

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Allen presiding and calling the meeting to order:

PRESENT: Council Members: Bruce Allen, Mayor  
Terry Short, Jr., Vice Mayor  
Jeff Freeman, Councilman  
Pete Marks, Councilman  
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman

City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager  
James Shaw, Deputy City Manager  
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council  
Greg Hitchin, Economic Development Director  
Dwayne Jones, Parks and Recreation Director  
Lisa Jeffers, General Registrar  
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief  
Terri Marks, Finance Director

Outside Counsel: Ms. Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe

Guests: Mr. Miles Bobbitt, Director, Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program  
Mr. Matt Wilson, Executive Director of SOCA  
Dr. Jeffrey Cassell, Superintendent of Public Schools  
Ms. Susan Wright, Director of Instruction

ABSENT: None

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### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Mayor Allen opened the meeting and asked the City Manager to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilwoman Anderson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Having been seconded, the motion was adopted 5:0 with affirmative votes from Council members Allen, Short, Freeman, Marks and Anderson:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Consider adopting the minutes for the January 22, 2018 Regular Business Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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- b) **Alleys and Streets Vacation – Shumate – 7<sup>th</sup> Street South**: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance approving a request from Tom Shumate Surveyor, Inc. to close and vacate all streets and alleys in Basic City south of the unimproved section of 7th Street South except the un-named 50-foot City right-of-way. (2018-09)
- c) **Land Transfer- Merritt**: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance approving a request to sell 0.037 acres of city-owned land, to correct a surveying error, located in Ridgeview Park, Waynesboro, City Tax Map no. 53-2-D to Sheila Merritt, 601 Meadowview Cove, Waynesboro, Tax Map No. 53-5-16-31. (2018-10)
- d) **Second consideration/adoption of the following appropriation ordinances:**
  - i. **Fund Balance Allocation** (1,281,018) (2018-11)
  - ii. **Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center – Renovation and Expansion**: (\$65,754) (2018-12)

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**MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Vice Mayor Short**: He attended and enjoyed the annual Book Read In at Wenonah Elementary School and the Rosenwald documentary at the Wayne Theater. The Mayor and he attended a business networking meeting at the Country Club. At the Waynesboro Notary, he presented an update on the state of the City. He stated it is the consensus of Council to have a conversation regarding the fund balance allocation as part of the upcoming budget season.

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**PRESENTATION – VALLEY ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Bobbitt reviewed the Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) services, all provided with no taxpayer funding. He answered questions regarding their Annual Report as provided to Council.

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**PRESENTATION - SOCCER ORGANIZATION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA (SOCA) AND BASIC PARK:**

City Council received a report from the Parks and Recreation Director regarding a proposed project to transform Basic Park into a high-quality regional soccer complex, as attached to the official transcript of these minutes (*attachment 46-27*). The City and SOCA have developed a proposal for a public private partnership to establish five soccer fields in the park and govern the subsequent use and maintenance of the facilities; the responsibilities are formally established in a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. In total, the financial contribution from the City is estimated to be \$560,000. It is anticipated that the improvements will occur in phases, depending on fund raising by SOCA.

Public access to the South River, boat ramp, existing and future trails, and passive recreation areas will be preserved for all visitors; SOCA will be entrusted with scheduling the fields which is expected to be largely dedicated to SOCA programming. Mr. Wilson briefed Council on the SOCA organization and the benefits to Waynesboro of being a hosting locality.

Because the use of public property is contemplated, Council directed the City Manager to develop a Memorandum of Understanding and advertise a public hearing on the topic for an upcoming Council meeting.

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**PRESENTATION - WAYNESBORO GRADUATE PROFILE:**

Ms. Sue Wright, Director of Instruction at Waynesboro High School, presented an overview of the revisions to the Virginia Board of Education accreditation standards and their importance and relevance to the Waynesboro Public Schools, as attached to the official transcript of these minutes (*attachment 46-28*). The Virginia Board of Education is revising its accreditation standards to provide a more comprehensive view of school quality while encouraging continuous improvement for all schools and placing increased emphasis on closing achievement gaps. School accreditation standards ratings for 2018-2019 will be the first to reflect the new approach to accountability. Ms. Wright confirmed that the new standards and student demands may require teachers with different certifications and who can provide for mentorships. She stated that a good pay scale will be required to maintain the current teaching staff and attract qualified teachers, along with equipment and resources. The Vice Mayor affirmed that the state has not offered resources to facilitate the new standards of accreditation. He also expressed interest in accompanying school staff when speaking with business leaders to help understand the business community's workforce needs and interests.

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**WAYNESBORO HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT:**

Council was asked to consider adopting a reimbursement resolution concerning the Waynesboro High School Renovation Project. It would enable the City to reimburse itself for expenses related to the project incurred prior to the issuance of debt. The resolution does not obligate the City to reimburse itself from the proceeds of a borrowing; however, the City may not elect to reimburse itself from debt proceeds without having adopted a reimbursement resolution. The City has expended funds to acquire property and the School Board has incurred and will incur expenditures for architectural/design/engineering, demolition and construction; the \$1,500,000 is intended to provide for expenses incurred until permanent financing (debt issuance) is accomplished.

**Councilman Freeman moved to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION <sup>(R18-03)</sup>  
OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE  
EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF A BORROWING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waynesboro, Virginia (the "Borrower"), intends to acquire certain real property for, and to undertake the design and engineering of, capital improvements for school purposes (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, plans for the Project have advanced and the Borrower expects to advance its own funds to pay expenditures related to the Project (the "Expenditures") prior to incurring indebtedness and to receive reimbursement for such Expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or taxable debt (the "Bonds"), or both;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA:**

1. The Borrower intends to utilize the proceeds of the Bonds in an amount not currently expected to exceed \$1,500,000 to pay the costs of the Project.

