

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Williams presiding and calling the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members: Lana Williams, Mayor
Jim Wood, Vice Mayor
Bruce Allen, Council member

City Staff: Michael Hamp, City Manager
Todd Wood, Assistant City Manager-Operations
Michael Wilhelm, Assistant City Manager-Public Safety
Cameron McCormick, Assistant City Manager-Finance
Julia Bortle, Clerk of the Council
Leslie Tate, Community Development Director

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

ABSENT: Terry Short, Jr., Council member
Kenny Lee, Council member

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

The mayor opened the meeting and welcomed the two new council members, noting the absence of Council member Lee (family issue) and Council member Short (illness). Council member Allen lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Vice Mayor Wood moved to adopt the meeting agenda. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting agenda was adopted 3:0:

Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Wood	Aye	Council member Short	Absent
		Council member Lee	Absent

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

Council was made aware of an incident that took place at the YMCA, stating that the City Council is anti-hate and they want to foster respect in the community. The mayor stated that Council will continue to follow the matter and act accordingly as more is known.

The mayor thanked city employees who worked through the holidays and through the extreme cold temperatures that caused water main breaks and sewer backups. She also noted that January 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and acknowledged the hard work of the Police and Sheriff Departments.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

The vice mayor echoed the sentiments of the mayor regarding the occurrence at the YMCA, stating that there is no place for hate in the city. He acknowledged Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and has always been a big supporter of law enforcement, stating every day should be Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Allen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, the consent agenda was adopted 3:0:

Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Wood	Aye	Council member Short	Absent
		Council member Lee	Absent

- a. Consider adopting the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Regular Business Meeting and the January 3, 2023 Organizational Meeting.
- b. Consider approving a request from the Commissioner of the Revenue to refund \$3,396.71 plus interest to a taxpayer for 2022 business personal property taxes paid in error.
- c. Consider adopting the City Council Meeting Calendar for the Calendar Year 2023. (R23-03)
- d. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or the mayor to receive real property interests on behalf of the City of Waynesboro for the calendar year 2023. (R23-01)
- e. Consider adopting amended WARM Program Operational Guidelines issued by the City of Waynesboro Fire Department. (R23-02)

PUBLIC HEARING – AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 98 – ZONING – ADD PRIMARY USE FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTED BY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

The Community Development Director made a presentation (*attachment 47-58*) regarding a request to amend the City’s Zoning Ordinance to allow for small-scale events multiple times a year. City Code Section 98-4.7.6 permits temporary outdoor events of a larger scale but it is limited to no more than one such event in a six-month period. However, the ordinance does not have provisions in place that would permit the smaller-scale temporary events being proposed with this amendment. The proposed amendment would add temporary special events as a new commercial use to the ordinance’s use table, and would permit temporary special events in all zoning districts by conditional use permit. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval on a 6:0 vote.

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. With no comments from the applicant and no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Council member Allen moved to introduce an ordinance **AMENDING CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE 2, GENERAL ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 98-2.4.4, ARTICLE 4, USE CATEGORIES, SECTION 98-4.4.11; AND ARTICLE 10, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 98-10.2.9 OF THE CITY CODE OF WAYNESBORO, VA.** Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the January 23, 2023 regular business meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 222 S. WAYNE AVENUE, WAYNESBORO, TAX MAP NO. 45-2-21

The Community Development Director made a presentation (*attachment 47-59*) regarding a request for a conditional use permit to allow a modification of the build-to line requirement in the C-B (Central Business) District at 222 S. Wayne Avenue, tax map no. 45-2-21, Waynesboro, VA. The review included an explanation of build-to line requirements, an aerial view of the property, and the reasons for the conditional use permit request. Staff and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the application with the condition that the placement of any new structures to be located at 222 S. Wayne Avenue, tax map 45-2-21, shall compliment the set-back of the neighboring structures to ensure a consistent street wall.

The public hearing was opened at 7:17 p.m. The applicant declined to speak and with no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Council member Allen moved to introduce an ordinance **GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A MODIFICATION OF THE BUILD-TO LINE REQUIREMENT IN THE C-B (CENTRAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT AT 222 S. WAYNE AVENUE TAX MAP NO. 45-2-21), WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA.** Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the January 23, 2023 regular business meeting.

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, CALENDAR

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

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Dwight Williams, Waynesboro: welcomed the two new council members. He's spoken with both members and is confident they will be outstanding contributors to the city council. He looks forward to helping move Waynesboro forward with all five members of the city council.

Chanda McGuffin, Waynesboro: congratulated the two new council members. She presented a list of black and brown initiatives she asked Council to consider (attached).

ADJOURN

Council member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. on an affirmative 3:0 vote:

Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Wood	Aye	Council member Short	Absent
		Council member Lee	Absent

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Lana Williams, Mayor