

Town of Taylorsville



## **TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

### **Town Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

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

The Town Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor George Holleman on February 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm, followed by an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, led by Councilwoman Kim Brown.

#### **Adjustment & Approval of the Agenda:**

By unanimous approval, the agenda was adopted with the following additions under Business Items:

- 7. b. Terms of Engagement from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A
- 7. c. Contract to Audit Accounts from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A
- 7. e. Budget Amendment of the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2024 Audit

#### **Agenda:**

##### **1. Approval of the Minutes:**

###### **a. January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Regular Meeting:**

A motion was made by Councilwomen Kim Brown and seconded by Councilman Eric Bumgarner to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. Motion was passed unanimously.

**b. January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – Work Session**

A motion was made by Councilwomen Kim Brown with the condition of correcting a statement made by George Holleman rather than Kim Brown and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve the work session minutes from January 21, 2025. Motion was passed unanimously.

**Open Forum:**

There were no comments in open forum.

**Business Items:**

**1. A. Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association:**

**George B Holleman, Mayor**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tamara Odom and seconded by Councilman Eric Bumgarner to approve re-appointing Mayor George Holleman and Councilwoman Kim Brown, and also appointing Councilman Jack Simms, to represent the Town of Taylorsville within the WPSCA until June 30, 2026. The motion was passed unanimously.

**B. Scholarship Program:**

**Jack Simms, Councilman**

Harry Schrum spoke to Town Council in regards to a possible donation to a new scholarship fund, David Odom Memorial Scholarship. Schrum is in the process of establishing a new scholarship fund to benefit students in the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Programs through the Alexander County Schools Public Educational Foundation's 501(c)(3) starting the 2025-2026 school year. The amount of the donation would be left to the decision of town council; but he expressed other entities have promised amounts ranging from \$250.00 to \$1500.00. Mayor George Holleman agreed to add the request to a future agenda.

**2. Road Closure Request:**

**Nathan Hester, Town Manager**

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve a road closure request from the Alexander County Partnership for Children for one block of First Street SW between Main Avenue and Main Avenue Drive on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. for their annual Spring Fling event. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. ABC Disbursement Withholding Resolution:**

**Nathan Hester, Town Manager**

A motion was made by Councilwomen Tamara Odom and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to approve the resolution authorizing the Taylorsville ABC Board to withhold their quarterly disbursements to the Town from net profit alcohol sales to assist the ABC Board in repaying their line of credit with their selected financial institution. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated & made a part of these minutes.

**4. Petition for Voluntary Annexation:**

**Aaron Wike, Public Works**

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to approve the resolution directing the Town Clerk to investigate a petition received from Thomas and

Kira Boyd regarding property located at 26 Shannon Park Circle Taylorsville, NC 28681, Alexander County tax parcel 0009941. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Outside Sewer Connection Request: Aaron Wike, Public Works**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown with the recommendation of voluntary annexation into the city limits and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve the request by Adam Ledbetter, owner of 834 Liledoun Rd. which is outside the current town limits to connect onto the town's sewer infrastructure. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Urgent Care Property Discussion: Nathan Hester, Town Manager**

Town Manager Nathan Hester spoke seeking guidance on the town's ownership of the Urgent Care Property and possibility of selling the property. He explained the lease expired years ago and the lease is currently on a month-to-month basis. Nathan stated, he has spoken with local realtors who verified the property is in a good location and compared to local comps could sale for \$425,000. The property has drainage issues, with estimated costs of \$75,000 to \$100,000 to correct, the property could potentially be sold as-is for \$300,000. Nathan stated if the decision is made to sale the property, they will be transparent about the drainage issue. Statutory procedures concerning the sale of the property will be followed.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner stated, the property is not profitable with the low rent revenue and the maintenance needed for the property. Councilman Jack Simms is in favor of selling the property but suggested a price on \$325,000. No one opposed the sale of the property and suggested Nathan to move forward with gathering information to sale.

No motion was made.

**7. Budget Amendments: Zachary Greene, Finance**

**A. GWI Tax & Accounting Contract – FY 2023-2024 Audit**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilman Jack Simms to approve the GWI Tax & Accounting Contract for fiscal year 2023-2024 audit. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Terms of Engagement from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tamara Odom and seconded by Councilman Eric Bumgarner to approve the GWI Tax & Accounting Contract for fiscal year 2023-2024 audit. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Contract to Audit Accounts from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A**

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve the Contract to Audit Accounts from Martin Starnes & Associates. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Sales Proceeds from 2000 Chevrolet C/K 3500**

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to approve the proceeds of \$2635.00 from the sale of a 2000 Chevrolet C/K 3500 will be added to the Water & Sewer Capital Outlay fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Budget Amendment of the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Balance for Fiscal year 2024 Audit**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve the budget amendment to move a total of \$60,000.00 (which includes \$30,000 from general fund and \$30,000.00 from Water & Sewer Fund Balance) to the following: \$20,000.00 to Contracted Services – Audit, \$10,000.00 to G. Isley- Audit, and 30,000.00 to Contracted Services- Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Staff Reports**

- **Police Chief: Mike Millsaps**

Chief Millsaps reported 344 self-initiated calls to the Police Department and 348 calls for service, totaling 692 calls. Chief Millsaps reported the Police Department had 3 offices to attend Evidence Check Training last month as a way of continuing education to better serve the community. He is expecting the PD vests to arrive within the next 30 days and the new tasers to arrive in June. The new PD vehicle is still needing to be upfitted. Chief Millsaps recently spoke at the Alexander County NAACP's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held at Macedonia Baptist Church. Chief Millsaps reported the Badge of Honor Gala will be held on October 11, 2025.

- **Finance Director: Zachary Greene**

No further reports.

- **Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike**

Aaron Wike reported Matheson Park is near completion. The trim around the playground equipment has been installed and mulch has been put down. A catch basin was installed at Matheson Park to channel water to the creek verses washing out the walking trail. The last step will be getting the grass sewed.

All asphalt patch work has been completed, except for 1<sup>st</sup> Street where trees were removed. The work on 1<sup>st</sup> Street should be completed by the end of the week, which will include cutting out the tree roots to prevent future issues.

The Sidewalk Project bid will end February 11,2025 and should have bids to present to council by next meeting in March.

Paul Payne Lift Station project is in progress.

**City Managers Report**

Town Manager, Nathan Hester, reported the Taylorsville ABC Store done \$11,000.00 in sales their first day open.

**Next Meeting: Strategic Planning Retreat –**

February 17th 8:30 am – 2:30 pm & February 18th 8:00 am to 12:30 pm located in the Taylorsville Savings Bank Conference Room.

**Council General Discussion:**

Mayor George Holleman stated, May 1st is National Day of Pray and the Town of Taylorsville will participate. There are plans of gathering at noon at either the courthouse flagpole or Courthouse Park.

Studio 3 has asked for the Town of Taylorsville to be a sponsor for Studio 3’s Memorial Day Concert.

Councilwoman Kim Brown suggested remediation around the sidewalks (edging/ weeding).

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilman Eric Bumgarner to set the next regular meeting as March 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk