

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 27, 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 (via telephone)
Terry Short, Jr., Council member
Kenny Lee, Council member

City Staff: 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
Susan Versen, Public Library Director
David Shaw, Police Chief

Counsel: Jason Ham, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC

ABSENT: Michael Hamp, City Manager

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

The mayor opened the meeting, stating that due to medical reasons, Council member Allen will be participating in the meeting via telephone from a Waynesboro location. Council member Short lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The mayor then reviewed the procedure for the citizen comment period.

MEETING AGENDA

Council member Short moved to adopt the meeting agenda. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting agenda was adopted 5:0:

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

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

The mayor had no additional comments to make.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Wood thanked everyone who expressed their condolences to him and his family on the loss of his family member. He attended the opening of The Foundry at Basic City Beer Co. commending them on a good addition to Waynesboro.

Council member Short asked that a code enforcement link be added to the city’s website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lee moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, the consent agenda was adopted 5:0:

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

- a. Consider adopting the minutes from the March 8, 2023 budget work session and the March 13, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.
- b. Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance amending an approved Planned Unit Development known as Waynesboro Place at Windigrove Drive, Waynesboro, VA, city tax map no. 51-20-1-1, 51-20-1-2, 51-20-2-1, 51-20-3-3, 61-2-3-1 and 62-8-3-2. **(2023-12)**

PROCLAMATION TO THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WAYNESBORO, STAUNTON AND AUGUSTA COUNTY

The mayor read a proclamation presented to the Youth of the Year, Mr. Omir Foster:

PROCLAMATION (P23-02)

Whereas Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Club of America’s premier youth leadership program, honoring young people and their achievements in leadership, service, academics excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle; and,

Whereas we are here today to express special recognition to Omir Foster, for being awarded Youth of the Year and to honor him for his outstanding character and performance as a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton & Augusta County; and,

Whereas Omir has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Boys and Girls Club with his outstanding personality and dedication to other friends, club members and fellow football team mates; and,

Whereas although due to an injury Omir was unable to participate in his high school senior football season, he worked constantly for the betterment of himself, the football team and the community; and,

Whereas the City of Waynesboro wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Omir for his unwavering humanity; and,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the I, Lana Williams, Mayor on behalf of the City Council of Waynesboro, is proud to recognize

Mr. Omir Foster

As Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, & Augusta County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Waynesboro to be affixed, this 27th day of March, 2023.

LANA WILLIAMS, MAYOR
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

Ms. Debra Freeman-Belle, Executive Director of the Waynesboro Boys and Girls Club, made a statement supporting Mr. Foster’s recommendation as the Waynesboro Youth of the Year. Vice Mayor Wood stated his pride in Mr. Foster as he’s known him since his being in little league ball. Mr. Omir was then presented with the proclamation.

PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Director made a presentation regarding the overview of the public library, including demographics of visitors, collections and circulation, digital resources, fiscal year 2022 accomplishments and programs, planned projects and the challenges staff faces due to the Registrar’s Offices being relocated in the library, the age of the building, and staffing issues.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

Mini-System 7 (MS-7) was identified as a high priority in the City's 2016 Sewer Collection System Maintenance and Rehabilitation Plan that was prepared by consulting engineers. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced it had been allocated funds through ARPA for Sewer Collection System projects in 2021. DEQ has tentatively offered the city a grant in the amount of \$2,365,000 to remediate Inflow and Infiltration problems in MS-7. The City of Waynesboro will need to provide approximately \$150,000 in local match for engineering and construction inspection services to complete this project.

Council member Short moved to adopt a resolution accepting DEQ ARPA funds and commit to provide local match for professional services. Having been seconded and with no objections, the resolution was adopted 5:0:

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

RESOLUTION R23-12
APPROVING A
SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) has created a Sewer Collection System Program, whereby DEQ uses funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) to provide grants to localities for eligible sewer improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waynesboro (the “City”) applied for a Sewer Collection System Program grant to assist the City in reducing inflow and infiltration through repairs, replacements, insert of linings, and other work on the City’s sewer system (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, DEQ has offered \$2,365,000 in grant funding to the City for the Project; and

WHEREAS, DEQ has asked for the City to indicate it’s acceptance of the grant funding on or before April 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, by accepting the grant, the City will need to provide approximately \$150,000 in local match (the “Local Match Funds”) for engineering and construction inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept the grant funds and to move forward with the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City accepts the offer from DEQ of \$2,365,000 in Sewer Collection System Program grant funds.

2. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with DEQ with respect to the grant funds, to take such steps as may be necessary to move forward with the Project including without limitation expenditure of the Local Match Funds, and to take any other actions that are reasonable and necessary to effect the purpose of this Resolution.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, City Council

Lana Williams, Mayor

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES TOTALING \$403,416

Vice Mayor Wood moved to adopt the following appropriation ordinances. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinances were adopted 5:0:

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

- a. \$313,847 of various grants to the School Operating Fund for operations. (2023-13)
- b. \$64,549 in grant funding to the CAPSAW Fund to create a regional digital opportunity plan. (2023-14)

- c. \$25,000 of grant proceeds to the General Fund for a pass-through grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia Agriculture Forestry Industrial Fund. (2023-15)
- d. \$20 of donations to the General Fund for police week expenses. (2023-16)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – GORSUCH BUILDING SECURITY

Council member Short moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating \$7,580 of restricted fund balance to the General Fund for increased access controls at the Gorsuch building. Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the April 10, 2023 regular business meeting.

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE AND CALENDAR

The City Manager reminded everyone that the City Manager will present the Recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Budget at the April 3, 2023 Work Session with a budget work session scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Kevin Ryan, Waynesboro, President as Friends of the Library: reviewed the Friends of the Library private organization and the issues they face raising funds to support the Library due to the relocation of the Registrar Office to the library.

Craig Scott, Waynesboro: reviewed the benefits of market-based solutions for city services. He will provide Council with information regarding an organization that has helped families repurpose homes that will not cost the city.

Mary Wilson: declined to speak.

ADJOURN

Council member Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. on an affirmative 5:0 vote:

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

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Lana Williams, Mayor