

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

December 7, 2021

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole  
Councilman Ronnie Robinette  
Councilwoman Kimberly Brown  
Councilman Jack Simms

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invitation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the November 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented and the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman stated that the Town received a letter from Senator Dean Proctor announcing that the Town will receive \$1,205,130.00 in water & sewer project revenue and also an additional \$250,000.00 for a local government grant. There were no other comments in open forum.

The FY 2020-2021 audit was presented by Matt Braswell with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. He presented the information on the June 30, 2020 reporting of financial position of the town. The general fund revenues were over the expenditures by approximately \$500,000 which makes the fund balance approx.. 1.75 million which is an increase over 2020 by approx. \$500,000.00. This leaves an available fund balance of 1.5 million, which is an increase over 2020 by \$629,000.00. The available amount of fund balance as a percentage is 77.7% for 2021 which means that we have reserves to operate for approx.. 10 months. The 2 main reasons for significant revenue increases are due to an increase in property tax revenue and sales tax revenues. The water & sewer fund had an operating loss of 270,000.00 mainly due to the November 2020 storm damages and revenue loss from reduction of usage by the prison. The Town Board and staff will evaluate the rate structure and operations to determine areas to improve.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the audited financial statements as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to open the public hearing for the rezoning request for the property located at 1341 NC Hwy 90 East from B-2 to R-2 consisting of 1.05 acres owned by William Glass Jr. Staff recommends that the zoning be approved because it is consistent with the land uses that adjoin it and will not be considered spot zoning. There was no further discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the zoning request because it is consistent with the comprehensive plan because it promotes increasing residential uses within the town and because the adjoining properties have comparable uses meaning zoned business but residential in use. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to schedule a public hearing for January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a possible text amendment to the Taylorsville Town Ordinance Section #91 – Fire Prevention Regulations & the NC Air Quality Act 1900-1906 series. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to schedule a public hearing for January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a proposed text amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance regarding the continuation of residential occupancy in existing structures within Taylorsville Business Districts. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the request for a temporary street closure of a block between Harbison Law Offices and The Old Methodist Church and one block of Emergency Street on December 16, 2021 for Christmas Caroling and Violin performance which will be 1 hour in duration. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the adoption of the American Rescue Plan Policy. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to amend the American Rescue Project Budget Ordinance as presented. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> distribution of a bonus to all essential workers of the Town both full and part-time because they remained on duty during the pandemic providing to the public provision of goods, tasks and services. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to amend the FY 2021-2022 budget for the purchase of the 2017 leaf vacuum truck. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to amend the FY 2021-2022 budget for the purpose of receipting in the insurance proceeds of \$8,332.83 from damages to a police car. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to reverse a prior amendment made in August 2021 in the amount of \$130,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to transfer \$12,000.00 within the Police Dept. of the FY 2021-2022 budget for the purpose of balancing expenses within the department. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to transfer \$15,200.00 within the W&S Dept. of the FY 2021-2022 budget for the purpose of balancing expenses within departments. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman stated that there have been 3 sex crimes of student to student reported at ACHS and also a 13 yr. old from here and a 25 yr. old from Texas over the internet. The narcotics officer assisted with 2 cases recently which netted \$90,000.00 in cash 1 day and \$133,000.00 in cash the next day. The police dept. received another grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$24,000.00 which can be used to purchase more viper radios. The parade went well with no traffic issues or incidents. There is an officer shortage and there are not qualified applicants wanting to become officers.

Public Works: Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike stated that there have been water leaks on MLK Dr., 7<sup>th</sup> Street, South Center Street due to the dry weather and temperature changes. Wal-Mart also has 2 major leaks but those are in their parking lot. The new leaf truck is operating and hopefully will be caught up on all the leaves in town very soon. The parade was a success. Kelly, Chris & David Robinette stayed afterwards and cleaned up the streets. There has been a significant drop in water usage at the prison due to their drop in population, which causes a drop in revenues. We are in D1 drought conditions and will move into stage 1 conservation measures for voluntary water conservation stage 1.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom stated that Duke Power will be assessing the street lights in town in the near future. The Council will need to consider which type of lights they want to change:

Option#1 – change out everything – all 347 poles to LED

Option#2 – non-decorative – meaning only the wood poles which total 268

Option#3- Decorative meaning only the decorative poles totaling 30

It should be noted that there will be a rate increase & is estimated to be over \$6,000 a year going forward in 2022.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be January 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilman Simms seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk