

Town of Taylorsville



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

Present: Mayor George Holleman (Left the meeting at 2:54 pm for prior obligations)
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

The Town Council work session was called to order by Mayor Goerge Holleman on January 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum:

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

Special Presentations:

2023 Audited Financial Statements- Martin-Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

The presentation of the FY 2023 audit was presented to council by Morgan Coley of Martin-Starnes & Associates. The audit highlights included unmodified opinion, cooperative staff, no significant deficiencies were noted, and material weaknesses were noted (late audit).

The 2023 audit has been approved by the LGC.

Taylorsville ABC Discussion

ABC Board Members in attendance included: Jason Durmire, Ronald Roseman, and Christy Harrington.

The previous Taylorsville ABC Board dissolved in 2012 and merged with the Catawba County ABC Board. In 2012, the remaining inventory at the Taylorsville ABC Store was purchased by the Catawba

County ABC Board for \$70,652.42, with payment being made to the Town of Taylorsville. The newly established (2024) Taylorsville ABC Board has asked the Taylorsville Town Council to consider the following:

- Ron Roseman discussed the option of the Town of Taylorsville allocating the original amount of \$70,652.42 received in 2012 from the sale of inventory to the newly established Taylorsville ABC Board to purchase the remaining inventory from the Catawba ABC Board totaling \$79,897.51.
- Jason Durmire discussed the option upon state approval, to delay the distribution disbursements made to the Town of Taylorsville until the line of credit used for the initial store set-up expenses has been paid.
- Ron Roseman also discussed widening the delivery door from 4 ft to 6 ft and installing a new door for an easier / faster delivery process.

Jason Durmire expressed, the Taylorsville ABC Board does not want to mingle the purchase of the remaining inventory and shelving with the Town of Taylorsville's distribution disbursement for July 2024 to December 2024, as listed on Invoice #01152024.

Jason Durmire expects the operating expenses of the Taylorsville ABC Board to be less compared the expenses of the Catawba County ABC Board.

Ron Roseman mentioned, the Catawba County ABC Board offered the Taylorsville ABC Board a 6-month term to pay for the remaining inventory and shelving totaling \$87,397.51. The board plans to accept this offer.

Mayor George Holleman questioned the Taylorsville ABC Board about raising the price of rent on the building. Jason Durmire responded stating; the ABC Store would move buildings if rent increased.

Per the ABC Board, the goal is to open the Taylorsville ABC Store next weekend.

After the Taylorsville ABC board members left, finance director Zachary Green mentioned the proceeds from the 2012 inventory sale was in fund balance, invested in a CD. If the funds were appropriated the Taylorsville ABC Board, the town would lose interest revenue and possibly be penalized for an early withdrawal of funds. Councilwomen Brown made statement in favor of delaying distributions disbursements and potentially waiving rent fees until July 2025, rather than a cash appropriation.

Staff Reports

- Police Chief: Mike Millsaps
No reports
- Finance Director: Zachary Greene

Zach explained with the completion of the FY 2023 audit, the town is waiting on the FY 2024 audit contract from Martin-Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. The Town plans to immediately start upon contract completion. The audit for FY 2024 should begin in February 2025 and finish up in June 2025, afterwards the Town Hall will be caught up on audits.

Plan for a large dollar amount budget amendment for payment of the FY 2024 audit.

The audit for FY 2025, would then be on schedule to be completed July 2025 to December 2025.

- Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Aaron presented a document to the town council, prepared by Luke Robinette, summarizing the 2024 events completed by the sewer department. Councilwoman Kim Brown made the suggestion to add this report, along with future events, to the Town Hall's social media platforms to allow for transparency with the community.

Cemetery expansion.

Aaron explained the new playground equipment has been installed at Matheson Park, along with new mulch. He has been checking prices for edging / plastic barrier to trim the playground area.

Water leaks on Highway 90 near Enola Group and the old Hardee's building have been repaired.

Discussion of plans to remove the trees from the median on 1st Street, however the median will remain for now.

The roundabout study on Main Ave was discussed to improve / increase parking. Aaron reiterated the project would be paid for by the NC Department of Transportation, hopefully with construction within the next 2 years. He also mentioned, possible other roundabouts being added on a long-term plan.

Aaron explained bidding will end February 11, 2025 for the sidewalk and roads project, which will include Fairway Oaks, Green Meadows, Princeton Forest Drive, Rescue Squad to the town cemetery, and a culvert at the town cemetery.

Mentions of repairs to Urgent Care building.

City Managers Report

- Town Manager: Nathan Hester

Town Manager, Nathan Hester, stated the town council has been registered for the 2025 NC Main Street Conference (Main Street: Creating Livable, Lovable Communities) March 11-13, 2025 in Mooresville, NC.

Nathan commented, he will be attending the NC CCMA Conference in Winston Salem, NC February 5-7, 2025.

The Paul Payne Pump Station Project started this week.

A Budget Retreat is scheduled for February 17-18, 2025. On February 17th a representative from the WPCOG will be in attendance.

Council General Discussion

- Councilwoman Kim Brown mentioned a new tattoo parlor will be opening March 1, 2025 and have requested a ribbon cutting at a grand opening.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjournment was requested by Eric Bumgarner. A motion was made by councilwomen Tamara Odom and seconded by councilwomen Kim Brown.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk