

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 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
 Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief
 Cameron McCormick, Finance Director
 Luke Juday, Planning Director
 Greg Hitchin, Economic Development Director
- Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC
- Guests: Ms. Rita Gourley, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
 Ms. Bonnie Reidesel, Central Shen. Planning District Commission

ABSENT: None

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

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

ADOPTION OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA:

Councilman Allen moved to amend the Business Meeting Agenda to move the citizen comment period to the fifth item on the agenda, to occur after Matters from Council Members. **Having been seconded and with no objection, the Business Meeting Agenda was amended 5:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Aye
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Aye		

Councilman Hostetter moved to adopt the Business Meeting Agenda as amended. Having been seconded and with no objections, **the amended Business Meeting Agenda was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Aye
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Aye		

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilwoman Anderson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. **Having been seconded and with no objection, the Consent Agenda was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Aye
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Aye		

- a. Council Meeting Minutes: Consider approving the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Work Session and the January 13, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.
- b. Mad Anthony Mud Run Application - Consider approving an application from the Parks and Recreation Department to serve beer (in accordance with all relevant ABC regulations) to participants in the Mad Anthony Mud Run in Coyner Spring Park on Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- c. Totally 80's 8K Race Application: Consider approving an application from the Parks and Recreation Department to serve beer (in accordance with all relevant ABC regulations) to participants in the Totally 80's 8k Race at Ridgeview Park War Memorial Pool on Saturday, August 15, 2020.
- d. Second Quarter Financial Report: Receive the City's FY2020 Second Quarter Financial Report for period ending December 31, 2019.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Councilman Hostetter reminded everyone that he will be holding his monthly open meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the French Press Café and invited everyone who would like to speak with him.

Vice Mayor Henderson apologized for the manner in which he opened the January 13, 2020 public hearing regarding the Constitutional City resolution.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Herman Wells, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution.

Dwight Williams, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution.

Jim Wood, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City Amendment, and announced he is running for City Council in the upcoming election.

Joe Williams, Waynesboro: the Constitution is not a debatable issue and supports the Constitutional City resolution.

Marcia Geiger, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution.

Ellie Pugliese, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution and encouraged all citizens to vote.

Cheryl Kerry, Waynesboro: asked that the Council respond to citizen questions and spoke against inconsiderate and illegal drivers.

Amber Siren, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution.

Jacob Lipscomb, Waynesboro: supports the Constitutional City resolution and against the laws being passed in Richmond.

Jeanie McCutcheon, Waynesboro: requested a fire hydrant be installed in the east end of Main Street (1800, 1900, 2000 block) for fire prevention safety of residents in that area.

RESOLUTION – CONSTITUTIONAL CITY:

Councilman Hostetter moved to adopt a resolution supporting the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and naming Waynesboro, Virginia a Constitutional City of Virginia. Having been seconded, Councilman Hostetter made a statement supporting the Constitution and encouraged citizens having tough conversations on important issues. **With no objection, the resolution was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Aye
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Aye		

RESOLUTION ^(R20-02)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND EXPRESSING COMMITMENT TO RESPECT, PRESERVE, AND UPHOLD THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE I, & 13 OF THE VIRGINIA CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states in part that “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, & 13 of the Virginia Constitution reads: “That a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed...”; and

WHEREAS, the Waynesboro City Council feel that the right of citizens to bear arms, as stated in both the United States Constitution and Virginia Constitution, is a fundamental right that should be protected to the greatest degree possible; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that “No Person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation”; and

WHEREAS, the members of Waynesboro City Council have taken an oath to defend and uphold the United States and Virginia Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Waynesboro City Council is aware that certain pre-filed legislation for the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly may affect the rights of law-abiding citizens guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, & 13 of the Virginia Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Waynesboro City Council is concerned that the passage of these bills, may significantly alter the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, including but not limited to divesting property from citizens who currently lawfully possess certain weapons and certain capacity magazines; and

