

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Vice Mayor Wood presiding and calling the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members: Jim Wood, Vice Mayor
Bruce Allen, Council member
Terry Short, Jr., Council member
Kenny Lee, 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
David Shaw, Police Chief
Alisande Tombarge, Senior Planner

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

ABSENT: Lana Williams, Mayor

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

The vice mayor opened the meeting and Council member Lee lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He 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 4:0:

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

MATTERS FROM THE VICE MAYOR

The vice mayor wished a speedy recovery to the mayor. He expressed condolences to the families of Mr. Wallace Redd and Mr. Robert "Buddy" Stewart. Vice Mayor Wood and Council member Lee took tours of the Public Works facilities and thanked their staffs for the excellent work they perform each day. He also participated in the ribbon cutting for the Bowman House and wished the owners well in their Bed and Breakfast business.

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MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Short congratulated the Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers for all of their efforts holding the Extravaganza events in the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Short moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, the consent agenda was adopted 4:0:

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

- a. Consider adopting the minutes from the June 26, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The City Planner briefed Council on the Annual Action Plan that was discussed in detail at the June 26 council meeting (*attached*). With no comments or questions from Council, the public hearing was opened at 7:11 p.m.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the grant awarded to the proposed non-profit River City Bread Basket, which will provide hand-to-door food deliveries of produce, meat and healthy food choices to supplement family meals for “ALICE” (asset limited income constrained but employed) families:

Adrienne Young, Waynesboro
Vickie O’Kelly, Waynesboro
Larry Stopper, Afton, Board of Directors for Lifeworks
Ubeidatu Ziblin, Waynesboro
Andrea Jackson, Waynesboro and also read statement on behalf of Taylor Henagaski
Jennifer Lewis, Waynesboro
*Donna Yobs was not able to attend the public hearing

Chanda McGuffin, Waynesboro: spoke in favor of making the Rosenwald Community Center ADA compliant with an elevator.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m. The plan will be voted on during the July 24 council meeting.

PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE OF WAYNESBORO, ANIMALS

The attorney updated council on the City Code Chapter 14, Animals, incorporating changes noted at the previous council meeting. She also noted that council will need to review licensing fees, penalties and exotic and wild pet regulations. She noted that the three localities will meet next week to reach a consensus.

Council member Short stated his concern with the distinction between a service animal and an emotional support animal, questioning who and what defines each category and qualification of the animal.

PRESENTATION – AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 94, VEHICLES FOR HIRE

The Assistant City Manager-Public Safety reviewed the proposed updates to the City Code regarding taxis services (Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity) as the current code does not allot for use of software-based devices or apps. Other sections of the chapter were found to be out of date and the procedure for obtaining licenses was cumbersome. Council was asked to introduce an ordinance **AMENDING CHAPTER 94, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, OF THE WAYNESBORO CITY CODE**, and to adopt a resolution setting taxicab rates of fare.

Council member Short moved to introduce an ordinance **AMENDING CHAPTER 94, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, OF THE WAYNESBORO CITY CODE**. Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the July 24, 2023 regular business meeting. The resolution was tabled until after the ordinance is considered at the July 24 meeting.

PRESENTATION - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST AT 1169 SHERWOOD AVENUE, WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

The City Planner reviewed the application from Ms. Dana Mares to allow for temporary special events in the RG-5 (General Residential) District at 1169 Sherwood Avenue, Waynesboro, tax map no. 16-1-45D, 16-1-A1, and 16-1-B1 (*attached*). The applicant wishes to hold temporary small-scale special events such as bridal/baby showers, team-building events, workshops, etc. outdoors. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the conditions.

In response to the vice mayor’s question, the Department of Health will not allow the applicant to operate their bed and breakfast at the current time pending the repair or replacement of the well on site but events are allowed. Council member Short recommended that the conditional use permit be allocated to the applicant and not the property. Any future property owners would have to apply for a conditional use permit if desired. He was supported a cap of 100 guests, not including staff, permitted at an event.

With no further discussion, Council member Short moved to introduce an ordinance **GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE RG-5 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT AT 1169 SHERWOOD AVENUE (TAX MAP NO. 16-1-45D, 16-1-A1, AND 16-1-B1), WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA** with the additional conditions that the conditional use permit would be granted to the applicant and not the property and a provision that there would be a cap of 100 guests to each event as it applies to best zoning practices and would be no more injurious to properties in the surrounding area than other uses permitted in the RG-5 District. Having been seconded, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the July 24, 2023 regular business meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Council member Short moved to reappoint Dr. Brenci Patino to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term ending August 31, 2027. Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was adopted 4:0:

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

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BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Council member Allen moved to appoint Dr. Robin Crowder to the Blue Ridge Community College Board for a four-year term ending June 30, 2027. Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was adopted 4:0:

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

REGIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT

Council member Allen moved to reappoint Mr. Michael Stosh Kalinsky to the Regional Youth Commission as a Waynesboro representative, for a three-year term ending August 31, 2026. Having been seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was adopted 4:0:

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

CORRESPONDENCE, CALENDAR, COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager informed council that at the July 24, 2023 council meeting, they will be asked to consider adopting a resolution supporting a loan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) application for approximately \$9 million in needed repairs and upgrades for the wastewater treatment plant.

Council was alerted to the opportunity to use stormwater fund reserves to supplement a project related to the South River Preserve as reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Director at the June 26 meeting. Staff has secured approximately \$625,000 in grant funds and recommends the use of approximately \$125,000 to \$175,000 in stormwater reserves to complete the project. Council will be asked to consider introducing an ordinance appropriating those funds at the next council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Vickie O’Kelly, Waynesboro: is a resident of Springdale Apartments and asked Council to intercede on residents’ behalf as there has been no air conditioning in the building, and the landlord is not addressing it. The City Manager stated that he will follow up on the issue on Council’s behalf.

Donna Yobs was not present to address the council, per Ms. Andrea Jackson.

ADJOURN

Council member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on an affirmative 4:0 vote:

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

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Jim Wood, Vice Mayor