## TOWN BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2025

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

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Simms. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

By unanimous approval the agenda was adopted with the following additions under Business Items: 1. Consideration of Resolution – setting public hearing for annexation request

- 1a. Public Hearing for annexation request
- 1b. Consideration of annexation request

Open Forum: There were no comments in open forum.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the following items:

- 1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from December 3rd, 2024
- 2. Approval of work session minutes from December 16th, 2024

The motion was passed unanimously.

**Business Items:** 

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the adoption by Resolution setting the public hearing for the voluntary annexation request for The Woodlands project. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to open the public hearing for consideration of the voluntary annexation request. The motion passed unanimously. The project consists of an 83.854-acre tract of land located to the east of Happy Plains Road and being more particularly shown on that certain map prepared by Russell L. Whitehurst, Professional Land Surveyor, same being dated August 12, 2024 and entitled "Proposed Noncontiguous Town Limits Extension, Town of Taylorsville, Alexander County, North Carolina." The annexation includes all of the parcels having PIN numbers on the Alexander County GIS Mapping System 3758-29-6885, 3759-20-6150, 3759-20-6374, 3758-39-1221, and 3758-19-7545 and a strip of land being 60 feet in width off of the southern portion of parcels 3758-49-3573 and 3758-49-8169. The intention will be to develop and build approximately 191 single family homes. Mr. Matthew Kutchner representative of Eagle Engineering was present for questions regarding the project. No additional questions were asked and the hearing was closed by a motion from Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the adoption of the Ordinance to extend the corporate limits to annex the 83.854 acres effective January 7, 2025. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the adoption of the Taylorsville Land Use Plan as presented by WPCOG. The full plan will be retained in the Town Manager's office at Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous agreement, the Town Council will attend 2025 Main Street Conference in Mooresville on March 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the purpose of gaining ideas for revitalization and beautification of downtown Taylorsville.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to adopt a resolution declaring surplus property within the public works department. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve a modification to the road diet agreement with JM Teague Engineering to consider roundabouts along Main Street for an additional cost of \$6,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve a budget amendment from GF fund balance for \$6,000 for the roundabout traffic study along Main Street. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve receipting in proceeds to general fund from the sale of surplus police equipment totaling \$750.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve receipting in proceeds to the general fund from citizens contributions for the Town Christmas Tree totaling \$4730.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the contract from GWI Tax and Accounting for support and bookkeeping services to the town. GWI Tax and Accounting was formally known as Grey Isley group. This was a formality due to the name change. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Mike Millsaps. Not present due to illness.

Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike Not present due to illness.

Town Manager: Nathan Hester

The town Christmas tree has been taken down and stored until next season. There will be a feasibility study completed regarding a new or modified public works building and a new or modified town hall. More information will follow. The trees were removed on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in the median. The ABC store is closed until approximately February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 in order to become fully operational under the Taylorsville ABC Board.

Councilwoman Brown mentioned more citizen/corporate contribution will be coming in for the Christmas tree. She noted that plans are being considered for an Apple Drop for New Year's next year and that Hometown Christmas will continue to grow each year.

A workshop is planned for January 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, by unanimous agreement the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest:

Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk