

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 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 Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Simms to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of item 7a. WPCOG letter of support. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the minutes as presented from June 4, 2024 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilman Simms to open the public hearing for the 2nd reading of the proposed budget for FY 2024-2025 for the Town of Taylorsville. Manager Aaron Wike gave an overview of the proposed budget as follows:

Proposed General Fund Budget	\$2,799,955.00
Proposed W&S Fund Budget	<u>\$2,804,250.00</u>
Total of All Funds	\$5,604,205.00

The proposed tax rate will remain the same at .35/100 valuation with an estimated collection rate of 97.5%. It is estimated to collect \$942,500.00 in property taxes and \$1,112,500.00 in other taxes including motor vehicle and utilities tax revenues. Investment earnings are up due to interest received from a large CD that matures in July 2024. There are plans for needed construction repairs to the Urgent Care building and Matheson Park, along with cemetery expansion plans and town website updates. One new police vehicle purchase is planned in addition to purchasing 3 cars outright when the original lease is up in February 2025. We have added the position of Finance Director under Administration. The town will see an increase of 6.9% for garbage collection and 28% from Duke Power for street lights. The contribution for Alexander Central Fire Department will now be based on the actual fire tax collected and is estimated to total \$132,286.00 which includes hydrant flow testing of \$15,000.00. A 5% COLA is proposed for all employees. In the W&S department we are continuing to comply with the lead & copper rules by contracting with 120 Water to identify the amount of lead and copper lines within the town. The wastewater system will now be mapped within the GIS mapping system. We will purchase outright at the end of the lease this coming February 2025 the public works department truck and plan to finance another one in this budget year. The W&S minimum

will increase \$1.50 for each service; however, the capital charge will reduce by .50 cents. The tap fees will increase by \$500.00 each and any taps over 1 inch will be individually quoted as needed due to the continual increasing costs. Reconnection fees will increase to \$40.00 and the returned check fee will increase to \$30.00 per instance. We now have 23 pump stations and the overall expenses have increased by 18% over the previous year expenses. The cost to purchase bulk water is increasing 4%. With no additional information, Manager Wike stated the proposed budget is balanced and available for review and discussion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded councilwoman Odom to close the public hearing. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the adoption of the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget ordinance as presented. 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 Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the adoption of a Resolution which established the fee and rate schedules for the town for the next fiscal year. 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 Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve a letter of support for the WPCOG loan application to the USDA for the building expansion project. 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 Odom to approve the changes to the personnel policy as stated for the town and for the adoption to be effective June 18, 2024. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein. Councilman Simms noted that the policy states that employees cannot accept gifts or favors of any kind from vendors. He notes that he is not a vendor; therefore, he states that he as a citizen can purchase lunch or buy a soft drink for any employee or employees as appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the annual service contract with the Western Piedmont Transit Authority for FY 24-25 for the Greenway Bus. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the contract is retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the audit contract for FY 2022-2023 with Martin Starnes & Associates. Mayor Holleman states that RFQ's should be obtained from other auditing firms in the future. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the contract is retained in Town Hall.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Mike Millsaps no report for this meeting.

Town Manager/Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

At the meeting of June 4, 2024 citizens requested that the intersection of 2nd Street & 1st Ave. be addressed for excessive speeding. In order to change the intersection in any way would require a public hearing. A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to set a public hearing for Tuesday August 6, 2024 at 5:30 for the purpose of addressing traffic changes to that intersection. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Town's Code of Ordinance's need some minor word corrections which requires a public hearing. A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to set a public hearing for Tuesday August 6, 2024 at 5:30 for the purpose of addressing needed changes to the Town's Code of Ordinance's. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was noted that Town Hall will be closed on Thursday July 4, 2024. There is a ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday June 20, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Town Attorney – Monroe Panel

No business to address for this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to set the next meeting for August 6, 2024 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 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