

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waynesboro High School Auditorium, 1200 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia with Mayor Henderson calling the meeting to order. This meeting was also viewable by accessing the City’s YouTube channel.

PRESENT: Council Members: Bobby Henderson, Mayor
Lana Williams, Vice Mayor
Bruce Allen, Council member
Terry Short, Jr., Council member
Sam Hostetter, Council member

City Staff: Michael Hamp, City Manager
James Shaw, Deputy City Manager
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council
Cameron McCormick, Finance Director
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief

Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Mayor opened the meeting and the City Manager reviewed the process for citizens to comment via telephone during the citizen comment period. Council member Allen then lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Council member Short moved to adopt the Business Meeting Agenda, removing item 9, appointment to the Economic Development Authority Board, to a future Council meeting. Having been seconded, **the amended Business Meeting Agenda was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Council member Hostetter moved to adopt the minutes from the May 10, 2021 Regular Business Meeting as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, **the meeting minutes were adopted 5:0:**

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Monday, May 24, 2021
Unapproved Draft

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor thanked the Economic Development Department staff and members of the Virginia Museum of Natural History for a successful museum event. Funding for the design process has been approved and the mayor and Council member Short attended the kick-off event. He also acknowledged the Teacher of the Year presentations and congratulated the recipients of the awards.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Short also acknowledged the success of the Virginia Museum of Natural History event and thanked those who put it together, including Representatives Emmett Hanger and John Avoli. He acknowledged the school system for organizing the graduation events and congratulated his daughter and the City Manager’s daughter for graduating from high school. He also noted the start of the Groovin’ on the Greenway music series, stating it was well attended and a great event.

Council member Hostetter thanked the school division for their efforts in putting together the graduation ceremonies and congratulated his son on graduating from high school. He provided a COVID-19 update for the City, stating the numbers remain low and encouraged everyone to be vaccinated. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for organizing the park-to-park marathon where he and the Finance Director participated.

TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

The ordinance imposing taxes for the calendar year 2021 on property and persons at \$.90 per \$100 of assessed value, for the payment of interest on the City debt, for the support of City government, for the maintenance of the public schools, and for other expenditures necessary for providing for the assessment of persons and property, for the collection of taxes, revenues, assessments and imposing penalties for the failure to comply with the provisions hereof was introduced and seconded at the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Council member Allen asked for and received further information outlining allowable uses for the \$4.8 million the City may receive from the Treasury Department including public health and economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to Council member Hostetter’s question, the City has not received the funds yet but is scheduled to receive approximately \$4.5 million but could receive as much as twice that amount. **With a roll call vote, the ordinance was adopted 3:2:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Nay
Vice Mayor Williams	Nay	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

The Annual Appropriation Bill of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia for the year ending June 30, 2022 was introduced and seconded at the May 10, 2021 Regular Business Meeting. **With no further discussion, the budget ordinance was adopted 4:1:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Nay
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

ORDINANCE – VITA E911 GRANT

Council member Short moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2021 General Fund budget in the amount of \$184,600 for grant funds received from the Virginia Information Technologies Agency for upgrades to E911. Having been seconded and with no objection, **the ordinance was adopted by voice and a show of hands 5:0:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

As noted in the adoption of the Business Meeting Agenda, consideration of an appointment to the Economic Development Authority Board was moved to a future regular business meeting.

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, AND CALENDAR

With no comments from Council or staff, the meeting continued.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

In-person:

Craig Scott, Waynesboro: spoke in support of privatizing city utilities.

Chanda McGuffin, Waynesboro: thanked the Waynesboro Police Department for their cooperation and responses and thanked Council for their support and responses to the RISE organization.

Phone Caller:

There were no phone callers.

ADJOURN

Having no further business to discuss, Council member Hostetter moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned 5:0 at 7:28 p.m.:

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Bobby Henderson, Mayor