

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

Members absent: None

Others present: Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Assistant Town Manager T. Brian Freeman, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Chief Deputy Clerk Brandi N. Jones, Jamie Claypool, John Claypool, Todd Wolford, Tommy Atkins, Bobbi Martinez, Liliana Martinez, Lorna King, Millicent Rothrock with *The Wytheville Enterprise*, Police Officer Daniel Cassell

**RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gillman.

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2021; the request of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for waiver of fees for use of Withers Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until midnight for the Luminaria Ceremony; the request of the American Cancer Society to close Main Street, from Tazewell Street to Fourth Street, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021, for the Relay for Life of Southwest Virginia event; the request of the Wythe County Historical Society for waiver of fees for use of Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their annual picnic; and, the request of George Wythe High School to conduct a Graduation Parade on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Spiller Street, 12th Street and Main Street. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2021; the request of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for waiver of fees for use of Withers Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until midnight for the Luminaria Ceremony; the request of the American Cancer Society to close Main Street, from Tazewell Street to Fourth Street, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021, for the Relay for Life of Southwest Virginia event; the request of the Wythe County Historical Society for waiver of fees for use of Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their annual picnic; and, the request of George Wythe High School to conduct a Graduation Parade on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Spiller Street, 12th Street and Main Street., as presented. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to receive public input on a request to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the maximum amount of \$200,000, to be used for small business recovery assistance. She continued to explain the grant resolution to the Council. Mayor Taylor inquired if there were any citizens attending the meeting who wished to address the Council during this public hearing. She noted that Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated Executive Director Todd Wolford is attending the meeting, if anyone had any questions regarding the grant. There being no one who wished to address the Council during the public hearing, Mayor Taylor declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD - PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION - GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS, THEATRE AND FILM TEAM MEMBER**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the adoption and presentation of a resolution to Ms. Liliana Martinez of the George Wythe High School Forensics, Theatre and Film Team. She inquired of the Council if there is a motion to adopt a resolution recognizing Ms. Martinez of the George Wythe High School Forensics, Theatre and Film Team. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to adopt a resolution recognizing Ms. Liliana Martinez of the George Wythe High School Forensics, Theatre and Film Team. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E Atkins, Gary L Gillman. Against None.

Mayor Taylor noted that she would read Ms. Martinez's resolution and then ask her to come forward for the presentation and to have a photo taken.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Liliana Martinez, a senior at George Wythe High School, is a member of the Forensics, Theatre and Film Team; and,

**WHEREAS**, Liliana won the Virginia High School League District Forensics competition, placed second in the Regional Forensics competition and advanced to the State competition; and,

**WHEREAS**, Liliana performed a selection titled "Mending the Divide" in the Virginia High School League Forensics Class 1 Poetry competition; and,

**WHEREAS**, Liliana attained the State Championship for her performance in the Forensic Class 1 Poetry competition; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Liliana Martinez, through her outstanding display of poetic skills, reflected great credit upon herself, the school and the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends Ms. Liliana Martinez; the George Wythe High School Forensics, Theatre and Film Team; and, its head coach, Loma King.

BE IT **FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be presented to Ms. Liliana Martinez, the coach, other officials concerned and the news media.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that there is no one listed on the sign in sheet who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, however, if anyone has changed their mind and wished to address the Council, now is the time to do so. There being no one who wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, Mayor Taylor proceeded with the agenda.

She noted that the Council had on its agenda to present a resolution to the George Wythe High School Swim Team and if the Swim Team members arrive later in the meeting, she would revisit Citizens' Period for the presentation of their resolution.

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Under Old Business, Town Manager Moore advised that he had one item to report to the Council. He noted that the Town of Wytheville, Truliant Federal Credit Union and the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce will host a Shred Day event on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building Parking Lot. He continued to explain the details of the event to the Council.

**RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Bloomfield reported for the Budget and Finance Committee. The Budget and Finance Committee report was entered into the record as follows: Our Committee has been evaluating and fine tuning the budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022, and, unfortunately, income projections are not significantly better than last year. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is purported to have funding for State and Local governments to replace tax revenues lost due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. While there have been some unofficial releases of dollar amounts of "allocations" to Local governments in Virginia, there have also been rumors that these amounts may not be correct. Also, the official guidelines for the use of these funds have not been released and may only be released with the funding. Therefore, the Budget and Finance Committee has carefully weighed a number of services and resultant expenditures and has not included these funds in the 2021-22 budget. We completed a Budget Work Session earlier this evening, and we look forward to having a budget document ready for first reading as scheduled on May 10. However, if the ARP first allocations and the spending guidelines are released before that time, the budget document may be revised to reflect the ARP funding.

Last week at the Council Work Session, we received a listing from Town Treasurer Michael Stephens of delinquent taxes that need to be written off the Town's books. There are \$1,500.01 in delinquent Personal Property/Mobile Home Taxes and \$17,507.66 in water/sewer bills for which the statute of limitations has expired. It would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Council authorize Town Treasurer Stephens to remove these delinquent taxes and water/sewer bills from the Town's books. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to authorize the Town Treasurer to write off \$1,500.01 in 2015 delinquent Personal Property/Mobile Home Taxes and \$17,507.66 from the 2010-2013 Water/Sewer accounts. 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: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

The Town received a letter from State Senator Todd Pillion and Delegate Terry Austin noting that the Virginia General Assembly had included budget language that requires the study of extending passenger rail service to the New River Valley and Bristol. They were enthusiastic about this funding and asked for endorsement from communities in this region. Wytheville has financially supported passenger rail service initiatives for over 20 years, and we would like to continue this effort. It would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Wytheville Town Council send a letter supporting this study to Senator Pillion and Delegate Austin. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to authorize sending a letter of support for passenger rail service to Senator Todd Pillion and Delegate Terry Austin. 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: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None. The Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

#### **RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Gillman reported for the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Committee report was entered into the record as follows: Several reviews and modifications by Wythe County Attorney Scot Farthing, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton and Wytheville Fire and Rescue Chief Marc Brade, have been made to the Mutual Aid Agreement for the Fire and Rescue Department. This Mutual Aid Agreement allows Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat to request aid from another Fire and Rescue entity. The Agreement sets the standards, conditions and protocols for Mutual Aid, and it limits liability. The Town Council has reviewed this document in a Council Work Session, and Fire and Rescue Chief Brade has requested that additional revisions be made to the agreement. We will bring the Mutual Aid Agreement to the Town Council for their approval, once it has been reviewed and is acceptable to all three entities. A resolution will be required to be adopted by the Town Council once the document is ready for approval.

Several weeks ago, the Virginia Health Department (VDH) notified the Town that the Wytheville Water Works had been selected to participate in a PFAS Sampling Study, which would monitor the Town's water for a group of industrial byproduct contaminants known as PFAS. Wytheville was one of 50 waterworks that was selected for this sampling. We expressed concerns to VDH about funding sources for removing PFAS from the Town's water supply, if the contaminant was found. However, we were assured that funding assistance would likely be available from a number of sources. We feel that it is important to know the quality of our water supply, and, it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Council authorize Town Manager Moore to execute the PFAS Sampling Study Agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to authorize the Town Manager to execute the PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Study Agreement. 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: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

The Public Works Committee has heard from a number of citizens regarding the traffic on their streets and the speed at which this traffic traverses their neighborhoods. We have asked that

the Wytheville Police Department monitor these areas with a "speed spy device" which records the volume and speed of the traffic. The studies have validated the complaints that much of the traffic is traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. We have examined ways to reduce the speeds, including posting the "speed trailer" at these locations which displays the motorists' speed compared to the speed limit. This has proven to be effective in slowing motorists. Police Chief Joel Hash has agreed to rotate the speed trailer between the neighborhoods, and to begin to have his patrol officers enforce the speed limit with radar. We would like to ask all our citizens to be aware of their speed as they drive through town, and to be aware that radar speed enforcement will be increased throughout town in the coming weeks. The Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business, Town Manager Moore reported the following:

1. The Willow Brook Jackson/Umberger Homestead Museum Board will meet on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Homestead property.
2. The Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated Board of Directors will meet on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**RE: APPOINTMENTS - WYTHEVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a member to the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Danny McDaniel (term expires September 8, 2021 ). A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins to appoint Mrs. Ellen McDaniel to the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (term expires September 8, 2021 ). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to appoint Mrs. McDaniel to the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E Atkins, Gary L Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: RESOLUTION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to adopt a resolution approving funding not to exceed \$200,000 from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Small Business Recovery Assistance Program. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to adopt a resolution approving funding not to exceed \$200,000 from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Small Business Recovery Assistance Program. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E Atkins, Gary L Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: CLOSED MEETING - PERSONNEL MATTER**

Mayor Taylor stated that it will now be necessary for the Council to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A.)(1.) to discuss the hiring of a Town Manager, § 2.2-3711 (A.)(29.) to discuss awarding an employment contract with a proposed Town Manager and § 2.2-3711 (A.)(8.) legal advice.

Councilwoman Atkins inquired if she could make a motion for the Town Council to advertise the position of the Town Manager's job and allow this position to be open to the public and to other Town employees. Mayor Taylor stated that the Council will go into the Closed Meeting, and Councilwoman Atkins will then have an opportunity to make a motion after the Closed Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A.)(1.) to discuss the hiring of a Town Manager, § 2.2-3711 (A.)(29.) to discuss awarding an employment contract with a proposed Town Manager and § 2.2-3711 (A.)(8.) legal advice. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to go into a closed meeting. (7:26 p.m.) There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Mayor Taylor noted that it will now be necessary to go back into open session and to certify the closed meeting. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilwoman Atkins that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which the certification resolution applies and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Wytheville Town Council. (8:12 p.m.) There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**RE: APPOINTMENTS - TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of Town Manager (effective June 1, 2021). A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to appoint T. Brian Freeman as Town Manager (effective June 1, 2021). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to appoint Mr. Freeman as Town Manager (effective June 1, 2021 ). Councilwoman Atkins stated that she would like to recommend that the Town Manager's position be advertised because on all of the Town applications, it states that the Town of Wytheville is an Equal Employment Opportunity. She noted that other Town employees may be interested in applying for the position, and she feels that they have served their time, as well. She commented that Assistant Town Manager Freeman only has nine months in a top leadership role, and there may be others in the network of the Town that may be interested in applying for the position who might have the same experience. Councilwoman Atkins remarked that she is aware that he has extra training, but she is not sure that other employees have had the same opportunities to receive that type of training/education and/or to advance to a position like Mr. Freeman has been able to do. She noted that she feels like it

would be a good idea for Mr. Freeman to be Interim Town Manager for a while and go from there. Councilwoman Atkins continued to express her feelings in regard to the Town Manager's position being advertised to give other Town employees and the public an opportunity to apply for the position to be fair.

Town Attorney Clayton advised that there is a substitute motion on the floor. Town Clerk Corvin inquired of Councilwoman Atkins if she is making a motion regarding the advertisement of the Town Manager's position. A motion was made by Councilwoman Atkins to advertise the Town Manager's position, as well as the Assistant Town Manager's position, for the Town of Wytheville. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Mayor Taylor advised that the motion on the floor is to appoint T. Brian Freeman as Town Manager (effective June 1, 2021). She inquired if there is any further discussion. Councilman Bloomfield entered the following comments into the record as follows: "I'm absolutely without reservation in support of T. Brian Freeman's appointment as the next Manager of the Town of Wytheville. Prior to seeking a seat on council, I spent two years representing Downtown Wytheville at nearly every Tuesday morning work session and many Monday night Council Meetings. It did not take long to recognize that five to seven of the Town's long tenured management leaders were at or nearing retirement age. I was encouraged by a significant number of citizens to run for office to help ensure that the recent progress and opportunities that our citizens were experiencing continued on. As we sit here today, and within the last 24 months, at least five of our top leaders will have either announced retirement or will have actually retired. That means that nearly 100 years of institutional knowledge has been lost and within a very short period of time. We are very fortunate to have someone within our current staff who has significant institutional knowledge of his own. He meets the educational and training criteria for a town manager. He has more than 15 years experience working in local government and 13 of which are with our town. He is skilled in project management as well as community and project development. He has either worked in or closely with all of the town's departments. He has played a key role in every major development project that we have had in the last 10 years or more. I have worked closely with Brian on a number of projects including Downtown Streetscape, a project upgrade the Town's Permitting process and the Millwald Theatre Project. These are challenging times for our community and I believe that post COVID-19 requires a continuity of leadership to move forward. As I have pledged to help continue moving the town forward and to make decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens, I will vote in favor of selecting T. Brian Freeman as our next Town Manager."

Vice-Mayor Pattison stated that she had a few reasons why she supports T. Brian Freeman for the Town Manager's position. She continued to comment regarding her support for Mr. Freeman to be appointed as the Town Manager.

Mayor Taylor stated that she supports T. Brian Freeman for the Town Manager's position, as well. She inquired if there was any further discussion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: Holly E. Atkins

ABSTENTIONS: None

**RE: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is to vote on the employment contract for the position of the Town Manager. A motion was made by Councilman Bloomfield and seconded by Councilman Gillman to accept the employment contract for the position of Town Manager for T. Brian Freeman. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to accept the employment contract for the position of Town Manager for T. Brian Freeman. Councilwoman Atkins advised that she would like the record to reflect that she does not agree with the terms of the contract. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any further discussion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting results:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison. Mark J. Bloomfield, Gary L. Gillman

AGAINST: Holly E. Atkins

ABSTENTIONS: None

**RE: THE WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE**

Councilwoman Atkins advised that she would like to express that *The Wytheville Enterprise* published an article regarding the Wytheville Town Council choosing to not advertise the Town Manager's position, and she would like for the Town's citizens to know that she is not included in this decision. She commented that in the future when newspaper articles are published, she would like for all of the Council to be contacted so that their votes are properly recorded in the newspaper articles. Mayor Taylor thanked Councilwoman Atkins for her comments.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (8:26 p.m.)

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Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk



## **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**APRIL 26, 2021**

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2. Last week at the Council Work Session, we received a listing from Town Treasurer Michael Stephens of delinquent taxes that need to be written off the Town’s books. There are \$1,500.01 in delinquent Personal Property/Mobile Home Taxes and \$17,507.66 in water/sewer bills for which the statute of limitations has expired. It would be the recommendation of the Budget and

Finance Committee that the Council authorize Town Treasurer Stephens to remove these delinquent taxes and water/sewer bills from the Town's books.

3. The Town received a letter from State Senator Todd Pillion and Delegate Terry Austin noting that the Virginia General Assembly had included budget language that requires the study of extending passenger rail service to the New River Valley and Bristol. They were enthusiastic about this funding and asked for endorsement from communities in this region.

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Mark J. Bloomfield

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Holly E. Atkins

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**APRIL 26, 2021**

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However, we were assured that funding assistance would likely be available from a number of sources. We feel that it is important to know the quality of our water supply, and, it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the Council authorize Town Manager Moore to execute the PFAS Sampling Study Agreement.

3. The Public Works Committee has heard from a number of citizens regarding the traffic on their streets and the speed at which this traffic traverses their neighborhoods. We have asked that the Wytheville Police Department monitor these areas with a “speed spy device” which records the volume and speed of the traffic. The studies have validated the complaints that much of the traffic is traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. We have examined ways to reduce the speeds, including posting the “speed trailer” at these locations which displays the motorists’ speed compared to the speed limit. This has proven to be effective in slowing motorists. Police Chief Joel Hash has agreed to rotate the speed trailer between the neighborhoods, and to begin to have his patrol officers enforce the speed limit with radar. We would like to ask all our citizens to be aware of their speed as they drive through town, and to be aware that radar speed enforcement will be increased throughout town in the coming weeks.

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Cathy D. Pattison

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Gary L. Gillman

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2012, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins, Gary L. Gillman

Members absent: None

Others present: Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Assistant Town Manager T. Brian Freeman, Town Treasurer Michael G. Stephens, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Chief Deputy Clerk Brandi N. Jones, Police Officer Daniel Cassell

**RE: 2021-22 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mayor Taylor called the work session to order. She stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the revenues and appropriations in the proposed budget for the Town of Wytheville for fiscal year 2021-22. Mayor Taylor requested Town Treasurer Michael Stephens to review the proposed revenues and appropriations as well as the proposed tax increases for real property, personal property, machinery and tools and cigarettes. He noted there is also a small increase in the budget for water accounts and refuse collection. There was no action taken regarding the proposed budget. The first reading of the budget will be held at the May 10, 2021, Town Council meeting.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned (6:32 p.m.).

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Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk