

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Marie B. Bishop, Larry Sharitz, Fred Riley, Jess Ashburn, Del Crigger, Rhonda Sechrest, Police Officer Jeff Hall

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

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

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2017. He inquired of the Council if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2017, as presented. Mayor Crewe 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: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18**

Mayor Crewe advised the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider Ordinance No. 1319, the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. He noted that no one indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council regarding this public hearing, however, if there is anyone who would like to address the Council regarding this agenda item, please come forward to the podium at this time. There being no one to address the Council in regard to the public hearing, Mayor Crewe declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST – RILEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

Mayor Crewe advised the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider the request of Riley Construction Company, Incorporated for a special exception permit to conduct propane gas sales and for the construction of additional storage units on their property located at 555 Peppers Ferry Road, which is located on the east side of Peppers Ferry Road between Community Boulevard and Hedgefield Lane, in a B-1 Business District. He noted that no one indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council regarding this public hearing, however, if there is anyone who would like to address the Council regarding this agenda item, please come forward to the podium at this time. There being no one to address the Council in regard to the public hearing, Mayor Crewe declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

## **RE: PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mayor Crewe advised the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider an amendment to Article XVI, General Provisions, Section 16-3, Special Exceptions, of the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance regarding special exception permits becoming null and void if not acted upon within two years after the issuance of the permit. He noted that no one indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council regarding this public hearing, however, if there is anyone who would like to address the Council regarding this agenda item to please come forward to the podium at this time. There being no one to address the Council in regard to the public hearing, Mayor Crewe declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

## **RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Crewe inquired if anyone wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period. He noted that no one indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council during Citizens' Period, therefore, he would proceed with the agenda.

## **RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:00 a.m.
2. The New River Regional Water Authority will meet on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers.
3. The Council Personnel Committee will meet on Friday, June 16, 2017, at 8:15 a.m., at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Town Manager Sutherland noted that it would now be time for Vice-Mayor King and Councilman Hundley to serve on the Committee.
4. The Beautification Task Force will meet on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 2:30 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Municipal Building.
5. The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County will meet on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
6. Town Manager Sutherland stated that during a conversation with Vice-Mayor King, it was noted that she thought the Spirit Tour was a success, and she felt that the Council should acknowledge and congratulate the Museum staff for a successful event. He remarked that he would write a letter to Town staff from the Town Council thanking them for their hard work, etc.
7. Councilman Hundley stated that he would like to congratulate the Recreation Department for a successful First Friday's event on June 2. Town Manager Sutherland advised that there were 466 people in attendance for the first event of the season.
8. Mayor Crewe stated that he had two items he would like to address in regard to two topics that Councilman Hundley addressed at the last meeting. He noted that Councilman Hundley inquired of him as to why he asked why it was the Town's responsibility to fund Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated (DTW). Mayor Crewe expressed that since the last meeting, he has been quizzed about that question by the

*The Wytheville Enterprise* and by WYVE-AM/WXBX-FM/WLOY-AM, and numerous people have stopped him and it caught him off guard. He commented that he wished Councilman Hundley had asked him in private because he felt it was unfortunate. Mayor Crewe expressed that he has always supported DTW. He commented that he took Councilman Hundley's words as a personal attack in a public meeting. Mayor Crewe explained that because so many people have asked him about this, he would like to address it at this Council meeting. He commented that nobody questions Councilman Hundley's loyalty and commitment to DTW. He remarked that he gets questions in regard to if Councilman Hundley cares about the other sections of town and the B-2 DT District. Mayor Crewe inquired when citizens like Art Davis, Nick Patel, Dick Phillippi and Peter Patel, just to mention a few, asked why Councilman Hundley is giving away so much funding to his buddies downtown and why their projects do not receive any funding, then what is the Council supposed to say. He noted that he has tried to answer those inquiries the best he knows how. Mayor Crewe continued to express his thoughts in regard to Councilman Hundley's comments at the last Council meeting directed toward him in regard to DTW. He stated that the other item that Councilman Hundley brought up at the last meeting, and he noted that Councilman Hand seconded the motion, was the motion to approve the Hazardous Duty Supplement when it was not on the Council agenda. He noted that he is not sure if Councilman Hundley thinks that all of the Town's Department Heads, employees and citizens know all of the details and the impact of the Hazardous Duty Supplement that the Public Safety Department employees will be receiving. Mayor Crewe commented that he does not know if Councilman Hundley thought that the Department Heads whose budget requests were decreased or denied understand the Hazardous Duty Supplement, particularly those who are going to get future requests and future budgets cut. He expressed that he is not sure if Councilman Hundley thought that those employees were aware of the \$244,000 expense for the Public Safety Department. Mayor Crewe stated that Councilwoman Taylor remarked at the last Council meeting that she hopes in five years the Council can honestly look people in the eye and say that there are five less positions in the Public Safety Department, they are working longer hours, they have a lower starting salary, they have fewer raises, there is not as much being spent on equipment such as cars, computers and cameras, and five or six of the experienced Officers, by then, will have retired, but morale remains high and the streets are as safe as they always have been. He noted that he hopes that is the case. Mayor Crewe expressed that he is counting on the Public Safety employees to keep the bargain that they have graciously made, which he thinks needs to be explained and publicized for what they are investing to receive this benefit because he does not think the Council has done enough of that. Mayor Crewe commented that he did not know if Councilman Hundley thought the other Council members did not notice that he had set them up by inviting the press and radio station members to attend the last meeting, or if Councilman Hundley did not think the other Council members would see his efforts on social media when the topic was not on the agenda or if he thought it was necessary to have all of the Public Safety Department employees and their extended families present at the meeting. He expressed that he was not sure if Councilman Hundley thought that if he surprised the other Council members by making the motion that he would look better and they would look worse because he is not sure of Councilman Hundley's motivation. Mayor Crewe continued to speak in regard to Councilman Hundley's comments at the May 22, 2017, Town Council meeting. He expressed that he wanted to remind Councilman Hundley that when Mr. Jen Wu attended a Council meeting with a proposed project that the other Council members thought was a worthwhile project, Councilman Hundley noted that he had a conflict because he had several of the neighbors insured. He noted that Town Attorney

Kaase correctly and legally explained to Councilman Hundley that if he did not have the \$5,000 threshold amount, it was not a legally recognizable conflict. Mayor Crewe stated that Councilman Hundley got upset enough about this to try to basically take away Town Attorney Kaase's job and hire a fulltime Town Attorney. He remarked that Councilman Hand should be wary too, because the incentives that he has supported for downtown have benefited him personally because the building he owns participated in the incentives program. Mayor Crewe continued to express his thoughts in regard to the matter. He noted that in the 35 years that he has been serving in public service, the attack that Councilman Hundley made was mean spirited and baseless. Mayor Crewe commented that Councilman Hundley not only embarrassed himself personally, but he embarrassed him and the other Council members. Mayor Crewe stated that if Councilman Hundley wants openness and transparency, then he should not stack an audience and bring up a significant topic that was not even on the agenda. He remarked that he knows he can speak for the Council and acknowledge the effort that Councilman Hundley made on behalf of the community. Mayor Crewe stated that all of the Council has made efforts on behalf of the community, and it is not a contest between the Council members. He noted that it is about everybody doing the best that can be done for all of the citizens and employees of the Town. Mayor Crewe continued to express how the Council needs to work together, etc.

Councilman Hundley stated that he would like to respond to Mayor Crewe's comments. He noted that the comments he made at the last Council meeting did not include one negative comment about Mayor Crewe. Councilman Hundley remarked that he has a copy of the actual script that he read at the last Council meeting, therefore, everything that Mayor Crewe has just stated is, basically, worthless. He commented that everyone attending the Council meeting on May 22, 2017, knew exactly where Mayor Crewe stood because his actions showed, his demeanor, etc. Councilman Hundley continued to express his thoughts in regard to Mayor Crewe's comments. He noted that 35 years has really tainted Mayor Crewe, and that Mayor Crewe needs to ask himself if he is really doing the right thing.

Vice-Mayor King stated that this argument needs to stop now. She noted that both Mayor Crewe and Councilman Hundley have stated what is on their minds. Councilman Hundley remarked that Mayor Crewe just attacked him. Vice-Mayor King commented that Councilman Hundley did the same thing to Mayor Crewe at the last meeting. Councilman Hundley expressed that he absolutely did not say one negative word toward Mayor Crewe at the last Council meeting. Vice-Mayor King expressed that the citizens attending this meeting came to the meeting to conduct business and not to hear this. Councilman Hundley stated that he would comment further tomorrow morning during the Work Session and they could go from there.

Councilman Hand commented that this conversation is public information, and the problem is that the public needs to know what is going on. Councilman Hundley remarked that Mayor Crewe wants to cause a conflict. Mayor Crewe stated that is not true and that he wanted to answer the questions that were directed toward him. Councilman Hand commented that Mayor Crewe needs to answer lots of questions. He noted, for instance, Mayor Crewe should share with the Council and citizens what he stated to the two Officers when he crossed the street during the Spirit Tour. Mayor Crewe advised that he did not recall speaking to two Officers. He noted that he only recalls speaking to one Officer. Councilman Hand stated that in regard to him having a personal interest in Downtown Wytheville, he spent \$2,000 of his personal money for the

pots that went downtown. Mayor Crewe noted that he understands. Councilman Hand inquired of Mayor Crewe if he has ever tried to support him since he was elected to the Council. He remarked that he feels like Mayor Crewe is an underminer, and that Mayor Crewe has undermined downtown Wytheville. Mayor Crewe stated that he has gone to Councilman Hand four times in regard to the way that he handles situations when he was first elected to Town Council, particularly about the flower pots. He noted that he told Councilman Hand that he did not have the authority to do so. Councilman Hundley remarked that a previous Council member had spoken to him about Mayor Crewe. Vice-Mayor King expressed that she felt this conversation was ridiculous, and that in 24+ years, she is proud to say she has never witnessed anything like this before. Councilman Hand remarked to Vice-Mayor King that if she thinks he and Councilman Hundley are going to sit back and allow Mayor Crewe to attack them, she is highly mistaken. Vice-Mayor King commented that Councilman Hundley started this whole thing. Councilman Hand explained that no one started anything, but that this is a conversation about what is going on in this town. Councilman Hand continued to express his thoughts toward Mayor Crewe and how he feels the Mayor has, and continues, to treat him.

Councilman Hundley stated that Mayor Crewe was true to his email and threat. He commented to Mayor Crewe that he felt that Mayor Crewe needed to take a long look at himself. Councilman Hundley expressed that he is glad this is on record because Mayor Crewe questioned his work place, his ethics, etc. He remarked that Mayor Crewe's true colors are being shown and to keep doing the great job he is doing. Mayor Crewe commented that Councilman Hundley's insult is duly noted and the Council will move forward. Councilman Hundley stated that he hopes Mayor Crewe is true to his word in that he will not run for reelection.

#### **RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated that later in the meeting, the Council will consider the adoption of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 on the second of three readings. She noted that earlier in the meeting, there was a public hearing held to receive comments on the proposed budget. Vice-Mayor King remarked that as the Budget and Finance Committee has stated previously, the budget is slightly over \$27 million and does not include any fee or rate increases. She explained, also, because of the reassessment, it is being proposed that the real estate tax rate be lowered to \$0.155 per \$100 valuation. Vice-Mayor King commented that since the last meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee has identified an additional project that does need to be included in the budget. She stated that there are bridges in the Crystal Springs recreational area that are in need of repair. Vice-Mayor King advised that when the budget is considered at this meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee would move that the budget be amended to the extent that \$15,000 be placed in the Horticulture Department to perform this work. She stated, otherwise, the budget should be adopted as presented. Vice-Mayor King advised, therefore, it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that when the Budget Ordinance is considered later in the meeting, that it be approved on second, but not final reading, and it be amended to include \$15,000 for bridge repairs in the Crystal Springs recreation area.

Vice-Mayor King, also, reported that the guidelines for the Wall of Honor Committee were developed in 1992, and have been changed little since that time. She stated that the guidelines, as they are presently written, provide that there are seven members on the Committee. Vice-Mayor King noted that the Committee meets approximately five times annually to make

preparations for veteran related ceremonies. She remarked that after all of these years, it seems that it would be more efficient for the Committee to be reduced from seven members to five members. Vice-Mayor King explained that the composition of the Committee to now be appointed would consist of one member of Town Council; one member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors; two representatives from the veterans' organizations who are appointed by the Wytheville Town Council, and, the final member of the Committee will be a representative from the Sports Hall of Fame. She noted that the proposed guidelines are attached, and the revisions are highlighted in yellow. Vice-Mayor King advised that it would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that these guidelines, as recommended, be adopted and become effective immediately.

Town Manager Sutherland noted that in the Wall of Honor Committee Guidelines it states in Section II. The Wall of Honor Committee, A. Composition: c. "Two Veterans Organizations members appointed by the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors..." He advised that "and the Board of Supervisors" should be deleted because only the Town Council will be appointing these members. He noted that the Council can discuss this at a later time, however, he did want to bring this to the Council's attention. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

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

Councilman Hundley, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that the Department of Museums is working with the Department of Tourism, the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce and Wythe County to coordinate the Fourth Annual Road Market Sale sponsored by the Route 21 Market Group. He noted that the goal of the three day event, which will take place on July 28, 29 and 30, is to have yard sales and sidewalk sales taking place along Route 21 starting in Harmony, North Carolina, and ending here in Wytheville, Virginia. Councilman Hundley explained that publicity is designed to encourage shoppers to travel the entire 100 miles and stop along the way to spend time and money in each community. He remarked that in Wythe County, the Council anticipates that, once again, there will be a good response from businesses and residents located on Route 21 from Speedwell through Wytheville. He commented that to enable town residents and businesses to fully participate in this three day event, the Public Works Committee feels that two actions are appropriate. Councilman Hundley stated that the first action would be to relax the regulations pertaining to yard sales to allow them to be held for that three day period. He noted that the sales will begin at the Route 21 entrance corridor, continue along Main Street, turn left at Tazewell Street and continue on to the E. Lee Trinkle Regional Visitors Center. Councilman Hundley explained that the second action would be to allow downtown businesses, between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, to hold sidewalk sales during this same period of time. He advised that the Council wants to support the efforts to increase the tourism on the Route 21 corridor and would recommend that the two actions, as described above, be approved. A motion was made by Councilman Hundley and seconded by Councilman Hand to approve the requests of the Take a Break from the Interstate organization and the Department of Museums for the Fourth Annual 100 Mile Road Market Sale to be held on July 28-30, 2017, and to relax the Town regulations to allow citizens to hold yard sales for three days rather than two days; to set the yard sale route for this event to begin at the Route 21 entrance corridor, continue along Main Street, turn left on Tazewell Street and continue to the E. Lee Trinkle Visitors Center; and, to approve downtown businesses, between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, to hold sidewalk sales. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion regarding the 100 Mile Road Market Sale. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

Councilman Hundley, also, reported that over the past ten to twelve years, the Planning Commission has recommended, and the Town Council has approved, several special exception permits for properties for a use that has never been implemented. He expressed that the Council believes that there must be a limitation on the length of time that a special exception permit is still in force when no action has been taken to implement the use applied for in the permit. Councilman Hundley stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed this matter and has recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to note that special exception permits granted by the Town Council, which have not been acted upon by the applicant after a period of two years, shall be considered null and void. He explained that the Public Works Committee agrees with this recommendation and thinks the regulations should be amended. Councilman Hundley advised that later in the meeting, the Council will consider an ordinance on first reading, which will implement this new language. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

**RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1319**

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1319, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 14, Taxation, Article II. Property Taxes, Section 14-17, Unpaid Taxes and Assessments, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on second reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is a motion concerning Ordinance No. 1319. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 1319, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 14, Taxation, Article II. Property Taxes, Section 14-17, Unpaid Taxes and Assessments, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on second, but not final, reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the ordinance on second, but not final, reading. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1319 was approved on second, but not final, reading.

**RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1320**

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1320, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-18, on second reading, as amended. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is a motion concerning Ordinance No. 1320, as amended. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to approve Ordinance No. 1320, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-18 on second, but not final, reading, as amended. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the ordinance on second, but not final, reading, as amended. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1320 was approved on second, but not final, reading, as amended.

**RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1321**

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1321, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Recreation Commission, Section 2-197. Composition; Appointment and Term of Members; Reappointment of Former Members, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first reading. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to approve Ordinance No. 1321, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Recreation Commission, Section 2-197. Composition; Appointment and Term of Members; Reappointment of Former Members, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first, but not final, reading. Vice-Mayor King inquired if the ordinance could be adopted on first and final reading. Town Manager Sutherland stated that there had been some language discovered in the ordinance that is a problem. He noted that it states "shall be over the age of 18," however, it is a requirement to be at least 18 years old to serve on the Commission. Town Manager Sutherland advised that the language should state that "the two youth members may not be less than 15 years of age nor more than 18 years of age." He explained that the language should state "the seven of the five members shall be at least 18 years of age and two of whom may not be less than 15 years of age nor more than 18 years of age." Vice-Mayor King stated that is correct. Mayor Crewe continued to explain the amendments to the ordinance. Vice-Mayor King commented regarding the amendments. Town Clerk Corvin explained that youth members' terms always begin October 1. A discussion ensued regarding the age of youth members on the Recreation Commission. Vice-Mayor King amended her motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 1321, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Recreation Commission, Section 2-197. Composition; Appointment and Term of Members; Reappointment of Former Members, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final, reading, as amended. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the ordinance on first and final reading, as amended. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1321 was adopted on first and final reading, as amended.

**RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1322**

Mayor Crewe presented Ordinance No. 1322, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, to amend and reenact Article XVI, General Provisions, Section 16-3, Special Exceptions, on first reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is a motion concerning Ordinance No. 1322. A motion was made by Councilman Hundley and seconded by Councilman Hand to approve Ordinance No. 1322, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, to amend and reenact Article XVI, General Provisions, Section 16-3, Special



Exceptions, on first, but not final, reading. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the ordinance on first, but not final, reading. Vice-Mayor King inquired if the ordinance could be adopted on first reading because she assumed the Council would adopt the ordinance in the future. Councilman Hundley stated that he feels like the Council needs to give the citizens a chance to voice their opinions. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1322 was adopted on first, but not final, reading.

**RE: RESOLUTION – HAZARDOUS DUTY SUPPLEMENT BENEFIT**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is a resolution regarding participation in the Virginia Retirement System Hazardous Duty Supplement Benefit Program. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Hand to adopt a resolution to participate in the Virginia Retirement System Hazardous Duty Supplement Benefit Program at the 1.7% level. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the VRS Hazardous Duty Supplement Benefit Program resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

**RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT – RILEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the issuance of a special exception permit to Riley Construction Company, Incorporated to conduct propane gas sales and for the construction of additional storage units on their property located at 555 Peppers Ferry Road, which is located on the east side of Peppers Ferry Road between Community Boulevard and Hedgefield Lane, in a B-1 Business District. He explained that the recommendation before the Council from the Planning Commission is that the special exception permit be adopted with 11 stipulations. He proceeded to read the 11 stipulations. Councilwoman Taylor inquired of Town staff as to what stipulation number five was referring to when it states "The propane distribution site shall be screened (including tanks, piping, valves, etc., and that it be located a significant distance from other operations.)" She remarked that if it were her, she would want to know what "significant distance" meant. Councilman Hand commented that the tanks are already in place, and inquired if the Council is asking the Rileys to move the tanks or is the stipulation stating that the tanks are fine where they are located, but that they need to be screened. Mayor Crewe commented that the answer to this is that it is up to the Zoning Administrator to decide as to whether or not if the distance is appropriate, but the issue would be to make sure that the tanks are not backed into when people are loading and unloading. Councilwoman Taylor noted that the tanks have been there for awhile and she does not think there have been any issues. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is a motion to adopt or deny the request for the special exception permit for Riley Construction Company, Incorporated. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Hundley to issue a special exception permit to Riley Construction

Company, Incorporated for a special exception permit to conduct propane gas sales and for the construction of additional storage units on their property located at 555 Peppers Ferry Road, in a B-1 Business District, with the following stipulations: 1.) Appropriate vegetative screens shall be provided for the hotels and the Housing Authority; 2.) All exterior materials and colors for the additional storage units shall be approved by the Zoning Administrator; 3.) The exterior of the facility shall be maintained in an appropriate manner; 4.) That traffic shall be controlled at the entrances with appropriate directional signage; 5.) The propane distribution site shall be screened (including tanks, piping, valves, etc., and that it be located a significant distance from other operations); 6.) Signage shall be carefully placed and coordinated in compliance with the Sign Ordinance and the entrance corridor regulations; 7.) Sales lots and signs shall be carefully laid out and neatly organized; 8.) The large propane storage tank shall comply with the entrance corridor regulations; 9.) The trees located on the backside of the property (eastern border facing the Wytheville Community Center) shall remain, and if at any time the trees are cut, screening shall be installed or trees planted to shield the storage units from view from the Wytheville Community Center property; 10.) If this permit has not been acted upon after a period of two (2) years after the issuance date, it shall become null and void; and, 11.) Failure to comply with these conditions shall be grounds for rescinding this special exception permit. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to issue the special exception permit to Riley Construction Company, Incorporated as presented by the Wytheville Planning Commission. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

**RE: CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to D19 Transportation Service, Incorporated for the operation of taxicabs for 2017. He noted that the vehicles have been inspected and the company has provided the necessary insurance coverage meeting the requirements. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is a motion to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to D19 Transportation Service, Incorporated. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to D19 Transportation Service, Incorporated for the operation of taxicabs for 2017. Mayor Crewe inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to D19 Transportation Service, Incorporated. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, Thomas F. Hundley, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Beth A. Taylor. Against: None.

**RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST – LARRY K. SHARITZ**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the request of Mr. Larry K. Sharitz for a special exception permit to operate an auto repair shop at 140 Hillcrest Road, which is located on the north side of Hillcrest Road between Cove Road and the Town Corporate Limits, in a B-1 Business District. He noted that the Council will need to conduct a public hearing to consider this request, which could be held at the July 10, 2017, Town Council meeting. Mayor Crewe explained that this date would meet all of the proper advertising deadlines. He inquired if any of the Council members had any issues with holding the public hearing on July 10, 2017. There being no objection, it was the consensus of the Council to schedule a public hearing for the July 10, 2017, Town Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, to consider Mr. Larry K. Sharitz for a special

exception permit to operate an auto repair shop at 140 Hillcrest Road, which is located on the north side of Hillcrest Road between Cove Road and the Town Corporate Limits, in a B-1 Business District.

**RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST – CREATIVE K-9 DESIGNS**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the request of Creative K-9 Designs for a special exception permit to operate a dog boarding/grooming business at 195 Calhoun Street, which is located on the east side of Calhoun Street between Jefferson Street and Withers Road, in an R-3 Residential District. He remarked that the recommendation from the Planning Commission is that the request of Creative K-9 Designs for a special exception permit be denied. Mayor Crewe stated that the Council will still need to conduct a public hearing before a decision can be made. He noted that the public hearing to consider this request could be held at the July 10, 2017, Town Council meeting. Mayor Crewe explained that this date would meet all of the proper advertising deadlines. He inquired if any of the Council members had any issues with holding the public hearing on July 10, 2017. There being no objection, it was the consensus of the Council to schedule a public hearing for the July 10, 2017, Town Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, to consider Creative K-9 Designs for a special exception permit to operate a dog boarding/grooming business at 195 Calhoun Street, which is located on the east side of Calhoun Street between Jefferson Street and Withers Road, in an R-3 Residential District.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:48 p.m.).

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Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, Town Clerk

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