

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 2022

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the following additions to the agenda. Item 11a. Resolution recognizing potential designation of a Distressed Town; 13a. Intergovernmental agreement between Alexander County and the Town for Access to the Mobile CAD Terminal Data Network. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the May 24th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Mr. Guy Long of Piedmont Companies came before the Town Board with preliminary information on the proposed multi-use development planned for 33 acres along Macedonia Church Road and Hwy. 16 South. Single family homes along with town-homes are planned and commercial spaces also planned along the road frontage on Hwy 16 South. All information is being submitted to the planning and zoning board for review of the proposed sub-division. This was for information purposes only at this time. There were no other comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve a 1 year contract between the Town and Wash Room, LLC owned & operated by Anna Alexander and David Bond. The contract states that the laundromat must remain open for 1 year and if so, a 1 time incentive payment will be made to the owners for \$7,000.00 to help offset startup expenses and monthly utility charges. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to open a public hearing regarding a rezoning request from Peoples Drug for an adjacent lot of 1.2 acres to change from B-2/R-1 to B-2 - the property owned by RKM Campbell LLC has combined land locked property to the south & the property he recombined it with has a zoning of R-1. RKM Campbell LLC wants to rezone so that the parking lot can be expanded and this will bring the pre-existing parking lot into conformity and the proposed parking lot a new use for a once unusable property. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole. The motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the rezoning request of property owned by RKM Campbell LLC from B-2/R-1 to B-2 to make all property uniform zoning. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to open a public hearing to update the Town of Taylorsville Comprehensive Plan – Updated Land Development Plan effective July 1, 2022 only for the purpose of reflecting the currently elected officials of the governing body because the previous 10 year plan when adopted does not reflect the now current governing body elect. A contract was agreed to last month for WPCOG to update the plan in its entirety over the next 10 to 12 months. No other comments were made and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms. The motion was passed unanimously. See the agreement filed in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adopt the current plan noting the now current governing board elect. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to open the public hearing for the 2nd reading of the proposed budget for the FY 2022-2023. The total proposed budget totals \$4,920,261.00 and maintains a tax rate of .40 cents per \$100 valuation of property tax. The general fund budget totals \$2,438,950.00 and reflects a .9% increase over last fiscal year. There is a 5% COLA and a 6% performance bonus for all employees, both full and part time proposed due to their dedication and perseverance during the Covid-19 pandemic. No fund balance will be used to balance the budget. The only debt that general fund has is the lease for 3 police vehicles and 1 public works truck. The budget for the enterprise fund totals \$2,481,311.00 which is a slight decrease of 0.4% from last fiscal year's budget. There are 2 ongoing grant projects which will improve the public infrastructure. Due to the pandemic, adverse weather events and loss of revenue from the decrease of the inmate population, the enterprise fund has operated in the red over the last few years, and it is noted that a rate increase of \$10.00 per customer is proposed. Each customer will see an additional \$10.00 per month until such time as we return to a profitable position in the enterprise fund. The general fund allocation for Central Alexander Fire Dept. totals \$78,000 and \$22,000 from the W&S Dept. making a grant total of \$100,000.00 for FY 2022-2023. No other comments or discussion occurred. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget as presented effective July 1st, 2022 with the bill rate changes being effective June 28, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the adoption of a Resolution recognizing that the Town of Taylorsville can qualify as a distressed unit per the State Water Infrastructure Authority and the Local Government Commission under NCGS 159G-45(b). This designation would increase the potential for monetary assistance from the Viable Utility Reserve. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve West & Consultants, LLC to be the engineering firm to provide comprehensive services for the State directed funds project – Waste Water System Improvements Project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Alexander County and the Town for Access to the Mobile CAD Terminal Data Network. The motion was passed unanimously. See the agreement filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget transfer within general fund in order to balance expense lines that are overspent within departments totaling \$65,500.00. 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 Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a an outside sewer request from developer Donnie Bost for 241 Gravel Hill Court. It will be a 4 inch gravity sewer connection and all fees will be paid by the landowner. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman
Chief Bowman was unable to be present.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike
No other information besides a written report.

Town Manager Report: David Odom
Manager Odom noted that the House of Egg Roll & Pho will open July 1st, 2022. Duke Power will close the streets from 8pm until 8 am for approximately 2 weeks on west Main Ave in order to change out the poles.

Mayor Holleman noted that Taylorsville has been designated Tree City USA once again, which makes 20 years.

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk