

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 19, 2021

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Jones, Council Members Anderson, Bates, Byne, Tinley, Williams, City Manager Valerie Kirkland, Human Resource Director Latonya Wimberly, City Clerk Jermaine Evans, Waynesboro Police Chief Burley, Waynesboro Fire Chief Robert Parrish, Public Works & Water Department Superintendent Jody Ellison, City Attorney Randolph Frails, OMI/Jacob Chris Morton

ABSENT: Councilman Byne

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jones at 6:00 p.m.
2. Councilwoman Bates gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Williams led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council reviewed the following Minutes:
 - Regular City Council Meeting 6/21/21
 - Utilities Committee Meeting 7/12/21
 - Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting 7/12/21Councilwoman Anderson requested that certain changes be made to the meeting minutes for Utility Committee Meeting Minutes before approving
 1. Item #4 wording corrected “facilitate the pipe replacement “from” instead of “orm”
 2. Item #5 wording corrected “an inspection was performed and no issues were observed”. “now issues” were observed.
 3. Item #8 wording corrected to name “Mr. Morton” from Mr. Norton.

For the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting the requested changes were:

1. Item #4 wording corrected to name “Jennifer Rackins” from Shatoria Rackins
2. Item #7 wording corrected to state “budget for Animal Control could be utilized “because the department was cut”

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Councilman Tinley added that resident Mary Yelton’s name should be corrected to reflect Mary Yelton-Lively to the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes. Councilman Tinley then seconded the motion again. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. Vice Mayor Jones announced that item #5 the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021-6-21 be tabled for the next City Council meeting. Councilwoman Anderson stated there should be a vote to table the item. Vice Mayor Jones stated that he would entertain the motion. Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to table the ordinance reading until the next City Council meeting. Councilman Tinley seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. City Manager Kirkland stated that Senate Bill 145 passed which is in reference to initiating a referendum election authorizing package sales of distilled spirits revising code O.C.G.A. §3-4-41. After City Manager Kirkland read the referendum she stated that some citizens had come asking questions about package sales. City Manager Kirkland also stated that due to provisions in the referendum instead of conducting a petition requiring 20% of registered voters an ordinance or resolution could be instituted in that municipality by the governing body. City Manager Kirkland questioned the Council about their thoughts regarding the bill. Vice Mayor Jones asked Council if there were any questions or concerns. Councilman Tinley questioned if the resolution was adopted would it be in-time for the general election in November. Vice Mayor Jones responded that was correct. Vice Mayor Jones then questioned City Manager Kirkland if she could verify the timeline to respond for the referendum. City Manager Kirkland responded that she will check into and confirm the timeline. Councilman Tinley stated that the existing alcohol ordinance would need to be amended and asked if there were any existing ordinances that the city could replicate for similar purpose. Vice Mayor Jones added that the City could review other alcohol ordinances for applicability in Waynesboro but from his understanding that the referendum would put the ordinance on the ballot to be voted on. If it's approved or disapproved by the citizenship then the City can decide how to engage it. Councilman Tinley stated that there may need to have some discussion prior to so the public would know what they are voting on. Vice Mayor Jones stated that the item can be tabled for the next Council meeting if there is enough time to look into it. Councilman Tinley stated he thought it a good idea about what the ordinance would look like so when it is explained to people they know they are not buying a "pig in a poke". They'll know what they'll get whenever they vote on it. And I'm sure that it probably will pass but that's not a given. Councilman Williams stated that he believes what Councilman Tinley is saying is at one time before restaurants wanting permission to sell alcohol there was a big uproar. Everybody thought that people wanted to open liquor stores and it wasn't that, it was to sell liquor by the shot, subsequently there was a lot of confusion. So, in an effort to properly inform the public there should be further review to gain a better understanding. Councilwoman Bates rhetorically questioned if there were restaurants that presently sell liquor and if so what was the problem now? Councilman Tinley responded this is a violation of the policy if its not sold by the glass. Councilwoman Bates rhetorically questioned that there was a liquor store in Girard, right? Councilman Williams responded that there was. Councilwoman Bates then stated that was enough and there was no need for one in Waynesboro. Councilman Tinley stated there were pros and cons for having a liquor store in Waynesboro residents would save on gas not having to go to Richmond County and the revenue would stay in Burke County. The revenue staying in the county is what people would be looking at. Councilwoman Bates responded that the DUI's and wrecks would stay in Waynesboro when people get drunk and get caught. Councilman Tinley restated that Council should review other municipality's ordinances to ensure Council could make an informed decision. City Attorney Frails stated that he could supply some ordinances, provide a model ordinance for package sales by the next committee meeting. Councilman Tinley questioned City Attorney Frails if the possibility existed to limit the number of licenses that the City could approve. City Attorney Frails responded that zoning considerations generally dictate alcohol retail store placement and Council approves the license. He then stated he had not seen an ordinance that had limited the total number of alcohol licenses. Councilman Tinley confirmed that the City's zoning ordinance

would need to be reviewed for instruction and direction. City Attorney Frails stated drafting an ordinance incorporating alcohol retail store placement was another option. Vice Mayor Jones first stated that a committee meeting would be scheduled to review the information discussed then questioned whether City Attorney Frails stated that he would provide the information discussed so it can be brought before the next committee meeting. City Attorney Frails stated that wasn't what he said but that he would provide the information at the next City Council Committee Meeting. Vice Mayor Jones agreed. Councilman Tinley repeated that Council needs to be mindful of the time to ensure it can be placed on the ballot at the next election. Councilwoman Anderson confirmed how the motion to table the item be stated. Councilman Tinley seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the item until it is reviewed by committee.

7. City Manager Kirkland stated that in regards to the City owned property located at 567 Pauline Jenkins Street, Councilwoman Anderson had spoken to Ms. Rackins having discussed increasing the rental fee from \$600 to \$700 monthly. Ms. Rackins was present at the meeting declining to comment when asked by City Manager Kirkland. City Manager Kirkland recommended to Council that they approve the increase and amend have the City Attorney review the contract to reflect the agreed change. Councilwoman Anderson motioned to approve the recommendation. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
8. City Manager Kirkland discussed the building, sewer and connection cost fee and work detail necessary to complete tasks related to those water distribution projects. Recommendations were made by Public Works and Water Superintendent Jody Ellison. The recommendation of payable fees was based on the estimate for the City to complete the same work which was \$2,500-\$3,000 not including labor and equipment costs. The recommendation was to have the homeowner pay \$1K or \$1,250 should any sidewalk repairs be necessary. Also, any sewer tap fees would also be applicable. Due to structural differences, Liberty and Sixth Street are excluded from this estimate. Estimates involving those streets would probably be higher because a utility contractor may need to be brought in but the City will take measures to keep costs low for the homeowner. City Manager Kirkland also recommended that City Clerk Evans and City Attorney Frails work on amending the existing ordinance so that the homeowner is not solely responsible for any and all fees associated with having to excavate to install, replace or repair pipe in the ground. Councilwoman Anderson requested clarification on the fee structure. City Manager Kirkland and Water Distribution Supervisor Reggie Hanton provided clarification. Vice Mayor Jones questioned City Manager Kirkland if the financing option for the fees part of the recommendation. City Manager Kirkland responded that it was. Homeowners could pay the total incrementally as part of their utility bill. A member of the public made statements concerning her experience with having paid \$4,500 for the plumbing work she had done on her property. Councilwoman Anderson and City Manager Kirkland clarified the City's position of the work involved. The City would excavate, reviewing the homeowner's hired plumber's work after completed. The City would then review the completion of the connection made by the homeowner's hired plumber to ensure the connection was done properly to code before filling and paving over the excavated section. The citizen repeated her statement about having paid \$4,500 adding that she will now have to pay an additional \$1,250 on top of what she had already paid. Councilwoman Anderson and City Manager Kirkland corrected the citizen stating

that she will not be charged any additional fees. She had already paid for her project to be completed in accordance with the ordinance in place. The citizen stated that a City sewer line under the street had cracked and blocked the feed to her property. She was responsible for replacing the damaged sewer line and pay for its connection to the City main. She stated that she was in disbelief that after already having paid the \$4,500 she would now have to pay any additional funds because the damaged pipe had been owned by the City. Councilwoman Anderson thanked the citizen for coming forward, attending the meeting and speaking about her issues. It helps the Council to have a better understanding about what is going on in the City and how others may be affected. The high amount of fees being paid scaffolded by each property owner could be a financial burden for many of the City's residents. Councilman Williams explained the process he undertook excavating his property to complete repairs for pipes on his own property. Councilwoman Anderson again clarified that the City would complete the excavation and the PVC pipe replacement would be the property owner's responsibility. Councilman Williams responded that she was correct. City Manager Kirkland stated that the City was responsible for the section of pipe running from the sidewalk to the street. The citizen stated that she was made responsible for the entire project and not just the pipe on her property but inclusive of the sidewalk repair and the section from the sidewalk out into the street. Vice Mayor Jones stated that he believed that previously homeowners were being told they were responsible for the entire job. The City is attempting to lessen costs to the homeowner until the ordinance can be reviewed and possibly changed until then all citizens have to follow the ordinance currently in effect. The citizen restated that she just wanted to know if she was going to receive another bill. After Vice Mayor Jones restated the City's position the citizen stated that she wanted to make sure that she didn't receive a bill for more money. Vice Mayor Jones stated that he did not understand because her project was already completed and she paid for that project so the City was not going to charge her for any more. The citizen then stated that her plumber (C&H Plumbing) replaced the pipe and covered the area that was excavated. The area was not paved over with concrete. Vice Mayor stated that her plumbers should have taken care of that. Vice Mayor repeated that the City's position is to help reduce the cost to citizens that may encounter a similar problem during this time the ordinance is being reviewed. Councilman Tinley stated the discussion now is to change the ordinance that has been in place for years due to changing times. Past projects cannot be rectified but the City is now aware and needs to move forward. Councilwoman Bates spoke to Water Distribution Supervisor Reggie Hanton stating that he should contact C&H Plumbing concerning not having paved over with concrete the area the citizen's project was completed. He agreed. The citizen asked for confirmation that the homeowner is responsible for the pipe from the home to the City right of way and that the City was responsible from the right of way into the street. Vice Mayor Jones questioned Water Distribution Supervisor Hanton if that was correct and he responded yes. Councilwoman Bates questioned the citizen as to why the sidewalk repair was not completed. The citizen responded that they weren't told that they had to. They were informed about completing the work in the street of which they had completed. Councilman Williams questioned why the plumbers of the citizen's project did not replace the sections of the street excavated. Water Distribution Supervisor Hanton stated to Council that they (C&H Plumbing) would replace the street where the work was done. Councilman Tinley stated that there was a recommendation made by the City Manager and suggests that Council accept her recommendation. Vice Mayor Jones requested that in addition the cost of the

homeowner's project be financed by adding that cost incrementally to their utility bill. Councilman Tinley agreed. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. City Manager Kirkland acknowledged the addition of two cemetery plots deeds purchased by Jeanette Burdett (Lot#387A & 373B) and Shonda Dukes (Lot#344B) recommending those lots for approval. Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to approve the deeds. Councilman Tinley seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. City Manager Kirkland stated that she wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware that there were only 34 cemetery plots left and they are is land locked. Council should be thinking about what the next steps would be for securing more land for cemetery plots. Vice Mayor Jones recommended that the issue be brought before committee. Councilman Williams agreed.
10. City Manager Kirkland reviewed the reports associated with the City turning over Animal Control over to Burke County. Having received email communications from Waynesboro Police Officer Major Gary Jones and having spoken to Burke County Administrator Merv Waldrop, contract negotiations are ongoing. Major Jones stated that it will serve the City better to contract that service out to the County. He mentioned that within the negotiations for service the City had several options to reduce the cost for animal service such as turning over the fairly new van the City purchased to the County to provide the service. City Manager Kirkland mentioned that in the packet there was an animal inspection report detailing the condition of the facility the City oversaw siting violations. City Manager Kirkland also stated that there was a current fee schedule for animal control services from the County for their review. This fee schedule is what the City will be paying until a contract is created and signed. Councilman Williams questioned Major Jones about the number of persons currently employed in animal control. Major Jones replied that there was only one person but that she is currently employed by the County. Councilwoman Bates questioned Major Jones as to how the facility come to such disrepair. Major Jones responded that the condition was not necessarily from a failure of upkeep but due to the age and lack of damage repair. Major Jones sited the absence of a bathroom and leaking roof as examples of contributing factors to the condition of the facility also stating that to bring the facility up to code would cost several thousand dollars. Councilman Tinley questioned City Attorney Frails about oversight, enforcement, compliance or adoption issues between existing City and County ordinances for animal control. City Attorney Frails recommended that the existing ordinances from both the City and County be reviewed to ensure that the City's ordinances are aligned with the County ordinances. However, if there is a conflict the County should enforce the City ordinances. Councilman Tinley questioned whether the City or County would receive payment of the animal service fees and if that would be part of the negotiations. City Attorney Frails stated that fee collection would be part of the negotiations but generally fees are paid as a result of service therefore negotiations should dictate whether the County would receive payment of the fine or a credit for the fine for services done in the City. Vice Mayor Jones questioned how City residents would be assisted in emergency animal situations such as vicious dogs before the contract is signed with the County. Major Jones stated that the County will respond to any vicious dog issue otherwise for animal complaints Waynesboro Police Officers have to respond. Fulfilling this responsibility removes the officer from proactive work or responding to calls or things of that nature. Also, officers would not want to transport a

dog or a cat in a squad car. Major Jones recommended and asked if it would be possible to use the County's service fee schedule for all situations in the meantime before Burke County assumes the contract for animal services. City Manager Kirkland responded that was the current agreement. Vice Mayor Jones repeated questioning the current agreement between the City and County for animal services before the contract was signed by the County. City Manager Kirkland confirmed that was the arrangement. Councilwoman Bates spoke to an animal control scenario involving an unwanted snake at a residence where police officers were afraid to capture and remove the animal and the County required a payment of \$200 before anything could be done. The resident's brother was contacted and he shot the snake before it was removed because of the cost the County requested for service. A citizen asked if the County's fee schedule was available and part of the packet. City Manager Kirkland responded that the list of fees was part of the packet. City Manager Kirkland agreed with Vice Mayor Jones stating that a committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the service contract with the County.

11. Vice Mayor Jones requested Major Jones to stay at the podium and provide an update for the equipment donation to the Sardis Police Department. Major Jones explained that Waynesboro P.D. was in possession of an additional Kustom Pro Lidar Unit and was donating it to the Sardis Police Department. Waynesboro P.D. had the necessary two units for their operations not needing a third. Councilman Tinley made a motion to accept the donation offer. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Major Jones also provided an update of police department operations inclusive of high morale, four officer promotions, admiration of the new uniform design and arm patches, attendance at a future scheduled safety meeting, positive results of citizen surveys and increased citizen engagement through community policing. A recruitment video is being considered to increase exposure to the public for need of filing positions, the Richmond County Sheriff's Office donated approx. 10 sets of duty gear equipment (approx. \$2K value) and budget line items are generally in line considering staffing shortages, overtime expenses and addressing equipment repair/replacement.
12. City Manager Kirkland provided a brief update on solid waste collection for the City asking for input from citizens if they had any comments regarding the County taking over that service or the City continuing to manage it. Should the contract be picked up by the County, there would be no cost to City residents for the emptying of polycarts. Negotiations are ongoing. Councilman Williams questioned for confirmation that the arrangement with the County would come at no cost for the residents of Waynesboro. City Manager Kirkland responded that there would be no cost to the residents for curbside pickup of the polycarts. Councilwoman Anderson stated that the County would be holding a finance committee meeting requesting proposals on July 27. During this meeting the County should be choosing which company they would grant the contract to. Vice Mayor Jones questioned if a survey was sent to residents soliciting their opinion on which option they prefer. City Manager Kirkland responded that is in the process of being completed now. The surveys should go out with the next utility bills.

13. City Manager Kirkland provided an update to the Shadrack Street Project. A portion of the pipe has been received. A pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow morning and she would be informed about the updated status of the project.
14. City Manager Kirkland provided an update on the ARPA funds allocated to the City. The monies have been approved but have not been received by the City as yet. She provided a handout in the completed packet detailing instructions and guidance on how the funds could be used. The funds once received will be placed into a special general fund account to track and monitor how the funds are being spent for compliance auditing by the federal government. Also, included in the packet was a list of projects the City is completing and she wants Council to be aware of her prioritize funding for the infrastructure projects from the ARPA disbursement. A new water well, a new wastewater treatment plant and the Pine Street Sewer Rehab Project were mentioned as necessary infrastructure projects that should be prioritized by City Manager Kirkland and Councilwoman Anderson. City Manager Kirkland also mentioned that the pipe line repair for the property behind the Supermarket KJ's parking lot has been to moved up in severity from a priority 3 to a 5. City Manager Kirkland recommended that a committee meeting be called to strategize the best use of the funding.
15. City Manager Kirkland discussed the City waiting to receive the \$1.5 million EDA Grant Funding. She stated that a meeting took place and that the minutes were included in the packet for Council's review at their leisure. City Manager Kirkland also mentioned that a quarterly report due on 7/15/21 was drafted to comply even though it had to be marked at \$0 due to the funds not having been received yet. Councilwoman Anderson mentioned that during a County Commissioners Meeting a report was read stating that the City of Waynesboro was receiving \$1.5 million for water. Councilwoman Anderson questioned the person who stated the City funds were for. She stated it was noted as Hart Dairy.
16. City Manager Kirkland discussed the EIP Grant to which she stated the City has been approved for the \$750K disbursement. There has been a delay due to the computer system is being upgraded/replaced and the City being the first recipient whose funds are the first to be processed in the new system. Updates will follow to Council as information is received about the grant.
17. City Manager Kirkland reviewed a press release statement for funding Governor Kemp will be making available to local governments. A member of the audience requested the opportunity to speak. Vice Mayor Jones agreed and she approached the podium. Ms. Lottie Higgins, Chairwoman of the Waynesboro Homeless Task Force questioned City Attorney Frails concerning a building that was donated by Ms. Eileen Bennett which is supposed to be used by the task force. City Attorney Frails responded that he received the final deed approx. 10 days ago. Council has to approve receipt of the building and it was not on the agenda for this meeting. Ms. Higgins then questioned if the building was accepted by the City would the City also help in making renovations to make it a food pantry and soup kitchen then also questioning whether or not the impending question should be answered at another time. City Manager Kirkland responded that the question would need to be tabled for a later discussion. Vice Mayor Jones stated to Ms. Higgins that the scheduling of a meeting between Council, Burke County

Administrator Merv Waldrop and the Waynesboro Homeless Task Force would be done by City Clerk Jermaine Evans. Vice Mayor Jones announced that Burke County had become a member of the Archway Partnership which is a program out of the University of Georgia. He explained how the program helps communities to identify their needs and connect them with resources. A meeting is being held on Thursday July, 22, 2021 at 11:30am at the Waynesboro Ice Plant. The Mayor of Thompson, GA is already a member and will be a guest speaker answering questions about his experiences as a member and involvement with the Archway Partnership. Also, in attendance will be speakers from UGA and other local government leadership. Collaboration between the public and elected officials will be necessary to achieve the best understanding of what the community prioritizes addressing economic and community development.

Councilwoman Anderson and Councilman Tinley confirmed the location and time of the meeting. A member of the public, Mr. Alston asked to speak requesting that the city address a water incursion problem during inclement weather in the Rosemont section of the City near 706 and 708 Tucker Avenue. Mr. Alston stated that the catch basin near those properties is clogged diverting the water back to the houses which will damage the air conditioning units and undermine the foundations. He also spoke of a repair made to a pipe in the street that was completely cemented in which he believed would require the street to be excavated again to complete the repair of the clogged basin. Vice Mayor Jones requested that Water Supervisor Reggie Hanton to inspect the area the citizen spoke about. Supervisor Hanton agreed. Mr. Alston stated that he had two other items to discuss. He confirmed that bulk garbage pick-up is done during the last week of the month on Friday. Supervisor Hanton agreed but added that at this time pick-up is being done every week on Friday. Mr. Alston stated that people are putting bulk garbage out on the street whenever they want to and this should be stopped. His concern is that community aesthetics and cleanliness are suffering and no one is being held accountable for dumping their garbage inappropriately. Mr. Alston believes that the city employees are doing a good job but when people are dumping bulk garbage after pick-ups are done it defeats the purpose. Also, people are overfilling polycarts (garbage cans) placing excess on the ground near the polycarts. City employees aren't going to get out of the truck and pick the garbage up off the ground. Vice Mayor Jones questioned City Manager Kirkland asking if there was anything in place to address this littering issue. City Manager Kirkland responded through social media (Facebook) as well as place notifications in the City's newsletter. Mr. Alston stated that the properties where the garbage is being left are rental properties. A newsletter or use of social media won't be enough. Mrs. Yelton-Lively commented that a neighborhood watch needs to be established. Mr. Alston responded that a neighborhood watch already exists and people are disregarding the laws in place. Councilwoman Bates suggested that the responsibility resides with the property manager. Having experienced something similar, her focus was on the property manager notifying residents via letter and assessing fines on those that were not in compliance. Mr. Alston stated that taking people to court to pay fines was not the way that things work further stating that laws do not work that way. Vice Mayor Jones stated to Mr. Alston the City will do the best it can in any way it can to address the issues mentioned hopefully bringing them to resolution. Waynesboro P.D. Major Jones questioned Mr. Alston confirming the addresses where the garbage issues exist. After Mr. Alston confirmed the addresses, Major Jones offered to send the community relations officers to the area going door to door to discuss this issue with the residents. Mr. Alston stated he meant no disrespect but having been in law enforcement for 25 years he did not believe that Major Jones' suggestion

would work or help. Vice Mayor Jones requested that Major Jones move forward with his suggestion using the community relations officers to engage the public concerning the garbage issue so the City is taking steps to address the problem. Major Jones agreed. Major Mary Bennett requested to speak as Vice Mayor Jones was ending the meeting. Major Bennett addressed the council and public about how well the Waynesboro Homeless Task Force's (WHTF) efforts are positively impacting the vulnerable populations in the City. Major Bennett then declared that 710 people were fed in the month of June and 530 in May. She detailed some of the food items that were prepared and distributed by the task force recently having fed 88 people that day. Major Bennett stated that after having heard about the grant funding the City is receiving or applying for there was no funding discussed or in place to feed people. Major Bennett stated that it takes upwards of \$210 weekly/\$840 monthly to feed the individuals the task force services. The funds currently being used are from small donations and contributions from the members of the task force also offering that Vice Mayor Jones actively supports with food deliveries and disbursements when available. She expressed her concern over not receiving any funding from the City or the County specifically for food items. She asked what could be done today by the City and/or the County toward the feeding efforts the task force is engaged in. Major Bennett then stated to County Administrator Merv Waldrop that she is waiting on him to schedule the meeting to strategize and coordinate support for the task force. Mrs. Pat Steele, another member of the task force commented on how others inability to secure food is the driving force for her passion to help. Also stating that there are enough resources in the City to help provide sufficient support for the homeless population. She also expressed concern that funding to feed should not be delayed due to the condition of the donated building that will become the food pantry from which the task force will operate. Vice Mayor Jones praised and gave thanks to the members of WHTF for all the work they have done and are committed to doing aiding the less fortunate and most vulnerable of the City's population. He then made a point to clarify offering the position that individually, all Council members have given and have no problem financially supporting their efforts. The concern for all of Waynesboro's citizens has to be taken into consideration when disbursing funds. Due to compliance designations for the management of public funding, limitations exist in how and how much of the City's money can be allocated for any purpose. The Council recognizes that the WHTF needs support which is why City Clerk Jermaine Evans has been given permission to work with and aid the Task Force with all aspects of administration and operations on the City's behalf. Also, City Clerk Evans has been authorized to help research and apply for funding for the WHTF. Vice Mayor Jones recommended that by using a partial listing of all the churches in Burke County, make contact and discuss collaborating and combining efforts. Major Bennett responded that she originally sourced supplies from churches when she began addressing the homeless population feeding them on her own before joining the WHTF. Local churches are still suffering from the pandemic with many still not having opened up or unfortunately not receiving the support they normally would have allowing for them to donate supplies and food items for her to feed the homeless. Vice Mayor Jones reiterated his position thanking the WHTF members and concluded the meeting.

18. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.