

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2024

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to adopt the agenda as presented with the following addition. Item 10a. – amendment of FY 2021-2022 audit contract – adjustment of date. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the minutes as presented from April 9th, 2024 regular meeting and April 16th, 2024 workshop meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to open the public hearing regarding the new Land Development Code and zoning map as presented by Brian Burgess, Director of Alexander County Planning and Zoning. The motion was passed unanimously. The Town contracted with Alexander County for planning and zoning services beginning in 2016. In June of 2017, the Town adopted the Alexander County/Town of Taylorsville Zoning Ordinance and official zoning map of Alexander County & the Town of Taylorsville. Since that date, updates and changes were needed to be made to the overall ordinance. The updated zoning ordinance now referred to as the Land Development Code was reviewed approved and adopted by Alexander County Board of Commissioner on May 6, 2024. It is now presented in its entirety for review and adoption by the Town of Taylorville Town Council. No questions or comments were made. The public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve and adopt by Ordinance the updated Land Development Code as presented effective today May 7, 2024. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein. A certified copy of the Land Development Code and map will be retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the agreement with the NC Office of State Budget & Management for \$1,500,000.00 for the street & sidewalk projects in town, including new sidewalk on West Main Avenue in front of

Food-Lion, street resurfacing of Callaway Drive, Green Meadows, Princeton Forest, a section of 1st Ave Dr SE, and culvert replacement at the cemetery. The motion was passed unanimously. The official signed agreement is retained in Town Hall. Councilwoman Brown expressed her gratitude to Councilman Simms for his efforts in helping secure this funding. Councilman Simms publicly thanked Representative Jeffrey Elmore for his efforts in helping secure the funding on behalf of the Town of Taylorsville. It is greatly appreciated and much needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve a contract with WPCOG for the wastewater GIS mapping in FY24/25 at a cost of \$13,000. In 2018, WPCOG completed a water AIA grant that GPS our water meters, collected data about our water system, and organized it on a GIS system. This GIS system has been a great asset to our public works department. A few examples of how it helps are; allows any of our staff to pinpoint the exact location of a water meter for a house, pinpoint the location of a valve in case of a leak, as well as know what size and type of material a water line is in a particular location. We have been trying to get the same project done for our wastewater system for a few years now, but WPCOG has been backed up with GIS projects. Trey Schweitzer with WPCOG contacted us a couple months ago and said they had some time in their schedule coming up in FY24/25, if we wanted to complete the wastewater project. The cost of the project would be \$28,000. Trey has spoken with West Consultants, who is currently working on an AIA project for us, and they are willing to contract out with WPCOG for the GIS portion of the project. They have \$15,000 in AIA grant funds for GIS, which would leave us with \$13,000 in cost to complete the project. The \$13,000 is already in the FY 24/25 budget and should be completed in that fiscal year. The motion was passed unanimously. The official signed contract is retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a contract with WPCOG for GIS maintenance. The contract would be for a 2-year period beginning July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$5,126.00 per year. This is a \$150.00 year increase over previous years. Our contract with WPCOG for the maintenance and hosting of our water GIS system expires at the end of this fiscal year. There would be no increase in annual cost for the addition of wastewater system once complete. The motion was passed unanimously. The official signed contract is retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve a budget amendment for the GF for insurance reimbursement proceeds from damages to a police car totaling \$4,010.95. 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 Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a budget amendment from GF fund balance for the purchase of a new 2023 Dodge Charger police vehicle totaling \$46,568.04. There were cares act funds from previous years that rolled into fund balance. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a budget amendment receipting in proceeds from the sale of excess surplus property from the W&S dept. totaling \$14,200.00. 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 Simms to approve the amendment to the audit contract for FY 2021-2022 to adjust to the modified completion date of 5-31-24 due to delays incurred per Martin Starnes CPA's. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the request, contingent upon consideration of designated parking for EMS vehicles during the event, from the NAACP for a temporary street closure of 1 block of First St. SW between Main Ave. & Main Ave. Dr. on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm for the annual Juneteenth Celebration. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the request of additional funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Alex. Central Fire Dept for a matching portion of a grant for a UTV, contingent upon the grant being awarded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Mike Millsaps.

Chief Millsaps states there were 349 staff-initiated responses, 358 dispatched responses for the month of April 2024. The apple blossom festival was on May 4th with numerous officers working the event. During that day, a severe storm was identified as nearing the area and officers notified vendors of the approaching storm in case they needed to secure or cover their items. It was later stated by some that the police department shut down the festival, which is not the case. They only notified vendors of the coming storm in order to ensure everyone's safety and their belongings.

Town Manager/Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Aaron Wike has been in contact with NCDOT representative, Johnathan Barnette regarding discussion of parking on Main Street and other areas in town. The first step is to conduct what NCDOT refers to as a road diet which is focused on speeding and safety. The NCDOT timeframe for main street to be repaved is 2-3 years. Mr. Barnette also recommended other streets be assessed in addition to main street. Many of these streets are ones scheduled to be resurfaced with the 1.5 million funding approved & accepted from the NC Office of State Budget & Management. Mr. Barnette indicated that coordination efforts and scheduling of resurfacing times should not be a problem. Councilman Simms thanked Councilwoman Brown for reaching out and contacting organizations regarding parking options for downtown and main street.

Town Attorney – Monroe Panel

No business to address for this meeting.

By unanimous consent, the next regularly scheduled meeting is June 4th, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The first reading of the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget will be presented in a public hearing. The 2nd reading of the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget will be held on June 18, 2024 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall and will be presented in a public hearing.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by a motion from Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk