

Town of Taylorsville



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, 2:00 pm.

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Mayor George Holleman was absent from the work session.

The Town Council work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 2:00 pm, followed by an invocation.

Open Forum:

There was not a public comment forum held at the work session.

Discussion Items

1. ABC Rental Agreement

Town Manager, Nathan Hester

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the new rental agreement for the Taylorsville ABC Board, which mirrors the previous agreement with the Catawba County ABC Board. After discussions at a prior work session, Mr. Hester, along with the Town Attorney Monroe Pannell, made necessary revisions. Mr. Hester highlighted details from page 2, section 5 Repairs, of the rental agreement. The tenant is responsible for maintaining a clean parking area and premises. The Town will be responsible for the outside walls, structural walls, roof, heating and air conditioning systems, and other maintenance. The monthly rent will remain \$2,500.00, effective July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to accept the presented lease agreement for the Taylorsville ABC Board. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Resolution of Designation of Applicant's Agent for Advanced Assistance

Town Manager, N. Hester

Town Manager Nathan Hester explained, the Town Council approved a resolution authorizing the Town to apply for Advanced Assistance through the NC Department of Public Safety's Hazard Mitigation Program. The projects listed in this application are the same ones listed in the Bric Grant, which will not be funded. These projects include improvements to sewer pump stations, sewer stream crossing restoration, upgrades to road culverts, and water treatment plant improvements to relocate chemicals and equipment out of the floodplain. All necessary documentation for this application has been submitted; and the Town needs approval of this resolution designating applicant agents from the governing board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve the resolution designating applicant agents for the Advanced Assistance Application. The motion passed unanimously. (See [attachment A](#), which is hereby incorporated & made a part of these minutes.)

Staff Reports

Police Department: Nathan Hester

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented reports on behalf of the Police Department. The Police Department is doing well. A part-time employee will begin training this week, with plans for him to become full-time in July 2025. Mr. Flemings, who is a recent new hire, will be moving from a part-time to a full-time position. The Police Department is making strides to become fully staffed on patrol, with several applicants lined up and turning in paperwork to be submitted to the state. Chief Millsaps has a candidate in mind for the School Resource Officer (SRO) position at the high school. With these positive trends, it looks as if the Police Department will be fully staffed in the next couple months.

Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Public Utility Manager Aaron Wike reported the waterline installation down 4th Street is completed. The water bacteria test results are expected today, and if there are no issues, those homes should be connected to the new water line by the end of the week. Connection to the new water line will increase their water pressure and volume. Councilman Eric Bumgarner asked if those residents will be notified when the connection takes place. Mr. Wike confirmed those residents have already been notified. As a one-time service, the Town will install a pressure release valve at each of these homes to avoid water lines busting; with future maintenance becoming the homeowner's responsibility.

Mr. Wike stated valves will need to be installed in the future.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner inquired about the sidewalks on Linneys Mountain Rd. Mr. Wike explained the project should be completed no later than the first or second week of July 2025. Darian Sigmon submitted the low bid for the project. Mr. Sigmon has four concrete pads to complete for the school system before the end of the budget year. If the sidewalk project is not completed by June 30th, it will be the first task following the school system. Mr. Wike stated the bid came in at \$4,400.00, which was \$2,000.00 less than the next bidder.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner inquired about the road closure at the Northwood Circle culvert. Mr. Wike explained public works has been monitoring this culvert for some time. Recent heavy rain has continued to erode the cavity away, leading to the decision last night that the risk was too great, prompting the closure.

of the intersection. West Consultants are nearing completion of the bid information and will hopefully it will go out next week. While large projects typically have a four-week bidding period, Mr. Wike has requested a two-week timeframe, hoping to attract enough bids. Councilman Eric Bumgarner asked if the bid solicitation would be posted online. Mr. Wike stated West Consultants post bids on a statewide pool and mail bid packets to contractors they have worked with previously. Mr. Wike expressed concern that local contractors might find the FEMA funding requirements challenging. While confident in local contractors' ability to perform the work, he is unsure how many possess the knowledge to navigate the extensive paperwork and criteria. He emphasized, however, that anyone interested is welcome to submit a bid. Mr. Wike reported the engineer estimate for the Northwood Project was \$451,000.00 because of so many additions in the estimate. There is an added waterline relocation cost of \$60,000.00; however, Mr. Wike believes this can likely be bypassed. Valves on both sides of the culvert could be shut off without disrupting homes, allowing the waterline to be braced and the valves reopened upon project completion. Also, \$30,000.00 is allotted for stream redirection during culvert work, involving building a dam and pumping the stream across the road to maintain flow. However, by the time the project begins, there will be very little to no water flow in the stream outside of a major rainfall.

Councilman Jack Simms inquired about the progress of the street and sidewalk project. Mr. Wikes reported that the notice to proceed was just signed, and the contract is ready to go back to West Consultants today. Town Manager Nathan Hester added that the contractors have 240 days for substantial completion and 270 days for full completion. Mr. Wikes stated it would be completed by the end of the year. Country Boy Landscaping will complete the sidewalks, while JT Russell will be responsible for completing the street resurfacing, all as part of the same project. After completion of this project, there should be remaining funds that can be allocated to smaller street or sidewalk projects, depending on the exact amount. The Town must spend 100% of these funds by October 2026 to avoid returning them to the state.

Finance Director: Zachary Greene

Finance Director Zachary Greene reported the Town's 2024 audit is currently in the financial drafting stage. He is waiting for a timeline of completion from Greg Isley, after which the audit will be finalized. Mr. Greene hopes to have a rough timeline by the end of this week. Once the 2024 audit is completed, the Town will begin the 2025 audit shortly thereafter.

City Managers Report

Town Manager Nathan Hester reported speaking with Novant Health yesterday, who seemed open to exploring options for bringing health care services to the Town. In 2022, the county done a community health needs assessment and Mr. Hester will try to pass this information on to Novant Health.

The excavator was ordered with a 60-to-90-day lead time, and it will probably arrive in August.

Mr. Hester stated he would be leaving tomorrow for a Summer Seminar for the Managers Association in Beaufort, NC.

Council General Discussion

Councilwoman Kim Brown received an inquiry this morning regarding the Town's plans for adding sewer service to Princeston Forret. An individual is looking to purchase two lots within the development reported

facing an outrageous septic tank expense. Public Utility Manager Aaron Wike explained that Princeton Forrest is touchy situation. When the development was annexed in, there were supposed to be at least seven homes built within the first three or four years and it never got to that point. Adding sewer service to the area would require a new pump station, costing an estimated \$2.5 million. Mr. Wike stated this project is not currently on the Town's radar because it would service 3 homes. Councilman Eric Bumgarner pointed out, it would cost the buyer \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a septic system vs. the Town incurring a \$2.5 million expense for a sewer pump station. Mr. Wikes stated at this time, there are other areas within the Town that would benefit more from \$2.5 million investment and impact a greater number of residents.

Councilwoman Tamara Odom inquired about the development on Happy Plains. Town Manager Nathan Hester believes the developers are still working on right-of-way acquisitions for water and sewer lines along Happy Plains. The developer contacted the Town because one of the landowners is requesting five taps to be stubbed out. Since his property is not within city limits, it would require the council's approval.

Councilwoman Kim Brown inquired whether property near the credit union had been sold for the construction of an assisted living facility. Town Manager Nathan Hester stated he had not heard of such sale. However, Mr. Hester did report that someone inquired about Taylorsville House. Apparently, it is changing ownership and there is discussion about it transitioning it into an inpatient substance abuse/disorder treatment center.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner asked about the construction occurring by the Raceway gas station. Councilwoman Kim Brown and Councilman Jack Simms confirmed it's a Dollar General. Public Utility Manager Aaron Wike stated the annexation will be presented to council in August.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner asked for the motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest: _____
Nicole Mayes, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management**

Organization Name (thereafter named Organization) **Town of Taylorsville** Disaster Number **DR-4827**

Applicant's State Cognizant Agency for Single Audit purposes (If Cognizant Agency is not assigned, please indicate): **N/A**

Applicant's Fiscal Year (FY) Start: Month: **July** Day: **01**

Applicant's Federal Employer's Identification Number: **56-6001351**

Applicant's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Number: **37-66960**

PRIMARY AGENT	SECONDARY AGENT
Agent's Name Nathan Hester	Agent's Name Aaron Wike
Organization Town of Taylorsville	Organization Town of Taylorsville
Official Position Town Manager	Official Position Public Works Director
Mailing Address 67 Main Ave Drive	Mailing Address 67 Main Ave Drive
City, State, Zip Taylorsville, NC 28681	City, State, Zip Taylorsville, NC 28681
Daytime Telephone 828-632-2218	Daytime Telephone 828-632-2218
Facsimile Number	Facsimile Number
Pager or Cellular Number 828-455-7218	Pager or Cellular Number

BE IT RESOLVED BY the governing body of the Organization (a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina) that the above-named Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the Organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named agents are authorized to represent and act for the Organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreements and **the assurances printed on the reverse side hereof.** BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the above-named agents are authorized to act severally.

PASSED AND APPROVED this **17th** day of **June**, 20**25**

GOVERNING BODY	CERTIFYING OFFICIAL
Name and Title Eric Bumgarner, Councilman	Name George Holleman
Name and Title Jack Simms, Councilman	Official Position Mayor
Name and Title Kimberly S. Brown, Councilwoman Tamara Odom, Councilwoman	Daytime Telephone 828-632-2218

CERTIFICATION

I **George Holleman**, (name) duly appointed and **Mayor** (title) of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of a resolution passes and approved by the Governing Body of (organization) on the **17th** day of **June**, 20**25**

Date: **07/07/2025**

Signature: _____

George B. Holleman