

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman

Members absent: Mark J. Bloomfield, Holly E. Atkins

Others present: Assistant Town Manager Elaine R. Holeyton, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Michelle Workman Clayton, Police Sergeant Tommy Lester, Lillian W. Bryant, Carolyn Robinson, Tatum Robinson, Lydia Sprano, Peter A. Sprano, Wes Robinson, Morgan Dalton, Carrie Sage Dalton, Patricia Austin, Sheri Runnells, Lorna King, Charla King, Josh Tomiak, Madelyn Snow, Neal King

**RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Taylor.

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2022. She inquired if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2022, as presented. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM RESOLUTION**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the adoption and presentation of a resolution to the George Wythe High School Swim Team. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to adopt the resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Swim Team for an outstanding winning season. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to adopt a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Swim Team for an outstanding winning season. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

Mayor Taylor invited the members of the team to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken. She noted that she would now read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Swim Team competed in the Virginia High School League Class ½ State Swimming and Diving Competitions in Richmond, Virginia, on Saturday, February 12, 2022, and they placed third overall, with a total of 197 points; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Tatum Robinson won the State Competition in the 100 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley (IM), making this her 4th consecutive State Title in the IM; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tatum assisted the Swim Team who won the State title in the 200 Yard Medley Relay Team and placed second in the 400 Freestyle Relay Team; and,

**WHEREAS**, during her high school career, Tatum had an outstanding swimming record, and she earned a total of nine first place medals at the State Competitions, which is an amazing feat; and this brought great credit to herself, George Wythe High School and the Town of Wytheville; and,

**WHEREAS**, several team swimmers placed in the State Competitions, including Morgan Dalton who placed 2nd in the 100 Backstroke and 4th in the 100 Free Event; Lydia Sprano who finished 3rd in the 100 Breaststroke and 7th in the 100 Butterfly; Carrie Sage Dalton who finished 5th in the 500 Yard Freestyle; Joseph Puckett who finished 7th in the 100 Yard Freestyle and 6th in the 100 Yard Backstroke; and the Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Team which finished 8th and included Jesse Collins, Jason Lawson, Joseph Puckett and Tyler Terry; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Swim Team members and Coach Greg Puckett made their school and the Town proud by their display of athletic ability and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends the George Wythe High School Swim Team; Head Coach Greg Puckett; and, other high school officials for the outstanding accomplishments of the Team and further resolves that this resolution be presented to the Swim Team, Coach Puckett, high school officials and the news media.

Mayor Taylor congratulated the team on their accomplishments. She thanked them for attending the meeting, and she proceeded with the agenda.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL RESOLUTION**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the adoption and presentation of a resolution to the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to adopt the resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team for their excellent winning season. A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to adopt a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team for an excellent winning season. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

Mayor Taylor invited the members of the team to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken. She noted that she would now read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, March 5, 2022, the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team competed in the Virginia High School League (VHSL) State Tournament in Williamsburg, Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Scholastic Bowl Team, consisting of Landon Ferguson, Charla King, Ivy Lin, Mason Mabry, Josh Tomiak and Madelyn Snow, made George Wythe High School and the Town of Wytheville extremely proud by earning its 3rd straight State Championship title at this tournament; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Josh Tomiak, the Team Captain, was a top scorer across all six divisions of the Virginia High School League competition, and this earned him a position on the All-State Team; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Josh Tomiak, earned the third highest points at the State Tournament; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Team members and Coach Jennifer Ferguson have reflected great credit upon George Wythe High School and the Town of Wytheville by their excellent display of academic ability, team play and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team; Coach Jennifer Ferguson; and, other high school officials for the outstanding accomplishment of the Scholastic Bowl Team.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be presented to the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team, Coach Ferguson, high school officials and the news media.

Mayor Taylor congratulated the team on their accomplishments. She thanked them for attending the meeting, and she proceeded with the agenda.

### **CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted that there are no citizens listed on the sign in sheet who stated that they would like to speak during Citizens' Period, however, if anyone has changed their mind, now is the time to do so. There being no one who wished to address Council during Citizens' Period, she proceeded with the agenda.

### **RE: STAFF REPORT**

Assistant Town Manager HOLETON advised that she would be presenting the Staff Report in the absence of Town Manager FREEMAN. The Staff Report was entered into the record as follows:

- A. The Town of Wytheville will, once again, provide a community garden near the elevated water tower, (also known as the "Balloon Tank") located in the 400 block of Cove Road. Each garden plot is approximately 12' x 20'. The Wytheville Town Council has waived the fee for the cost of the first garden plot. One additional plot may be requested for a fee of \$10, and there is a maximum of two plots that may be requested per gardener. Plots are available on a first come, first served basis. All maintenance of the garden plot is the responsibility of the person reserving the space, however, a 200-gallon water tank is located on the property so that gardeners can more conveniently water their plants with buckets or watering cans. For more information, and to reserve your garden plot, please call Assistant Director of Tourism and Public Information Deana Kelley at (276) 223-3505.

- B. The Town of Wytheville Public Works Department and the Tree Advisory Committee have worked methodically to monitor and care for the trees on the Town's properties and rights of way. These efforts have improved the tree stock on Town property and have resulted in Wytheville, again, being named a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. In recognition of this accomplishment, the Tree Advisory Committee will host a 2022 Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the HOPE Ministry Center located at 680 West Main Street. During the celebration, the Committee will be planting a Zelkova tree. On behalf of the Wytheville Town Council, we would like to thank the Tree Advisory Committee and our dedicated employees whose work and commitment have made this award possible. The Town of Wytheville would, also, like to thank the Arbor Day Foundation for this prestigious recognition. We are very proud to be a Tree City USA community.

### **RE: NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business, Assistant Town Manager Holeton reported the following:

1. The Wytheville Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the Wytheville Community Center.
2. The Wytheville Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
3. Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated (DTW) will meet on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the DTW office.
4. The Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (WRHA) will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority office.
5. The New River Regional Water Authority (NRRWA) will meet on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the NRRWA Plant in Austinville.
6. The next Council Work Session will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room followed by the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

### **RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a member to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee to fill the expiring term of Mr. Donald D. Spiller, Jr. (term expires May 14, 2022). She stated that Mr. Spiller is not eligible for reappointment. Mayor Taylor advised that there are two applications to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee for a four year term (term expires May 14, 2026). A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to appoint Ms. Lee Johnson for a four year term to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee (term expires May 14, 2026). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

### **RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a member to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee to fill the expiring term of Ms. Autumn Turner (term expires May 14, 2022). She stated that there are two applications to be considered for this appointment (term expires May 14, 2026). A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to appoint Ms. Tammie Lowry for a four year term to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee (term expires May 14, 2026). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a member to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority to fill the expired term of Mr. James B. Willis (term expired December 12, 2021). She stated that there are two applications to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority for a four year term (term expires December 12, 2025). A motion was made by Councilman Gillman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Pattison to appoint Mr. David Kause for a four year term to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority to fill the expired term of Mr. James B. Willis (term expires December 12, 2025). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: APPOINTMENTS – WYTHEVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a member to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Judith Burkett (term expires December 12, 2022). She stated that there are two applications to be considered for this appointment (term expires December 12, 2022). A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Lucas to the Wytheville Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Judith Burkett (term expires December 12, 2022). Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: APPOINTMENTS – TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATOR**

Mayor Taylor advised that the next agenda item is the appointment of a Town of Wytheville Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator. Mayor Taylor noted that Staff would recommend that the Town Council appoint the Town Manager, or his designee, as the Town of Wytheville Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Pattison and seconded by Councilman Gillman to appoint the Town Manager, or his designee, as the Town of Wytheville Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Cathy D. Pattison, Gary L. Gillman. Against: None.

**RE: WYTHEVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER STREET CLOSING APPLICATION**

Assistant Town Manager Holeton thanked Ms. Sheri Runnells and Ms. Patricia Austin for attending the meeting on behalf of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center. She noted that Ms. Runnells and Ms. Austin are potentially attending the Council meeting regarding the Street Closing Application that was reviewed earlier during the Council Work Session. Assistant Town Manager Holeton stated that she would like to advise Ms. Runnells and Ms. Austin that the Town Council voted and approved their request for the street closing event.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (6:20 p.m.).

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Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk