

WORKSHOP TOWN BOARD

December 16, 2024

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

The workshop was opened for discussion by Mayor Holleman at 3:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Simms and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Brown.

Item #1 – Taylorsville ABC Board:

Town Manager, Nathan Hester opened discussion regarding the Taylorsville ABC Board. Since re-establishment of the ABC Board and the nomination of members to fill the board, there has been a resignation of an appointed member. Mr. Jonathan Coley was nominated to serve at the December 3, 2024 Town Council meeting; however, he respectfully resigned his position, sighting the inability to devote adequate time needed for the role. Christy Harrington, Director of the YMCA has expressed interest in serving on the Taylorsville ABC Board. Mr. Hester suggested Ms. Harrington to fill the 3rd member seat and would act as secretary for the Taylorsville ABC Board. He noted that the success of the newly re-established Taylorsville ABC Board as it works toward reopening the store and operating as an independent entity is critical. As this process evolves, he respectfully cautions the town board about the boundaries of oversight and clarified the council's role in this process to maintain legal compliance and organizational efficiency. The council's role regarding the ABC Board is crucial but specific: appointing qualified individuals to serve as board members and determining the allocation percentages from net sales revenues, as outlined by statute. Beyond these responsibilities, the day-to-day operations, decision-making, and guidance are the sole responsibility of the ABC Board. It is vital to allow these appointed members the autonomy to fulfill their duties without undue influence or micromanagement. No further discussion was held. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to nominate Ms. Christy Harrington as a member on the Taylorsville ABC Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item #2 - Police Department – Equipment purchase:

Town Manager, Nathan Hester discussed that the tasers and bullet proof vests for the police department are in need of replacement. Some have reached past the life expectancy as rated by the state. The needed equipment consists of 6 vests and 12 tasers. The option of purchasing in various quantities were discussed. A unanimous decision to purchase what is needed now for safety reasons was reached. A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the purchase of 12 tasers and 6 vest for a total of \$60,597.60 from fund balance was approved. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

Town Manager's Report: Nathan Hester

Town Manager Hester mentioned that 2 Christmas lights are not working and are scheduled to be repaired as soon as possible. The sidewalk project should be getting underway very soon. The employee Christmas luncheon will be Monday December 23, 2024 at 12:00 noon. Interviews for the manager position at the ABC store will be conducted Tuesday December 17, 2024. Still working with the owner of the hospital property on the property.

Finance Director, Zach Greene:

We are making good headway on the FY2022-2023 audit. Hopefully it will be completed and able to be presented by the February 025 meeting and then will proceed into the FY 2023-2024 audit.

Councilwoman Brown thanked everyone for all their help with 2025 Hometown Christmas. It has been a success and continues to grown each year.

With no further topics, a motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adjourn the workshop at 3:14 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____

Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk