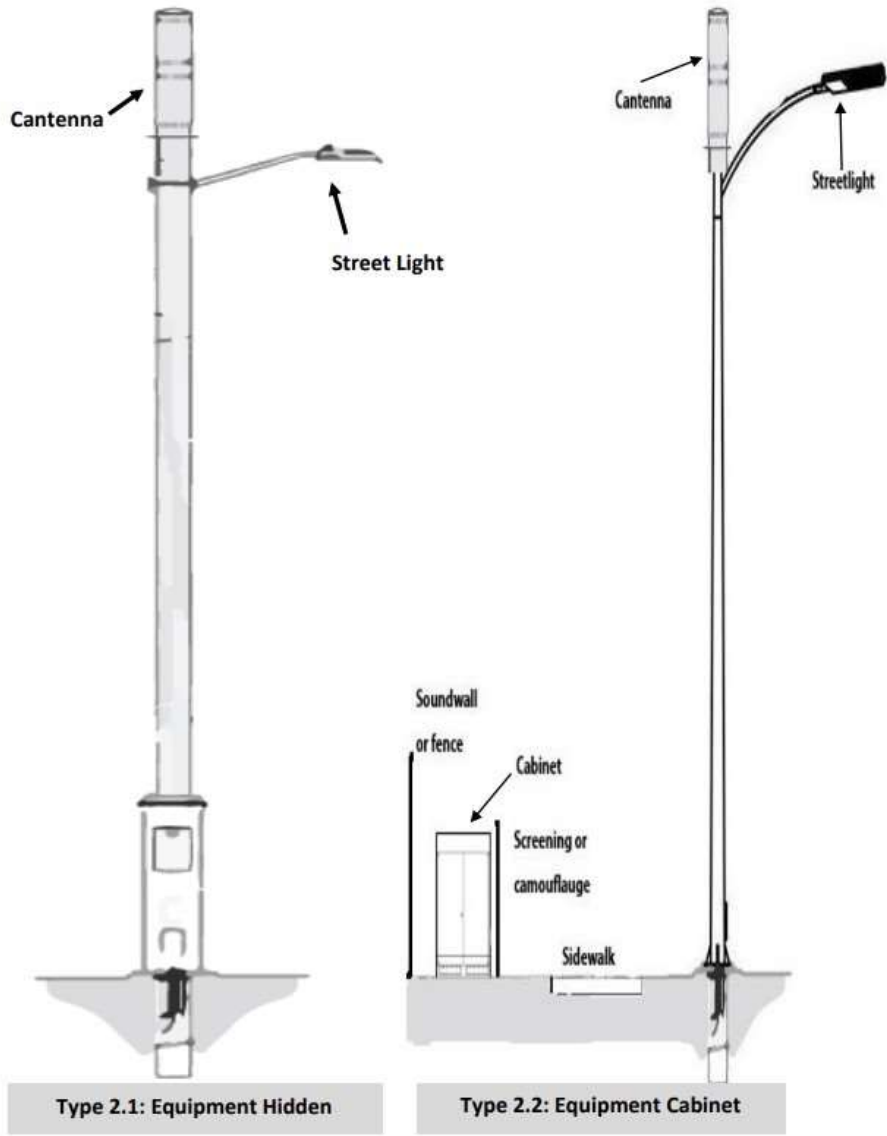


<u>Owner Identification</u>	<u>A 30 square inch (maximum) plate with the carrier's name, location identifying information, and emergency telephone number shall be permanently affixed to the equipment.</u>
<u>Color</u>	<u>Antennas and small-cell facility accessory equipment shall be colored black or shall match the color and style of neighborhood street fixtures. The Zoning Administrator may approve other colors with justification for the design choice.</u>

**Figure 8.? Type 2.1 New Freestanding Metal Poles with or without Optional Streetlight Mast Arm and Luminaire**



**Figure 8.?** Type 2.1 and 2.2 New Freestanding Metal Poles Compared  
Showing Separate Cabinet and Optional Streetlight Mast Arm  
and Luminaire



**D. Micro-Wireless Facilities**

- a. Strand-mounted equipment that meets the definition of “micro-wireless facility” found in Code of Virginia § 15.2-2316.3. are exempt from Town permitting requirements.
- b. Other micro-wireless facilities that do not meet the strict requirements as defined in the above referenced Code of Virginia shall meet the applicable standards for Small-Cell Facilities in Section “C” above.

**C.E. Telecommunication Tower Over 50’**

- 1. **Special Exception Permit Required**
  - a. A Special Exception Permit is required for all new wireless telecommunications towers in excess of 50 feet in height. Applications for the Special Exception Permit shall include plans and information demonstrating how the facility will meet the standards herein as well as additional measures the will be utilized to mitigate or minimize negative impacts on adjoining properties and on the Town as a whole.
- 2. **Maximum Height, including any appurtenances.**
  - a. 150 feet, unless the applicant can provide documentation that justifies the additional height request.
  - b. 50 feet from the roof peak, if mounted on any building.
- 3. **Lighting**
  - a. No general illumination shall be permitted.
  - b. All towers shall be lighted in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
- 4. **Setbacks**
  - a. The base of any new tower shall be set back no closer to a residential structure than a distance equal to one foot for each one foot in height of the proposed tower, plus an additional 100 feet, except for a residential structure located on the property on which the tower is to be built, as long as the structure is outside of the tower collapse zone.
  - b. Guy wire anchors, equipment buildings, and other facilities supporting communication towers shall satisfy the minimum setback requirements in the underlying zoning district.
- 5. **Visual Impact Mitigation**
  - a. A 50-foot forested buffer shall be maintained on all sides of the telecommunications tower. If a forested buffer does not exist, the following minimum landscaping shall be installed and maintained:
    - 1.) A continuous hedge of evergreen shrubs, at least 36 inches high at planting, shall be planted a maximum of five feet apart around the outside perimeter of the security fence around the tower site, except for access driveways. These shrubs shall have an expected height of at least 10 feet at maturity.
    - 2.) A double row of large shade trees, at a maximum spacing of ~~50-30~~ feet on center, beginning within a 50-foot radius of the tower, and contains a mixture of at least 50% evergreen tree species.

- b. Communication towers shall have either a galvanized steel or neutral color finish unless otherwise required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**6. Collocation**

- a. All telecommunication towers over 50 feet shall provide for at least three sites for collocation.
- b. Approval of collocation on an existing tower above 50 feet shall qualify for administrative review and approval and is not subject to the requirements of a new Special Exception Permit application process.
- c. All applications for telecommunication towers shall provide a collocation study to demonstrate that there is not a suitable alternative collocation site by providing evidence of the following:
  - 1.) Existing structures located within the geographic area in which the proposed antenna must be located are of insufficient height to meet the technical design requirements;
  - 2.) Existing structures do not have sufficient structural strength to support the proposed antenna;
  - 3.) The proposed antenna would cause electromagnetic interference with antennae on existing structures, or antennae on existing structures would cause interference with the proposed antenna; and/or
  - 4.) The fees, costs, or other contractual provisions required by the owner of the existing structure for collocation or the engineering costs to adapt an existing structure for collocation are unreasonable given current market rates in the region.
- d. Owners of towers shall provide the Town co-location opportunities as a community benefit to improve radio communication for Town departments and emergency services.
- e. If existing telecommunication towers or tall structures are located within two miles of the proposed site, the Applicant will be expected to prove that there is no technologically and structurally suitable space available on the existing structure.

**7. Additional Standards**

- a. Only monopole or lattice-type structures will be allowed.
- b. A collapse zone shall be designed so that tower collapse will occur only within the property owned or controlled by an easement.
- c. A sign identifying the tower owner, address, and emergency notification number and other information required by state or federal regulations shall be placed in a conspicuous location. The sign shall be no more than four square feet in area and mounted no more than five feet above the ground, as measured from the adjacent grade to the top of the sign. No commercial signs or advertising shall be placed on communication towers.
- d. When any tower is not operated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, it shall be considered abandoned, removed by the landowner, and the site restored to the condition that existed prior to the development of the tower within six (6) months.

- e. Speculation towers are prohibited.
- f. Communication towers shall be enclosed by security fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. Razor wire shall not be permitted on fences. Access to communication towers shall be through a lockable gate.

**8. Additional Application Materials Required**

- a. A map of the geographic area in which the Applicant's antenna must be located to reasonably serve the Applicant's coverage area, showing all existing and approved tower sites and all other structures equal to or greater than 75% of the height of the proposed tower within this area.
- b. A community impact statement and visual impact analysis.
- c. Written documentation that collocation on existing towers or structures in the vicinity of the proposed tower was attempted by the Applicant but found infeasible with reasons explained. This documentation must include verification by a professional engineer that no alternative to the construction of a new tower exists.
- d. Documentation from the FAA and FCC showing approval of the tower.
- e. Copies of all applicable submissions made by the Applicant to any state or federal regulatory agency relative to the proposed project, including any approvals received at the time of application to the Town.
- f. Elevation drawings showing the height and design of the tower, materials to be used, color, and lighting.
- g. A report prepared and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Virginia that describes the tower height and design and that demonstrates the tower's compliance with applicable structural requirements and the collocation requirements of this Ordinance. The engineering report shall further certify that the tower will satisfy minimum wind load standards imposed by the American Society of Civil Engineers and shall certify the tower's fall zone.
- h. A notarized affidavit that states the Applicant's willingness to allow collocation on the proposed tower at a fair market rate and in a timely manner to any other service provider, licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, serving the Town of Wytheville market area, and that such collocation agreement is assigned to the successors, heirs, and future owners of the tower.
- i. A removal bond that will be retained by the Town in the event the tower is abandoned. The removal bond shall be in an amount sufficient enough to pay for the removal of the tower.

**F. Deviations from Development Standards**

- 1. Deviations from these development standards shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Zoning Administrator and may be granted if these standards would result in a prohibition or effective prohibition of personal wireless service. The Town may also permit a deviation from these standards when it finds the applicant's proposed design provides equivalent or superior aesthetic value when compared to strict compliance with these standards.

**D.G. Amateur Radio Towers and Antennas**

- 1. Amateur radio towers and antennas shall be permitted by right as accessory structures in all zoning districts, subject to the following supplemental regulations.
  - a. No antenna shall be installed in a front yard or corner side yard along a public right-of-way. Setback requirements shall be equal to the building setback for the underlying zoning district or 20 feet, whichever is greater.
  - b. Amateur radio towers and antennas, including any guy wires, shall be located no closer to the street on which the principal building fronts than the principal building.
  - c. The maximum permitted height of amateur radio towers is seventy-five (75) feet above ground level in all zoning districts.
  - d. Antenna construction and installation shall comply with all applicable building codes. An inspection of footing installation is required.
  - e. Antennae 35 feet or taller require engineered structural drawings for approval.
  - f. Amateur radio towers and antennas shall be dismantled and removed from the site within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the tower no longer being used.

**D.H. Satellite Dishes**

- 1. Satellite Dish Antennae larger than four (4) feet in diameter shall meet the following supplemental regulations.
  - a. No satellite dish shall be installed in a front yard or corner side yard along a public right-of-way.
  - b. Satellite dishes shall be set back a minimum of 5 feet from adjoining property lines.
  - c. Satellite dishes shall be screened from view of any public right-of-way.
  - ~~b-d.~~ Roof mounted satellite dishes shall not exceed the maximum height for buildings in the underlying zoning district.

### 8.3. Adult Uses

#### A. Purpose

1. Within the Town, it is recognized that there are some uses that because of their nature are recognized as having serious objectionable operational characteristics particularly when several of them are located in a concentrated manner in near proximity to each other or located in direct proximity to residential neighborhoods and/or certain other types of uses thereby having a deleterious effect upon the adjacent areas. Special regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse effects will not contribute to the blighting or downgrading of the surrounding neighborhood. The primary control or regulation is for the purpose of preventing the concentration or location of these uses in a manner that would create such adverse effects.

#### B. Special Exception Permit required for Adult Uses.

1. A Special Exception Permit is necessary for the establishment of an adult use, as defined in section 9.?, in any of the zoning districts where the use is permitted. Special Exception Permits required for adult uses may be approved only by the Town Council. A Special Exception Permit for an adult use may be issued by the Town Council after finding that the location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed adult use will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or be materially detrimental to the neighboring uses.
2. Any application for a Special Exception Permit shall include a description of proposed hours of operation and a plan or narrative describing security and safety procedures to be established on the site of the adult use.

#### C. Location and Extent of Adult Uses.

1. The following restrictions apply to the location and extent of adult uses in the Town:
  - a. Adult uses and the parking areas that serve those uses shall be separated by at least 500 feet from any residential district or planned unit development district boundary.
  - b. Adult uses and the parking areas that serve those uses shall be separated by at least 500 feet from any church or other place of worship; public park; public or private elementary, intermediate, or high school; public library; day care center; or nursing home.
  - c. No two such adult uses shall be located within 1,000 feet of each other.
  - d. For the purposes of subsections “a” through “c” above, distances shall be measured on a straight line: (1) from the structure containing the adult use or parking lot serving said adult use, to the nearest point of property named in subsections “a” through “c” above; or (2) between the structure containing the adult use and the structure containing any other adult use.

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# COUNCIL ACTION LETTER

## Staff Assignments and Information

June 12, 2023

Number 570

### ACTIONS TAKEN OR DISCUSSED

### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

1. Approved the meeting agenda.
2. Approved the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2023.
3. Conducted a public hearing to consider the issuance and sale of a General Obligation Bond, in an amount not to exceed \$2,470,000, for improvements to water and sewer facilities, and adopted the resolution authorizing issuance and sale of the General Obligation Bond and approved the execution and delivery of certain related documents.
4. Approved the request of Downtown Wytheville, Inc. to close Main Street, between Fourth Street and Seventh Street, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., for the Downtown Wytheville July 4th Celebration and Street Festival.
5. Approved the request of the Wytheville Treasurer's Office for the Wytheville Police Department to provide traffic control on Tazewell Street at the Willow Brook Jackson/Umberger Homestead Museum property on Sunday, June 18, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for a State Treasurer's Meeting Social event.
6. Approved a Subdivision Variance Request for the Asbury Lane Subdivision.
7. Approved the request from the Department of Museums for the Take a Break from the Interstate Road Market scheduled for July 28-30, 2023.
8. Approved a request from HOPE, Incorporated for the Wytheville Police Department to provide traffic control assistance on various streets in town for The Fast and Fiorini Metric Century Bike Ride event on Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

3. **Town Manager** – execute necessary documents regarding the General Obligation Bond
4. **Assistant Town Manager** – advise applicant of approval
5. **Assistant Town Manager** – advise applicant of approval
6. **Assistant Town Engineer** – advise applicant of approval
7. **Town Clerk** – advise Department of Museums of approval
8. **Assistant Town Manager** – advise applicant of approval

- 9. Adopted Ordinance No. 1423, an ordinance setting the Real Property Tax Rate at \$.20 per \$100 valuation for the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading, as amended (effective July 1, 2023).
- 10. Held a Closed Meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A.) (1.) Discussion regarding the Town Attorney position, and certified the Closed Meeting.
- 11. Requested the Town Manager to continue researching attorneys to provide legal services to the Town and report back to the Council.

- 9. **Town Treasurer** – implement new tax rate on July 1, 2023

## COUNCIL ACTION LETTER Staff Assignments and Information

June 26, 2023

Number 571

### ACTIONS TAKEN OR DISCUSSED

### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approved the meeting agenda.</li><li>2. Approved the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023.</li><li>3. Conducted a public hearing to consider the request of HOPE, Incorporated to close a public alley running parallel to West Monroe Street and West North Street, between 14th and 16th Streets.</li><li>4. Adopted Ordinance No. 1425, an ordinance discontinuing and vacating an alley running parallel to West Monroe Street and West North Street, between 14th Street and 16th Street, in the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading.</li><li>5. Approved the request of HOPE, Incorporated to waive the closure payment in the amount of \$14,229.00, the value of the alley that runs parallel to West Monroe Street and West North Street, between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.</li><li>6. Conducted a public hearing to consider appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.</li><li>7. Approved amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget to include appropriations to the Park Amenities Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,100, the Perpetual Care Fund Budget in the amount of \$15,000 and the Wytheville EDA Fund in the amount of \$8,000.</li><li>8. Adopted Ordinance No. 1422, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, on third and final reading.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. <b>Planning Director</b> – advise applicant of approval<br/><b>Assistant Town Engineer</b> – amend Town mapping</li><li>5. <b>Planning Director</b> – advise applicant of approval</li><li>7. <b>Town Treasurer</b> – make appropriations to 2022-2023 Budget</li></ol> |
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- 9. Adopted Ordinance No. 1424, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 12. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Article VI. Nuisances on Premises, Removal of Weeds, Mowing, Etc., and Clutter, Division 2. Removal of Weeds, Mowing, Etc., by amending Section 12-92. Excessive Vegetation; Overgrowth, and by adding Section 12.94. Mowing Exemptions, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading.
- 10. Adopted Ordinance No. 1426, an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 14. Taxation, Article IV. Cigarette Tax, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading.
- 11. Adopted a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Girls Tennis Team.
- 12. Approved the issuance of a maximum of 50 hunting permits on Town-owned land on Sand Mountain.
- 13. Approved closing the Town Municipal Offices on Monday, July 3, 2023, for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

- 9. **Town Clerk** – amend Town Code
- 10. **Town Clerk** – amend Town Code
- 11. **Town Clerk** – schedule presentation of the resolution for July 24 Council meeting
- 12. **Chief Deputy Clerk** – send notice to news media and issue permits

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## Intersection of U.S. Route 11 and W. Monroe Street (Wytheville)

Design Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wytheville Meeting Center

333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, Virginia 24382

[www.virginiadot.org/Route11MonroeStreetWytheville](http://www.virginiadot.org/Route11MonroeStreetWytheville)

**Find out** about the proposed plans to improve safety along a portion of where Route 11 meets W. Monroe Street. The project includes improving the alignment of W. Monroe Street where it crosses Route 11. New left turn lanes will be designated with pavement markings on Route 11 for W. Monroe Street in both directions and there will be access changes along Route 11 to improve safety. ADA compliant sidewalks will be installed along W. Monroe Street and Route 11 within the project limits for pedestrian accommodations. The hearing will be held in an “open-house” format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

**Review** the proposed project plans and the National Environmental Policy Act documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion at the public hearing or at VDOT’s Bristol District Office located at 2111 Bonham Road in Bristol, 276-669-6151, 800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Property impact information, relocation assistance policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the hearing or submit them by **July 21, 2023**, to Ms. Brandi Halloway, VDOT Project Manager, 2111 Bonham Road, Bristol, VA 24201. You may also e-mail your comments to [bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov). Please reference “Intersection of Route 11 and Monroe Street Public Hearing” in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to you civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Brandi Halloway at the phone number listed above.

State Project: 0011-139-261, P101, R201, C501 UPC: 119431 Federal Project: STP-5135(120)

To: mile post 70.27 From: mile post 70.12

*In the event of inclement weather, the public hearing will be held July 13, 2023, at the same location.*



## **I-81 Corridor Improvement Program Safety improvements northbound between exit 72 and mile marker 73.4 (Wytheville)**

### **Design Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.**

Wytheville Meeting Center

333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, Virginia 24382

<https://www.publicinput.com/h7335>

**Find out** about the proposed plans to improve safety where I-81 meets I-77 toward West Virginia. The project includes extending the off ramp from I-81 north onto I-77 north and extending the off ramp from I-77 south onto I-81 south; constructing a lane between southbound I-77 exit 41 (Peppers Ferry Road) and the I-81 southbound off ramp; and replacing the I-81 bridges over Peppers Ferry Road and the I-81 northbound bridge over I-77 north.

**Review** the proposed project plans and the National Environmental Policy Act documentation in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at the public hearing or at VDOT's Bristol District Office located at 2111 Bonham Road in Bristol, 276-669-6151, 800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Property impact information, relocation assistance policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the hearing or submit them by **July 21, 2023**, to Mr. Robert Leonard, P.E., VDOT Project Manager, 2111 Bonham Road, Bristol, VA 24201. You may also e-mail your comments to [bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov). Please reference "I-81 / I-77 Interchange Project" in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regard to your civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Robert Leonard at the phone number listed above.

State Project: 0081-139-265, B604, B605, B606, C501, P101, R201 UPC: 122267 Federal Project: NHPP-0081(415)

To: mile post 72 northbound From: mile post 73.4 northbound

***In the event of inclement weather, the public hearing will be held July 13, 2023, at the same location.***