

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 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 Councilwoman Kim Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mayor Holleman noted the passing of long time Taylorsville resident Jane Sharpe on October 5, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the changes to the agenda. Add item 4a: United Way presentation; Item 11a. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the September 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented and the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

Diane Little with the United Way gave a presentation to the Town Council. Their vision statement is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. They join with other community agencies to support residents as they move toward economic stability, improved health, and stronger education. Last year they partnered with the following agencies to further advance their abilities to offer assistance where needed.

Alexander Co. Partnership for Children

Alexander County 4-H Program

Alexander Rescue & EMS Services

Alexander County YMCA

Alexander County DSS

The Bridge Community

The Mobile Café

Ms. Little asked for consideration of \$7,600.00 in funding from the Town Board in order to further the United Way's efforts in our community. Mayor Holleman thanked Ms. Little for the presentation and stated that the Board would take the request under consideration.

Connie Kincaid with Alexander County EDC spoke before the Town Board regarding the County/Town Historic District Preservation Application and the process. The purpose is to establish a listing on the National Register of Historic Places of the Downtown Taylorsville Historic District within the defined boundaries recommended by the Historic Preservation Office of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Alexander County

Historic Preservation Committee. The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered by the National Park Service in partnership with state governments. The National Register was created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. An historic architecture survey of the downtown commercial district was conducted. The state's National Register Advisory Council placed the proposed historic district on the State Study List in June 2021. The area will consist of 32 Property Owners, 44 Properties, 26 contributing and 18 non-contributing 75 postal addresses, and 181,762 Square Feet of Commercial and Residential Space, totaling \$6,330,383 in assessed tax value in 2021. A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to agree to the application process; however, no financial obligations from or by the Town were committed or agreed to at this point. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to open the public hearing regarding the re-zoning request from Derek Light for the property located at 00 Golf Course Lane, Taylorsville NC consisting of 43.81 acres requesting the zoning be changed from R-2 to B-2. Mr. Timothy Cochran spoke and addressed his opposition to the re-zoning. He stated that he along with many others living along golf course lane were opposed to the re-zoning because if the property were later sold again it would open up the potential for any of the uses allowed by the B-2 designation. They are a residential neighborhood and wish to remain so, even with the amount of traffic from the golf course, they feel that the increased traffic will create additional problems. A petition of signatures of neighboring property owners and area neighbors opposing the re-zoning was presented to the County Planner, Dustin Millsaps, and to Town Hall prior to the public hearing. The land is now zoned R-2 for agriculture and has had cows and hay fields and hay barns on it. The prospective buyer, Mr. Light wishes to establish an equestrian stable and pasture horses on the property. Mr. Tim McCullen, new owner of the golf course also spoke before the Town Board. His concern is with the potential additional traffic that might be created on golf course lane. He also stated that a lot could be cleared up as to "what the plan for the property is" if the potential buyer would have been present at the public hearing. He asked if the current zoning of R-2 wouldn't be sufficient for the proposed use with the additional text amendment for the use of "stables" included and/or the possibility of a conditional use permit for this specific property. Councilman Poole also stated he thought that a conditional use permit would be a possible solution. Councilwoman Brown suggested that more information be obtained and that the prospective buyer Mr. Light be present at the next meeting for further discussion. With no further discussion, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to table any further discussion or action until the next meeting when more information is available and Mr. Light will be present. The motion was passed unanimously.

The second public hearing was opened by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms for the purpose of discussing the text amendment to be added for the B-2 zoning to include the wording of "stables". After discussion regarding the previous public hearing, it was decided that there was no need to continue with a public hearing to change the text amendment for B-2 zoning at this time. Therefore, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve

amending up the FY 21-22 W&S Dept. for \$2,320.00 due to insurance reimbursements from lightning damage at the WWTP. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve amending up the FY 21-22 General Fund- Police Dept. for \$6,200.00 due to proceeds from the sale of surplus police cars. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve proclaiming October 23rd thru October 31st, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week in Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman stated that there were 1135 calls recorded thru the 911 call center for the month of September, 2021. There was a break-in at Macedonia Baptist Church recently. The suspects have been identified and arrest warrant's issued; however, the have not been found yet. The Town Homes were recently broken into also. The male suspect has not been arrested yet; however, the female has been and caught with drug paraphernalia too.

Public Works and Town Manager Report: David Odom stated our annual solid waste report was completed in September. For FY 20-21, Republic Services hauled away 857 tons of garbage and 127 tons of recyclables through our curbside pickup at a cost of \$162,994.00 for garbage and \$43,386.00 for recycling. That equates to \$190.19 per ton for garbage and \$341.62 per ton for recycling. In addition to Republic Services, town staff collected 162.87 tons of landfill items at a cost of \$9,772.20 and 118.17 tons of brush and limbs which the landfill doesn't charge to dispose of. All together that comes to a total of 2,530,080 pounds worth of stuff collected curbside for the year.

FEMA Update: We have been working with Alexander County Emergency Services and FEMA for federal reimbursement for flood damage caused by Tropical Storm Eta last November. The damages in town were divided into 6 projects based on the type of damage. We received notification on September 30th that 2 of the 6 projects have been awarded reimbursement so far. The two projects were for damage at the Paul Payne and Fairway Oaks pump station along with road/culvert damage at Commercial Park and Northwood Circle. These were two of the most expensive repair projects. The eligible amount for reimbursement on those two projects totaled \$74,153.58. The total for the remaining 4 projects is \$30,373.17. We feel sure these projects will be funded as well. A couple of them are joint projects with the county because they had damages that fell into the same category as us. With the county being much larger than the town, it has taken them longer to collect the required data FEMA has asked of us therefore delaying the project's submission. I feel sure at least one or two of the projects will be funded in the next month or two. The reimbursement from FEMA will submitted to the county and they will send our portion of the funding to us. Hopefully by the November or December meeting we will have received that funding.

Powell Bill: Our yearly reports for Powell Bill have been completed and the town will receive an allocation of \$58,256.48 for FY 21-22. On September 22nd we received the first half of the allocation (\$29,128.24), with the second half to come in January.

The NC Dept. of Public Safety has published their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). They are now accepting letters of interest for possible inclusion and we have submitted to be included.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be November 2, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk