

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Vice Mayor Short presiding and calling the meeting to order:

- PRESENT:**
- Council Members:** Terry Short, Jr., Vice Mayor  
Jeff Freeman, Councilman  
Pete Marks, Councilman  
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman
  - City Staff:** Michael G Hamp II, City Manager  
D. James Shaw, Deputy City Manager  
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council  
Zahir Mahmoud, Library Director  
Terri Marks, Finance Director  
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief
  - Outside Counsel:** Ms. Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLP
  - Guests:** Ms. Meredith Keppel, Office on Youth  
Ms. Anita Harris, Director, Shenandoah Valley Social Services  
Ms. Lisa Dunn, Deputy Director, Shenandoah Valley Social Services
- ABSENT:** Bruce Allen, Mayor

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

Vice Mayor Short 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:**

Vice Mayor Short removed item 2a from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Freeman moved to adopt the Consent Agenda excluding item 2a. 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 March 26, 2018 Regular Business Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b) **Second consideration/adoption of the following appropriation ordinances:**
  - a. Public Works – Paving Expenditures - \$105,000. **(2018-20)**
  - b. School Title II Federal Grant - \$8,000 **(2018-21)**
  - c. School Title I Federal Grant - \$25,000 **(2018-22)**
  - d. School Perkins Career and Tech Grant - \$7,780 **(2018-23)**
  - c. School Adult Education and Literacy Federal Grant - \$16,654. **(2018-24)**

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- c) **Personal Property Tax Refund:** Consider a request from the Commissioner of the Revenue to refund 2017 business personal property taxes to a business in the amount of \$1,847.39 plus interest due to a corrected assessment.

Vice Mayor Short asked the Clerk of the Council to expound on the comments made during the meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan to include cost implications of the Plan and that the real estate tax will not pay for all the projects recommended in the Plan. The minutes will be considered again at the April 23, 2018 Regular Business Meeting.

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**MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:** With no matters from City Council, the meeting continued.

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**PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:**

April is National Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention Month, and Council presented a proclamation naming April, 2018 as Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Waynesboro. Ms. Keppel and Ms. Dunn accepted the proclamation, providing facts and statistics on the programs available to help prevent child neglect and abuse.

**PROCLAMATION <sup>(P18-06)</sup>  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS,** child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS,** the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

**WHEREAS,** all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among The Department of Social Services, The Office on Youth, Waynesboro City Schools, the Exchange Club, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** as Vice Mayor of the Waynesboro City Council, I thank the Exchange Club for their child abuse prevention efforts, and I do hereby proclaim April, 2018 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Waynesboro to be affixed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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**PROCLAMATION - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:**

Being National Library Week, Council acknowledged their appreciation for the essential support provided by the Friends of the Waynesboro Public Library. Council presented a proclamation to Mr. Kevin Ryan, President of the Friends of the Library who accepted it on behalf of the more than 400 members of the Friends of the Library. Mr. Ryan thanked Council for acknowledging their contribution toward the City and the Library.

PROCLAMATION <sup>(P18-08)</sup>  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Waynesboro Public Library supports the mission, vision, and values of the Waynesboro Public Library; and,

WHEREAS, they provide funds in support of programs for all age groups, including supplies and incentives for weekly children programs, incentives for summer reading programs, winter reading, and holiday events; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library supports the rich and high-demand resources of the local history and genealogy room such as print and the popular online genealogy, ProQuest, and essential equipment such as microfilm reader, printer and the copy machine; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library actively manages and recruits volunteers on an ongoing basis. Library volunteers provide crucial help in many aspects of the Library operations allowing Library staff to focus on customer services; and,

WHEREAS, their public awareness efforts highlight on an on-going basis the fact that our Library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present through the Friends of the Library website and the newsletter the BookMark; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that the Waynesboro Public Library gets the resources it needs, and they continue to raise funds through book sales, membership drives, and special events; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Waynesboro Public Library has twice been presented with the Best Friends of the Library Award by the Virginia Library Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry R. Short, Jr., Vice Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, encourage all citizens to support the Friends of the Waynesboro Public Library as they work to make a great library even better.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Waynesboro, Virginia.

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**PRESENTATION – SHENANDOAH VALLEY SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Ms. Harris and Ms. Dunn from the Shenandoah Valley Social Services made a presentation regarding the Shenandoah Valley Social Services annual report for fiscal year 2016-2017. It included a brief history of the organization, benefits and programs provided to families, services programs, case counts, and their goals and mission.

