

# Town Council Regular Meeting Town Council Chambers Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

**Present:** 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 Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner on March 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm, followed by an invocation of pray. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Manager Nathan Hester.

# Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by councilwomen Kim Brown to approve the agenda for March 4, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Consent Agenda:

- 1. Approval for Minutes:
  - a. February 4th, 2025, Regular Meeting.
  - b. February 17th & 18th, 2025, Budget Retreat

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by councilwomen Tamara Odom to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 4, 2025 and the budget retreat minutes from February 17 & 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously

#### Open Forum:

Executive Director Linda Hagen and Music Director Kathy Estes of Studio 3 Music School requested Town of Taylorsville to consider a sponsorship of the Memorial Day Celebration in the amount of \$1800.00. The celebration will include a collaborative performance highlighting the wars of American history and honoring each military branch through music and art. The patriotic Memorial Day celebration will be held on Friday May 30, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Davis Hall at First Baptist Church.

Riley Oates from the US Small Business Administration spoke about the deadline for disaster loan applications being extended to April 27, 2025. The US Small Business Administration offers loan options for both physical and economical damages to businesses, and physical damage to homes related to Hurricane Helene. He explained there are rates available as low as 4% for 30 years and with no payments for 12 months.

#### **Business Items**

# 1. Establish a Public Hearing:

N. Hester, Town Manager

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tamara Odom and seconded by Councilwomen Kim Brown to establish a public hearing on April 1, 2025 for the voluntary annexation of the property located at 26 Shannon Park Circle Taylorsville, NC 28681, Alexander County tax parcel 0009941. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Urgent Care Lease Discussion:

N. Hester, Town Manager

The Town Council was to consider an amendment to the lease agreement between the Town of Taylorsville and Urgent Care of Mountain View for the lease of property located at 60 2nd Ave. SW Taylorsville, N.C. 28681.

No action was taken at this time as the Town Manager Nathan Hester stated he has not received a response from the owner of Urgent Care of Mountain View regarding the proposed lease agreement. A new lease agreement is needed as the previous agreement has expired. The new lease agreement states Urgent Care will pay the rent in arrears at a rate of \$750.00 per month through March 31, 2025. Effective April 1, 2025 the rent will increase to \$1500.00 monthly and utilities will no longer be included.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner commented he is appreciative of the Urgent Care and its service to the town.

# 3. ABC Building Improvements:

N. Hester, Town Manager

The Town Council considered potential improvements to the building located at 42 NC 16 HWY S. Taylorsville, NC 28681 that is currently leased by the Taylorsville ABC Store. The town received quotes on various updates.

- Rollup Door: A quote was received from Door Systems for a 6x8 opening with a rolling steel door located on the side of the building for \$11,381.00. A second option offered, included an 8x8 steel rolling door placed at the rear of the building with a platform for an additional \$1,142.00. If a door is placed on the rear of the building, permission form the adjacent property owner will be required as the delivery truck would need to be on the adjacent property to access the rear door.
  - Councilman Jack Simms stated a better decision would be the 6x8 rolling steel door on the side of the building to prevent any future unforeseen issues with the adjacent property owner.
- Awning: A quote was received from Annas Awnings Co, Inc who proposed to furnish, fabricate, and install a new awning using the existing frame for \$3,000.00 plus tax.

- Window Tinting: A quote was received from S & P Tinting to window tint 155 sq ft of store front for a total of \$2198.85. A second quote was received from SunKool Window Tinting to window tint 152 sq ft of store front for \$1,200.80. and 42 sq ft of the office window & door for an additional \$331.80.
- Brick Mason: A quote was received from Tedder and Sons Masonry to enclose an exterior doorway
  and window for \$3,400.00. Tedder & Sons Masonry also quoted \$850.00 to chisel and repair
  damaged bricks on the exterior of the building.

A motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to approve the 6x8 steel door from Door Systems totaling \$11,381.00. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown to table the window tint and awning to a future date. This motion was seconded by Councilwomen Tamara Odom. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to approve Tedder and Sons Masonry to enclose the exterior doorway & window for \$3,400.00 and the chisel and repair of damaged bricks on the exterior of the building for \$850.00. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Street Improvements Bid Discussion:

A. Wike, Public Works

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Brown and seconded by Councilman Jack Simms to accept the proposed bid from Country Boy Landscaping, Inc of Statesville to complete the West Main Ave sidewalk while subcontracting JT Russell & Sons, Inc of Conover to complete the remaining work for a total price of \$1,210,302.50. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Studio Three Concert:

N. Hester, Town Manager

A motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Tamara Odom to approve an \$1,800.00 sponsorship for Studio 3's Memorial Day Celebration concert in May. The motion passed unanimously.

# 6. Staff Reports:

• Police Chief: Mike Millsaps

Not present at the council meeting.

• Finance Director: Zachary Greene

No report

Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Public works patched a leak on Friday February 28, 2025 due to a corroded water pipe going to the old jail. Future plans will include digging up the grass area in front of Town Hall to cap the old water line running to the old jail and run a new water line off of an existing 6-inch line; replace the water tap at Town Hall; and repair the fire hydrant by Town Hall that leaks due to being hit by a tractor trailer.

Awaiting more supplies for the completion of the Paul Payne Pumpstation Project.

#### Town Managers Report: N. Hester, Town Manager

The new website for Town Hall is near completion. Presentation on the Web will send a test link for review prior to going live with the new website.

A feasibility study for a new public works facility and Town Hall Building will be completed this week.

NCLM will no longer offer insurance effective 6/30/2025. Town Hall is currently looking for quotes for insurance coverage.

Town Manager Nathan Hester stated he is working with the attorney Monroe Pannel about establishing a Planning Board.

The Timkin Company in Hiddenite will be closing totaling 58 job losses.

A check was received in the amount of \$2910.00 from the Apple Festival for vendor fees.

A request for the Apple Blossem Festive to be on May 3, 2025 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Also, consider \$1000.00 continued sponsorship.

# Next Meeting:

Work Session – Tuesday March 18th, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

**Regular Meeting** – Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

#### **Council General Discussion**

Councilman Eric Bumgarner thanked Town Clerk Yolanda Prince for her 27 years of service and dedication to Town of Taylorsville as she is retiring March 31, 2025.

Jack Simms offered appreciation to Aaron for his work on the street improvement project and to Jeffrey Elmore for securing state grant funds for the project.

Tamara Odom stated how much she enjoyed the Budget Retreat to focus on goals for the future.

Kim Brown stated, after working with Strategic Planning it is good to see the public's wants for Town of Taylorsville mirrors what council had mentioned at the Budget Retreat meeting.

Eric Bumgarner mentioned town council will be attending the NC Main Street Conference (Main Street: Creating Livable, Lovable Communities) next week in Mooresville, NC.

# Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Jack Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Kim Brown to set the next regular meeting as April 1, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor	
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Attest: Nicole Mayes, Town Clerk	

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.