

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, June 26, 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
Leslie Tate, Community Development Director
Dwayne Jones, Parks and Recreation Director

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

GUESTS: Phil Martin, Augusta Water Executive Director
Cole Seldomridge, Regional Landfill Director of Solid Waste Management

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 the mayor a restful and pleasant vacation.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

With no comments from council, the meeting continued.

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 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 12, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.
Second consideration/adoption of the following ordinances.
- b. Assigned and unassigned fund balance to the General Fund to be transferred to the capital fund in the amount of \$5,300,292. **(2023-31)**
- c. Assigned fund balance to the school fund for school renovations in the amount of \$4,879,298. **(2023-32)**

REPORT – REGIONAL LANDFILL OPERATIONS AND PLANNED CAPITAL INVESTMENT

The Landfill Director of Solid Waste Management made a presentation reviewing the operation of the regional landfill and upcoming capital investments. It included an overview of the landfill facility, capital planning for Phases 1-7 cell construction, in particular Phase 5 construction., capital planning for cell closure, benefits to cap closures, potential revenues from landfill gas, and project funding and bidding (*attached*).

The vice mayor asked about what dictates the maximum elevation before capping, and he was told the exterior contour as dictated by the permit. With no further comments or questions from council, the meeting continued.

REPORT - PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Community Development Director made a presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan related to the CDBG Entitlement Program. It included the Entitlement Program goals, the 2023 allocation for Waynesboro and amendments from prior program years that make up the plan’s activities presented in the draft. It included an anticipated time line for council’s consideration for adoption. She also discussed possible ways to leverage funds in the future (*attachment 47-67*).

The vice mayor asked about the projects previously rejected and he was told the elevator for Rosenwald and others also fall within HUD guidelines. Council member Short asked about eligibility of maintenance for the Rosenwald elevator, and he was told that it would not be included in CDBG funding.

In response to Mr. Short's question, the Director will check to see if the planning grant requires that the city cannot retain its entitlement community status. Per the vice mayor's question, CDBG funds may be used toward a rental inspection program.

APPOINT VIEWERS - CLOSE AND VACATE APPROXIMATELY 0.677 ACRES OF UNIMPROVED STREETS AND ALLEYS DESCRIBED AS OHIO ST. AND NORTH AUGUSTA AVENUE

Mr. Allen moved to appoint Doris Hulvy, Dorothy Sayer and Andy Cruz as chair, as viewers to review an application by Haley, Chisholm & Morris, Inc. to close and vacate approximately 0.677 acres of unimproved streets and alleys described as Ohio Street, along Block 40 Lot 1 and Ohio Street along Block 42 Lot 12 and North Augusta Avenue between Block 40 Lots 1 and 2 and Block 42 Lots 12-16 and 4 foot of Lot 17. 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

REPORT - SOUTH RIVER PRESERVE NORTH PROJECT

The Parks and Recreation Director made a presentation on the South River Preserve, Rockfish Run and Loft Springs Park project that is the culmination of work through staff, council, the Secretary of Natural Resources and other state and federal agencies to secure funds in the DuPont Mercury Contamination settlement, known as the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) (*Attachment 47-68*). He noted that there will be a need to close the Greenway at times during renovations. Press releases and facebook will notify users at that time.

REPORT - AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 14, "ANIMALS"

The City Attorney provided an overview of the goals of the Animal Ordinance amendments, to update the city code and be consistent with the State Code and find consistency and commonality with Staunton and Augusta County. The proposed amendments also address issues the Police Department and Animal control are experiencing with companion animals in the city.

The three areas involve fees that are charged or can be charged, highlighting facility or impoundment fee, actual expenses incurred with intaking animals, code violation penalties, civil penalties, and updating the description, exemptions and definition of service animals. She also recommended the code address exotic animal ownership and dangerous dogs not yet declared dangerous.

The City Attorney also recommended there be more awareness made to the public of the new processes, procedures, and code sections through information provided to the public.

After recommended clarifications to the code from council members, the meeting continued.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES:

Council member Allen moved to adopt the following appropriation ordinances.

- a. Various grant revenues to the School Fund in the amount of \$434,738. **(2023-33)**
- b. Various revenues from insurance proceeds and the sale of scrap in the amount of \$41,353 to the General Fund for various Public Works expenditures. **(2023-34)**

Having been seconded and with no discussion, the ordinances were adopted 4:0:

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

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, CALENDAR, COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

The City Manager informed Council that the city was successful in the ARPA grant application from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. This will fund and equip five police vehicles.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Kevin O'Connor, Waynesboro: concerned about the increased atv traffic that is using neighboring streets and private property as a racetrack. Police Dispatch has been notified and a police officer showed once. Asking for more police presence in the Shenandoah Heights neighborhood.

ADJOURN

Council member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 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