

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

March 1, 2022

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole  
Councilman Ronnie Robinette  
Councilman Jack Simms  
Councilwoman Kim Brown

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

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to add the following changes to the agenda.

- 5a. Outside wastewater connection request;
- 6a. Resolution for authorization of NC DEQ DWI applications;
- 8a. Budget Transfer.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the February 1st, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

Mr. Lee Sharpe and Ms. Connie Kincaid came before the Town Council on behalf of the Historic Preservation Committee. The committee asked the Town Council to consider a one-time funding of 50% of the cost which is the amount of \$12,500.00 from the up-coming fiscal year 2022-2023. The purpose of the funding will be to hire a preservation professional to prepare the nomination of the Downtown Taylorsville Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The remaining 50% of the estimated costs will be requested from Alexander County. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve putting in a budget request during the upcoming budget workshops and planning process for the 1 time allocation to the Historic Preservation Committee in the amount of \$12,500.00 as long as funding allows for the expenditure in the FY2022-2023 budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the request for an outside sewer connection from Industrial Timber, LLC located in the Industrial Park off Hwy. 90 & White Plains Road. The 4 inch pipe will gravity feed to the nearest manhole on the access road off White Plains Road. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to accept the audit contract from Martin Starnes, CPA's, LLC for auditing of FY2021-2022 at June 30, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the preparation of applications to NCDEQ & NCDWI for the spring funding of programs. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A presentation of Taylorsville's Critical Assets was made by Withers-Ravenel, led by Ken Orié and WT Sorrell. The American Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 requires a complete threat assessment of the Town's water system. Potential threats are identified and an emergency plan is created based on the possible identified. More information will be presented as data is collected.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve a letter of request from the Alexander Central Fire Department. Their request is for a 50/50 match of \$22,000.00 required if approved for a grant they wish to apply for. The grant will enable them to purchase much needed equipment such as personal protective equipment, hose and nozzle replacement, thermal imagery camera, positive pressure fan and a portable deck gun for large fires. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the budget transfer of \$20,000.00 from the W&S dept. to the 2018 WWTP project for the extra expenditures as approved by the previous change orders. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman stated that he is working on the bulletin board showing all full and part-time officers. The new Burkes Outlet is now open and they have security camera's inside the store that are monitored from their corporate offices. The eastside MHP has been an ongoing problem over the years. The owner has asked to work with the police department regarding the individuals causing the problems in order to improve the mobile home park.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that the Town has received over 30 grants totaling in excess of 13 million over the last 15 years. Recent legislation requires that all water systems be identified for stages of possible risk. We are in the at risk stage and since we are a small water system, we are eligible to apply for 100% grants to improve our system. In 2016 discussion was had regarding a block of 2<sup>nd</sup> street between the county building and the new county park just built. No action was taken at that time; however, the street possibly becoming a government parking lot with one way in and one way out meaning no thru traffic has been mentioned to help with parking around the new park and overflow when court is in session. It was suggested that a public hearing be held for public comment and discussion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to set a public hearing for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Council Chambers. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman noted that the homeless task force will meet March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There are approximately 40 homeless people in our community and estimated around 60 in our schools. Next Wednesday is Ashe Wednesday at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist.

Councilman Simms mentioned that March is Women's History month.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 5th, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilman Poole seconded by Councilman Robinette to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk