

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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  
 Bruce Allen, Councilman  
 Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman  
 Sam Hostetter, Councilman
- City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager  
 Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager  
 Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council  
 Cameron McCormick, Finance Director  
 Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief
- Outside Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC
- ABSENT:** None

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

Mayor Short opened the meeting, and Councilwoman Anderson lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Hostetter moved to adopt the consent agenda, removing item 2d for separate consideration. Having been seconded, the **consent agenda was adopted 5:0 with item 2d removed for separate consideration:**

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

- a) Council Meeting Minutes: Consider approving the May 13, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b) Conditional Use Permit – Elevated Water Storage Tank at Tax Map 72-4-16A1. **(2019-36)**
- c) Code Amendment – Amend Chapter 78-126, Short-Term Rentals. **(2019-37)**
- e) Code Amendment – Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article I, in General, Section 82-1, and IV, Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles, Sections 82-121, 82-131-137, and 82-151-156. **(2019-39)**

Second consideration/adoption of the following appropriation ordinances:

- f) Assessor’s Department Transfer to Treasurer Department: (\$3,062) **(2019-40)**

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- g) Parks and Recreation – VA Forestry Grant Appropriation: (\$6,000) (2019-41)
- h) Fire Department – VML Insurance Proceeds: (\$21,509) (2019-42)
- i) Sheriff Department – Video Conferencing Equipment: (\$6,046) (2019-43)
- j) Public Works – Landfill Groundwater Remediation: (\$30,900) (2019-44)

d) Code Amendment – Amend Chapter 98, Article V, Section 5.6.6(C) Electronic Signs in Residential Neighborhoods. Councilman Allen stated his concern about drivers distracted by electronic signs in areas where pedestrian traffic is heavier, such as the at the public library. He is also against the City adopting laws that affect businesses but exclude government facilities. Having been seconded, the ordinance was adopted 4:1: (2019-38)

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Nay</b>		

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**MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilman Hostetter’s** monthly community meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the French Press.

**Mayor Short** reviewed the meetings he and members of Council had with PPI-Times Zero, the Police Week Proclamation presentation, the Augusta Health Social, and meetings with constituents regarding taxes.

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**TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019:**

The City Manager reviewed the ordinance introduced at the May 13, 2019 Council meeting, setting the real estate tax rate at \$.90 per \$100 of assessed value, personal and business property at \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed value, and machinery and tools tax at \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed value. Councilman Hostetter seconded the motion. Councilman Allen moved to make a friendly amendment to the ordinance setting the personal property tax rate at \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed value. Vice Mayor Henderson, having made the motion to introduce the ordinance, rejected the friendly amendment.

The original ordinance imposing taxes for the calendar year 2019 on property and persons, for the payment of interest on the City debt, for the support of City government, for the maintenance of the public schools, and for other expenses providing for the assessment of persons and property, for the collection of taxes, revenues, assessments and imposing penalties for the failure to comply with the provisions hereof was adopted 4:1: (2019-45)

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Nay</b>		

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**WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER CHARGES, FEES, RATES:**

The City Manager reviewed the ordinance introduced at the May 13, 2019 Council meeting setting the water consumption rate and fixed charge increase of 1.1%, and the sewer utility rate and fixed charges to increase by 1.1% and also an increase in stormwater utility fee for each ERU. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance amending Sections 30-58(e)(3)(a.), 30-58(e)(3)(b.), 86-28(a)(1), 86-28(a)(2), and 86-139(a) of the Code of the City of Waynesboro to increase the stormwater fee, water

utility service charges, fees, and rates and sewer utility service charges and rates was adopted 5:0:  
(2019-46)

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET:**

The City Manager's recommended fiscal year 2020 operating budget was introduced at the May 13, 2019 Council meeting. Having been seconded, the ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget in the amount of \$117,606,633 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was adopted 5:0:

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**APPOINTMENT - BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD:**

Councilwoman Anderson moved to appoint Mr. Shawn Kaup to the Blue Ridge Community College Board for a four-year appointment of July 1, 2019 ending June 30, 2023. Having been seconded and with no objections, the motion was unanimously adopted:

<b>Mayor Short</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilwoman Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Henderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Hostetter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Allen</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:**

Tourism Department Grant Appropriation: Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating a Virginia Tourism Corporation Grant in the amount of \$22,234, to the General Fund, to reimburse for advertising expenditures in the Tourism Department. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the June 10, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

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**COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, CALENDAR:**

Reading of Ordinances: The bill introduced at the General Assembly by Delegate Bell allowing for one reading of certain appropriation ordinances was signed into law effective July 1, 2019.

Florence Avenue Bridge: The City received approval to put the Florence Avenue Bridge repair project out for bid.

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**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD:**

***Bill Krzastek, 1321 Hollins Road:*** addressed comments made by speakers at the May 13, 2019 citizen comment period regarding school conditions, teacher pay and staffing reductions. He also spoke about the damaged stop sign at the corner of Rosser and 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

***Tom McDonald, 1117 Club Road:*** thanked City Council and staff for the creation of the adopted budget that addresses priorities, and hopes more finances will be put toward public safety personnel in the future.

