

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 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 and was led by Councilwoman Brown.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Tammy and Jeff Settlemyer addressed the subject of a recent sewer back-up problem in their service line. They wanted the record to reflect that they believe the backup stemmed from tree roots that had grown into the neighbor's line down into the town's main line which impeded the flow in the main line which resulted in sewer backing up into their line and into their bathtub. They had had a plumber run a snake down their line and it was not clogged. They do not agree with the towns decision that the problem did not stem from the towns line.

Konnon Webb addressed the subject of the re-zoning request up for consideration of his neighbor's property located at 791 Black Oak Ridge Road Taylorsville. The property is in the ETJ and is owned by Scotty Miller. Mr. Miller is requesting re-zoning from R1 to R2 for his property. Mr. Webb stated that if the re-zoning was approved it would increase the density of the area and could create crowding and detrimentally affect the aesthetics of the surrounding neighborhood. He is opposed to the re-zoning.

Nancy Gunter addressed the recent approval of spending town funds to purchase the large Christmas tree. She states that public funds could be better spent on needed repairs to town roads and sidewalks. She states she realizes the desire to beautify downtown but feels there are more urgent needs to spend town funds on.

There were no other comments in open forum.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the following items:

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from October 1st, 2024
2. Approval of work session minutes from October 21st, 2024
3. Approval of special called meeting minutes from October 25th, 2024.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Business Items:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to open

the public hearing for consideration of text amendments to the Land Use Plan for the Town of Taylorsville as approved and presented by WPCOG. There were some grammatical corrections that need to be made to the Land Use Plan document. Those will be corrected and re-presented to the Town Council for consideration as soon as possible. No other comments were made and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to open the public hearing for a re-zoning petition received from Scotty Miller for his property located at 791 Black Oak Ridge Road, Taylorsville. He is requesting that the property currently zoned Residential District One (R1) be rezoned and changed to Residential District Two (R2) to allow for the use of doublewide manufactured housing. Konnon Webb, neighboring landowner spoke in opposition of the rezoning stating that the approval could create overcrowding with multiple homes located on the property plus a negative appearance factor. The property owner requesting the rezoning was not present. General discussion was had regarding allowable uses under both zoning classes but no other comments made. The public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to deny the rezoning request. The property will remain zoned as R1- Residential District One. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the adoption of a Technology Use & Content Policy prohibiting the viewing, accessing, or saving of pornography on devices and networks owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the town. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the adoption of a Resolution to partner with the NC Dept. of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division to develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the town. Along with a Resolution Requesting the Services of the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center, Rural Planning Program to assist with the development. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B1&B2, which are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve an amendment to the ABC Board resolution previously adopted on October 25, 2024 which adds the statement of the effective date of when the stand- alone board will be active. 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 Brown and seconded by Councilman Bumgarner to approve the budget amendment for the loan proceeds for the new police vehicle approved in towns FY 2024/2025 budget totaling \$38,175.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget transfer of \$2,000 for the matching pledge to the Central Alexander Fire Department for the ATV grant funding that they received. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a budget amendment receipting in citizen donations of \$15,000.00 for the town Christmas tree; a transfer of \$5,947.00 from within the FY 24/25 operating budget and an amendment from GF fund balance for \$27,665.00 to complete the purchase of the tree and a trailer to store the tree in for off season. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief, Mike Millsaps.

There was a total of 730 calls last month. Hometown Halloween was successful without any issues. The Christmas parade is the next large event for the town requiring extensive police presence.

Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Aaron Wike states that the road diet is under review and hopes to have a review at the next workshop. The Christmas lights will go up in town the week of Thanksgiving. The new playground equipment is expected to ship out on November 6th. For safety reasons, when the new equipment is installed, we will temporarily close the park. We are working on cleaning up headstones and markers in the cemetery for the Daughters of the American Revolutions Annual Wreath Across America which will be conducted December 14, 2024 for the first time in Taylorsville. The new public works truck approved in FY 2024/2025 budget will be delivered next week.

Town Manager: Nathan Hester

Nathan Hester states that according to NCDOT staff a handrail can be installed at the Flower & Gift shop but due to the height of the curbing it cannot be made ADA compliant. He asked for feedback from Council on their preference of type of vehicle for the Christmas parade this year. The new town Christmas tree will be installed and lit on Friday November 21, 2024.

Councilman Bumgarner states he is aware of some opposition to the new town Christmas tree. He noted that we have received \$15,000.00 in donations towards to cost of the tree.

By unanimous agreement, a workshop is scheduled for Monday November 18, 2024 at 2:00 pm for the purpose of establishing ABC Board members and discussion of the downtown historic section.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to set the next regularly scheduled meeting for December 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

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk