

WORKSHOP TOWN BOARD

November 18, 2024 August 6, 2024

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

Mayor Holleman was not feeling well; therefore, he requested Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner to officiate the workshop. The workshop was opened for discussion by Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner at 2:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Simms and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Head Reports:

Police Department:

Chief Mike Millsaps: They are short on some equipment, such as radios. They have found 2 used radios for approximately \$1,712.00 which is the cost of 1 new radio. Some of the equipment for the PD is outdated, such as vests and cameras. He will compile a complete list of assets and dates of purchase to determine exactly what needs replacement and develop a timeline to be worked into the capital improvement plan for the town for succession replacement for the future.

Finance Department:

Zach Greene: Financing is always a concern. Additional money will have to be allocated at the next meeting to fund recent expenses not budgeted for in FY 24/25. He will have exact information at the next meeting for consideration.

Public Works:

Aaron Wike: They are working on the getting ready for the new playground equipment that will be arriving any day. There have been over 50 loads of sand hauled out from the playground site to be ready for the new mulch to be installed. The park will need to be temporarily closed when the new equipment is installed for safety reasons. The crew has been steadily edging all graves in the cemetery to be ready for the Wreaths Across American scheduled for December 14, 2024 sponsored by the daughters of the American Revolution. This will be the first time this has happened in Taylorsville. A wreath will be placed on every soldier's grave. He and Town Manager, Nathan Hester met with officials from FEMA regarding the damages sustained in Taylorsville from Hurricane Helene. Documentation of damages, replacement costs and personnel expenses are needed for requesting reimbursement funding. The Paul Payne project and the street and sidewalk paving projects will be starting soon also. The Christmas lights will be installed the week of Thanksgiving.

Administration Department:

Town Clerk:

Yolanda Prince advised that the entire Code of Ordinances for the Town should go under a complete review. Yearly supplements have been added to the code upon action by the Town Council throughout each year; however, a complete and thorough review has not been conducted since the original adoption of the code almost 30 years ago. This will be an extensive and

lengthy process requiring many staff hours of review and then contracting with a codification service provider for final review and implementation. The projected cost is \$12k to \$15k but can be split over two budget years. More information will follow.

Items of Discussion:

1. & 2. Taylorsville ABC Board Appointments & Allocations:

Town Manager Nathan Hester opened the topic of discussion regarding the need to appoint the 3-member board for the newly re-established Taylorsville ABC Board. Councilwoman Brown noted that an attorney should be a member of the board if possible. General discussion was held of numerous names for potential appointment. A motion was made by Councilman Bumgarner and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to appoint Ron Roseman as a member to the Taylorsville ABC Board. The motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Mayor Holleman to appoint Jason Durmire as a member of the Taylorsville ABC Board. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 1, with Councilwoman voting nay. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to appoint Blake (Bee) Watts as a member to the Taylorsville ABC Board. The motion passed unanimously. The decision for allocation distributions, length of terms for members and a chairman will be decided at the December meeting.

Mayor Holleman was not feeling well and excused himself from the remainder of the workshop at 2:45 pm.

3. Land Use Plan Update:

The needed corrections are being addressed and this should be on the December agenda for further discussion.

4. Planning & Zoning:

The town received official notification from Alexander County that effective July 1, 2025, the contract agreement with the county for planning and zoning and code enforcement will terminate. They state it is not financially feasible to continue to provide that service for that fee and we will need to either handle that in house or out source with the WPCOG or a similar agency. The WPCOG will contract to provide those services for a 1 yr. fee of \$27,720.00 or for 2yr.'s for \$51,408.00. This will be further discussed at the December meeting.

5. Woodland Annexation Discussion:

A developer is proposing an 83.850-acre sub-division for the area on Hwy 16 South and happy Plains Road between the 1st United Methodist Church building and Family Care. It will consist of 191 homes approximately. They have petitioned the town for annexation into the town limits. More information is needed and will be provided at the December meeting.

6. The local historic district designation report for Taylorsville was discussed.

7. Road Diet:

A road diet feasibility study was contracted to be completed by J.M. Teague Engineering & Planning Company. The purpose was to study traffic patterns along Main Street to determine if diagonal or angled parking could be put in place to allow for more parking along Main Street instead of parallel parking. After discussion of available options presented, roundabouts were agreed upon if there is sufficient right-of-way available. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve and accept the report as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. More information will follow.

The council agreed to ride in the town Christmas parade on a float this year.

Town Manager Hester presented a tentative meeting schedule for year 2025 with monthly workshops for review.

Discussion was held on the problem of tree roots bulging up asphalt on 1st Street near the library and possible corrective actions.

The NC Legislative short session will be meeting next week and we should hear if we will receive any short session funding.

The new town Christmas tree is scheduled to be erected on Friday November 22nd, 2024 and the official lighting will be Thursday December 5th, 2024.

Hometown Christmas is scheduled for each Thursday of December 5th, 12th, & 19th, 2024. There will be a live nativity scene, carriage rides and vendors present along with caroling and Santa.

With no further topics, a motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adjourn the workshop at 4:09 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk