

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Short presiding and calling the meeting to order:

PRESENT: Council Members: Terry Short, Jr., Mayor  
Bobby Henderson, Vice Mayor  
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman  
Sam Hostetter, Councilman

City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager  
Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager  
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council  
Luke Juday, Planning Director  
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief

Guest: Dr. John Downey, President, Blue Ridge Community College

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

ABSENT: Bruce Allen, Councilman

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

Mayor Short opened the meeting and asked Councilman Hostetter to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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### **AMEND AGENDA:**

Vice Mayor Henderson moved to amend the agenda to include a presentation by Dr. John Downey, President of the Blue Ridge Community College, delivering their Annual Report. **Having been seconded and with no objections, the agenda was amended 4:0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Anderson, and Hostetter, with Councilman Allen being absent.**

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### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilwoman Anderson moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Having been seconded, the consent agenda was adopted 4:0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Anderson, and Hostetter, with Councilman Allen being absent.

- a) **Council Meeting Minutes:** Consider approving the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and the February 21, 2019 Budget Work Session minutes, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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- b) Rezone 201 Short Street: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance to rezone 201 Short Street, City tax Map 45-1-2-30, 31, and 32, from Light Industrial to Central Business District. (2019-17)

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**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Vice Mayor Henderson** acknowledged Police Captain Kelly Walker as team leader, being awarded the Virginia Crisis Intervention Team of the Year Award, and Emergency Operations Director Gary Critzer for being appointed to the Governor’s 911 Committee, two outstanding achievements by the City’s Public Safety Officers.

**Councilman Hostetter** reminded everyone that citizens will have the opportunity to meet with him during his monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m. at the French Press on N. Wayne Avenue. Everyone is invited to share their comments about the City and ask questions of him.

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**PRESENTATION – BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNUAL UPDATE:**

Dr. John Downey presented the 2018 Annual Report for the Blue Ridge Community College. He thanked the Council for the appointments of two members of the BRCC Advisory Board and for their support of the College. He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting of the College Online Outpost located at 110 N. Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

After the Planning Director reviewed the purpose and content of the Transportation Plan as presented at the February 11 meeting, the public hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m. With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce the ordinance **ADOPTING THE 2018 CITY OF WAYNESBORO TRANSPORTATION PLAN** as part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan at the January 28, 2019 Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Henderson moved to adopt the ordinance. **With no objections, the ordinance was adopted 4:0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Anderson, and Hostetter, with Councilman Allen being absent. (ORDINANCE 2019-18)**

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**APPLICATION – WAYNE THEATRE GRAND GALA:**

Councilwoman Anderson moved to approve an application from the Wayne Theatre to serve alcohol on public property, for amplified sound, and for a partial Main Street closure from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 relating to the Grand Gala event. **Having been seconded, the application was approved with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Anderson, and Hostetter, with Councilman Allen being absent.**

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**CITY CODE AMENDMENT ORDINANCES:**

**Electronic Summons System Assessment:** The Virginia State Code allows localities to assess fees issued through the E-Summons System to be used for the use, repair, and eventual replacement of the equipment. Council was asked to amend the City Code assessing a \$5 per ticket fee on eligible transactions. Vice Mayor Henderson moved to introduce an ordinance **AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 14, ASSESSMENT FOR ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO,**

**VIRGINIA.** Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the March 11, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

**Military Identification and Precious Metals Dealers:** The United States Code prohibits the duplication of military identifications, and in order to bring the City Code into conformity, Council was asked to amend the City Code eliminating the requirement of duplication of military identification as an acceptable form of identification for precious metals transactions. Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance **AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, PRECIOUS METALS DEALERS, SECTION 22-122, AND 22-124, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA.** Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the March 11, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

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**COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, AND CALENDAR:** With no matters to discuss, the meeting continued.

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**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD:**

***Ms. Jennifer Lewis, 113 Iris Drive:*** stated her concern about the homeless population in Waynesboro and the lack of a day program or shelter that would provide ability for them to apply for jobs, services or look for housing.

***Mr. Chris Rini, 201 Lee Drive:*** stated that he finds the signs discouraging people from donating to people standing in the median problematic in that it perpetuates harmful myths regarding panhandlers.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. on a motion Vice Mayor Henderson.

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Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

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Terry Short, Jr., Mayor