

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 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  
Dwayne Jones, Parks and Recreation Director  
Luke Juday, Planning Director  
Greg Hitchin, Economic Development Director  
Terri Marks, Finance Director  
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief

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

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

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 February 26, 2018 Regular Business Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b) **Second consideration/adoption of the following appropriation ordinances:**
  - i. **Police Department – Vehicle Purchase** :\$13,803 to provide funding for a used vehicle for the Detective Division of the Police Department. (2018-13)

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- ii. **Police Department – Vehicle Purchase** :\$6,000 to provide funding for a used vehicle for the Detective Division of the Police Department. (2018-14)
- iii. **Economic Development Website Redesign**: \$7,500 for website redesign costs for the Economic Development website. (2018-15)
- iv. **Tourism Visitors Guide**: \$13,000 for redesign costs for the Tourism Visitor Guides. (2018-16)  
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**MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Vice Mayor Short**: enjoyed visiting and speaking with the eighth grade civics class at Kate Collins Middle School discussing local government and civic responsibility.

**Councilman Freeman**: taught a line dancing class at the Waynesboro Senior Center, and he encouraged citizens to visit the Center and learn about what they offer.

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**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Red Cross Month**: After the City Manager reviewed the purpose and work of the American Red Cross, City Council named March, 2018 as Red Cross Month in the City of Waynesboro. The proclamation will be sent to the Virginia Region of Red Cross, Ms. Nancy Carlson.

**PROCLAMATION <sup>(R18-03)</sup>  
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2018**

The American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts. Through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas. In addition, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover.

In Waynesboro, **the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need.** The Central and Shenandoah Chapter, Virginia region, assisted with more than 150 local disasters in the past year alone. They installed nearly 1,500 smoke alarms and reached thousands of people with fire safety information. In our area, the Red Cross handles an average of 350 emergency military calls every year and collects an average of 12,000 units of blood from our generous blood donors.

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. **We applaud our heroes here in Waynesboro who give of themselves** to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. It collects about 40 percent of the nation’s blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce E. Allen, Mayor of Waynesboro, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Waynesboro and Virginia do hereby proclaim March 2018 as **American Red Cross Month**. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

**March for Meals Month**: The City Manager reviewed the Meals on Wheels program. Meals on Wheels America created a “March for Meals” campaign to raise awareness of senior nutrition services. City Council named March, 2018 as March for Meals Month in the City of Waynesboro and presented a proclamation to Ms. Janice Gentry, Director of the VPAS Senior Services.

**PROCLAMATION** <sup>(P18-04)</sup>  
**MARCH 2018 AS THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 observance of March for Meals celebrates 16 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Waynesboro, Virginia have served our communities admirably for more than 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Waynesboro, Virginia are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Waynesboro, Virginia provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the Waynesboro, Virginia that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Waynesboro, Virginia provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Waynesboro, Virginia deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bruce Allen, as Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia do hereby proclaim March 2018 as the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2018 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

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