

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

June 4, 2019

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole  
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette  
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Commissioner Elliott. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve making the following changes to the agenda. Add item 11: Closed Session – Personnel – Manager’s Review & Contract Renewal. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes from May 7, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman mentioned that congratulations were in order to Tasha Brown, owner of Expressions. The screen printing/embroidery business was awarded The Distinguished Business Award recently. There were no other comments from citizens in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to open the public hearing in order to hear public comments regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously. Town Manager, David Odom gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2019-2020. The overall budget will increase 2.4% overall and total \$4,202,656.00; with the General Fund totaling \$1,979,850.00 and the W&S Dept. totaling \$2,222,806.00. The Current tax rate remains at 40 cent per 100 valuation and water and sewer rates remain the same. The employee health insurance will be covered with the NC League of Municipalities effective July 1, 2019. The 3 school resource officers will remain at ACHS. Additional revenue has been set aside for unexpected storm related events along with additional funding mandated by NC Legislature for increases to state retirement. The annual percentage for both general and law enforcement employees will increase each year for the next 3 consecutive years due to enactments from the NC General Assembly. The Alexander Central Fire Dept. will receive an increase in allocations. There will be additional improvements made at the WWTP including a solar project completed on the site, which will help offset and recoup energy consumption expenses along with improvements made to the water lines and pressure around Linney’s Mountain, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. North and Black Oak Ridge Road. The personnel policy will be reviewed and updated by the MAPS group in August 2019. The last update was in 2011. Some of the first water meters installed back in 2008 will be replaced due to aging. New police cars and/or leasing cars will have to be addressed in the upcoming budget year. New Beautification projects around town and at Matheson Park will be completed including new banners and additional benches around town,

the painting of the streets and fire hydrants and replacement of faded street signs. Additional equipment will be purchased for Matheson Park with the monetary help of Tommy Smith in memory of his grandson, Braxton Smith. No other comments were heard and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a contract between the Town and Western Piedmont Council of Government to review our financial statements. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a contract between the Town and Western Piedmont Council of Government to provide technical assistance for financial administration including & reviewing journal entries & reviewing grants & loans for financial information & assisting in financial grant reporting. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Budget amendments and or transfers will be brought before the Town Board at the June 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting.

#### Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James reported 29 arrests and 17 incidents and 28 citations totaling 869 calls in April 2019. There were not any significant issues at the end of the school year at Alexander Central High. All in all, May was a good month with no major issues.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that there were a lot of trips to the landfill last month totaling 46 for limbs/brush and 36 for white goods and 40 tons of waste. The additional dump truck for hauling brush has really come in handy. The annual OSHA report was due and glad to report no accidents this year.

Town Manager, David Odom sated that sludge will be being land applied soon. The state inspector will be on site to inspect when land application starts. All projects are going well and the renewable energy/solar project will be beginning soon at the WWTP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel issue: The annual review and renewal of the Town Manager's employment contract. The motion was passed unanimously.

Job performance and review of individual evaluations were discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to adjourn back to the regular meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Town Manager's employment contract to form exactly as stated and dated May 4, 2019 for the next 10 years until May 2029. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be June 18th, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Mayor

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Commissioner

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Vacant -  
Jack I. Lerner – Deceased 3/19/19

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk