

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 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 Simms. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to adopt the agenda as presented with the following additions.

Item 16a. Internal Control Policy
Item 17a. Matheson Park – Playground Equipment
Item 18a. Traffic Study – Road Diet Main Street

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the minutes as presented from June 17, 2024 Special Called meeting, June 18, 2024 Regular meeting and July 17, 2024 Special Called meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to open the public hearing regarding the rezoning request for 340 E. Main Ave. from Mixed Use (MU) to Regional Commercial (RC) in order to add a used car dealership on the property. Alexander County Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously for the rezoning of the property and planning and zoning staff concurs with the recommendation. No other comments were heard and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the rezoning request for 340 E. Main Ave. from Mixed Use (MU) to Regional Commercial (RC) in order to add a used car dealership on the property. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to open a public hearing regarding text amendments for accuracy of information to the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances. Town Clerk, Yolanda Prince explained that in reviewing information in the Code of Ordinances some errors were detected. The corrections needed are as follows:

1. Chapter 31: City Policies
Section 31.02 – Personnel Policy - adopted June 1998

Revised/Updated - June 18, 2024 – Ordinance passed June 18, 2024

2. Title 5 – Public Works
Chapter 51: Water & Sewers
Section 51.31 Water & Sewer Rate Tap Fees –
Now adopted by Resolution
Resolution #04-2024 adopted -June 18, 2024 for rates and fees established by the Town Council
3. Title 5 – Public Works
Chapter 51: Water & Sewers
Section 51:30 Service Disconnected for Non -Compliance
 - a. disconnect fee is reflected in the fee schedule adopted by Resolution
4. Title 5 – Public Works
5. Chapter 51: Water & Sewers
Section 51:33 – Payment of Water and Sewer Service
Changes needed:
 - b. due date for payments needs to be changed from the 15th of each month to the 20th
 - c. disconnect fee is reflected in the fee schedule adopted by Resolution
6. Title XI: Business Regulations
Chapter 117: Business Licenses
Eliminate this section: Municipal ability to charge a fee based on businesses operating inside corporate limits was repealed by the state in July 2015 and needs to be eliminated from the code of ordinances.

No questions or comments were made and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the text corrections to the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to open the public hearing regarding a request for a 4-way stop to be placed at the intersection of 1st Ave. SE & 2nd St. SW. There have been complaints from town residents of excessive speeding at this intersection. A stop sign is designed for traffic control and for traffic to flow smoothly not to control speeding per NCDOT. The NCDOT engineer consulted did not recommend a 4-way stop be placed at the intersection to control speeding. Edd Elliott spoke against changing the intersection. He states that more problems and potential wrecks will occur. Mayor Holleman recommended that NCDOT do a traffic study to determine the best solution if any. No other comments or discussion was had. A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to deny the request to change the intersection of 1st Ave. SE & 2nd St. SW to a 4-way stop. The motion for denial was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the allocation based on population for support of opposition to the Charlotte Inter-basin transfer request from Charlotte Water for an increase from 33 million gallons of water per day to 63 million gallons of water per day from the Catawba River Basin to the Rocky River Basin, a tributary of the Yadkin/Pee Dee River. The allocation will be spread out over 2 installments over 2 fiscal years, the first installment being \$2,915.11 this fiscal year and \$2,292.22 next fiscal year totaling \$5,207.33. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the agreement for Building & Fire Inspections Services with Alexander County. This is an annual contract renewal that has been modified going forward to be open ended with a 90-day termination clause for each party. The motion was passed unanimously. The official signed agreement is retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the Proclamation for Fall Litter Sweep for September 14th through 28th, 2024. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving the bid from Lock-Lane Construction for part #1 of the Wastewater Reliability Improvements Project SRP-W-ARP-0083 for repairs to the Paul Payne pump station. The bid for part 1 of the construction costs are \$982,289.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve amendment #1 to the Wastewater Reliability Improvements Project SRP-W-ARP-0083 in order to split out the construction costs into 2 parts; part 1 being the bid awarded to Lock-Lane Construction for \$982,289.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve an outside sewer connection request from Dawn & David Tevepugh for a large tract of vacant land that they plan to build their personal residence on located of Mountain Laurel Drive parcelid#0010109. The request is only for the one residence that will be constructed. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the Internal Control Policy as presented for the Town of Taylorsville. The motion was

passed unanimously. The official policy is retained in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving the sale of surplus property belonging to the town as follows.

- 1.- 2000 Bobcat Textron 52” mower with 2,589 hours – serial#94221502242
- 2.- (2) Hach Sigma Model 9005DR13 Samplers from the WWTP – both no longer work and were recently replaced.

The mower will be placed on GovDeals and advertised in the local paper and the samplers will be sold for scrap metal because they have no usefulness. 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 Odom and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the removal of 2 pieces of playground equipment at Matheson Park. The 2 pieces of equipment are the toddler and 3to5 year old playsets that were originally installed when the park was originally constructed over 25 years ago. The equipment will be removed and a sign placed stating new equipment will be placed back as soon as can be obtained and installed. Other issues were addressed about the park equipment and shelters and bathrooms. A comprehensive park plan was discussed as being needed to address aging equipment and structures and a plan needed for replacement and improvements. The old playground equipment will be scrapped because it has reached the end of its lifecycle. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget amendment from GF fund balance for \$2,915.11 for this FY for the Inter-basin water transfer opposition. 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 Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve a budget transfer within the W&S department from capital outlay for the maintenance contract for the lower water tank for \$11,820.00. 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 Bumgarner and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve contracting with JM Teague Engineering for a traffic study called a road diet feasibility study of Main Street (between second street and emergency street) to determine traffic flow to see if the 3 lanes can be reduced down to 2 lanes and place diagonal parking back along main street when the NCDOT repaves main street in about 2 years. The cost of the traffic study will be \$18,200.00 and will be an 8- week study of traffic flow and volume. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Town Council recognized 1st Sergeant Chasity Hamby for her recent achievements of completing the required training for her Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and also School Resource Officer Certification. She will receive a 2% education pay increase incentive. Each program requires many hours of training and education.

The Town Council also recognized Chief Mike Millsaps for his completion of his School

Resource Officer Certification. He will receive a 2% education pay increase incentive. Each program requires many hours of training.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Mike Millsaps.

Chief Millsaps states we now have 2 full-time school resource officers at the high school. Officer John Rowe was recently hired and has been in training before the school year starts. There were 207 self-initiated calls within the PD and 418 dispatched through the 911 call system. A new Taylorsville Police Department patch has been chosen. It contains a mountain scene and apple and a cougar and was designed by our Taylorsville officer Jennifer Patrick

Town Manager/Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Aaron Wike states that Duke Power is still working on some power poles in town and the county. The lead and copper inventory of lines from the meter to houses or businesses is about 75% complete and the water AIA grant was a big help in getting the information complied. Over 1250 meters were identified and verified for the type. A report must be complete by October.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Odom and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to enter into closed session as permitted by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a). The motion was passed unanimously.

Closed session account: Discussion was had regarding the Catawba County ABC Board asking for dissolution of the merger between the Town of Taylorsville ABC Board and the Catawba ABC Board as soon as possible. Attorney Panel discussed with the Town Board options for the town regarding the next steps for the ABC store in Taylorsville. At this time, no action was taken and more information will be obtained and reported back at a later time.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to exit closed session and return to regular session. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to set the next regularly scheduled meeting for September 3, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk