

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

April 5, 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 Poole and seconded by Councilman Simms to add the following changes to the agenda.

11a. Outside sewer connection request- Tabernacle Baptist Church

12a. Mayoral Proclamation – Arbor Week April 11-17th, 2022

The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

Withers-Ravenel & Assoc.’s representatives Morgan Powell & WT Sorrell presented a historical overview of economic impacts that have affected the Town’s water system. They presented information of how our margins and risk factors score regarding the State of NC’s distressed water system scoring matrix. The Town scored a 6 out of a 9, making us “at risk”. Withers-Ravenel offers professional services to apply to the NCDEQ DWI’s Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant Program. If awarded in the Spring 2022 funding cycle, we could receive funding to complete an inventory of existing infrastructure, to document the condition of the inventoried infrastructure, and to prepare tools to help manage the system, such as an Asset Management Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the Resolution applying for funding during the spring 2022 funding cycle from the NCDEQ DWI’s Asset Inventory & Assessment Grant Program for funds to complete a study of asset inventory, condition assessment of critical assets, and other components of a comprehensive asset management program for our water system. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation petition from Jeffrey & Barbara Collamore for their vacant property on 7th St. NW. They plan to build a new home on the property. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to open the public hearing on the possibility of permanently closing 1 block of 2nd Street SW between the Alexander County Public Services building and the new Courthouse Park in order to create additional parking. The street was recently resurfaced at a cost to the Town of \$24,000.00. If the Town Board decides to convey the property to Alexander County, then the County would incur all advertising and legal fees associated with conveying the property from the Town to the County. The next step is to advertise the intention of the Town to convey block of 2nd St. SW to the County by advertising the intent for 4 consecutive weeks and hold another public hearing to hear citizen input regarding the intent. No further discussion was had and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to adopt a Resolution of Intent to consider the permanent closing of 1 block of 2nd Street SW at the intersection of Main Street and 2nd Street to the North and the intersection of 2nd Street and Main Ave. Dr. SE. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

By unanimous consent, approval was given by the Town Council to close certain streets for various activities in downtown Taylorsville. The complete list will be kept at Town Hall for information of dates, times and specific events.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the 2 year contract for GIS Maintenance and Services provided by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) in the amount of \$9,9952.00 for the 2 years, which will be billed quarterly. All lift stations and water & sewer lines will be mapped. The motion was passed unanimously. The contract will be retained in the administrative office of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the Land Use Plan Agreement option #1 between the Town and WPCOG providing technical planning assistance for 1 year beginning July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$16,463.00. The motion was passed unanimously. The contract will be retained in the administrative office of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the amendment to the American Recovery Fund showing the entire amount to be funded of \$688,067.79. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the contract with WPCOG for their technical assistance with reporting the ARP funds good thru December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$10,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. The contract will be retained in the administrative office of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the outside sewer connection as requested by Tabernacle Baptist Church. A contract outlining specific requirements will be signed by both parties. The motion was passed unanimously. The contract will be retained in the administrative office of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a Resolution allowing for the application to proceed for the Spring 2020 AIA Sewer Grants available. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a Resolution allowing for the application to proceed for the Spring 2022 AIA Sewer Grants available. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the adoption of a Resolution allowing for the application to proceed for the Spring 2022 Surface Water Protection Grants available. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a Resolution allowing for the application to proceed for the Spring 2022 Sewer Collection System Grants available. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment G, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to declare the week of April 11th thru April 17th, 2022 as Arbor Week in Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment H, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to adopt a Resolution for the Town of Taylorsville's Infrastructure CIP Plan update for 2023 thru 2033 (10 year plan). The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment I, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the adoption of the Town of Taylorsville's Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention Policy. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment J, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the contract with Greg Isley & Associate's CPA's for bookkeeping assistance, grant closeout & pre-audit assistance with GASB 87 & AFIR preparation. The motion was passed unanimously. The contract will be retained in the administrative office of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the budget amendment to the American Rescue Plan funding to transfer the remaining balance of \$303,233.89 to the W&S Dept. due to lost revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary closure of the medium security prison. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment I, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the budget transfer within the General Fund to balance departments and expenses. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment I, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman noted that overtime is increasing due to increased calls in March. Some old evidence was released by the courts and determined to be returned to the rightful owners or to the police department for disposal. Some items were able to be sold and

5 new rifles purchased. The reimbursement request for the radio grant is being prepared.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike

Manager Wike mentioned the outside sewer request from Tabernacle Baptist Church. He noted the excessive trash being left by the yard sellers at the old hospital. The cremation section is now ready with 144 plots at the cemetery. In order to promote the section, a reduced price of \$400.00 per plot is suggested to be offered for a 2 week period. The consumer confidence report is now complete. The local water supply plan is also complete.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that the 1st draft of the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023 is ready. He also noted the amount of grant funding available to be applied for due to COVID -19 and if awarded will be extremely busy with various projects on-going at same time.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to schedule the next regular meeting for May 2nd, 2022 at 5:30 pm and to also schedule a budget workshop for April 21st, 2022 at 10:00 am. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to set a public hearing and schedule May 24, 2022 as the 1st reading for the proposed FY 2022-2023 proposed budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to move the regular June meeting to June 28th, 2022 and to schedule a public hearing for the 2nd reading of the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget.

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

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk