

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

October 6, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole  
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette  
Commissioner Jack Simms  
Commissioner Kimberly Brown

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to add the following changes to the agenda. Remove item 5: ABC Report; Add item 7a. Sister City delegates; add item 9a. Tree and Park Committee Members. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman noted that a weather radar project totaling 4.2 million in the southern Blue Ridge Mountain range is being planned in order to serve that unprotected section for severe weather. He also noted that in the CARES ACT additional money will be set aside to help low income and senior citizens. There were no other comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to call for a public hearing regarding updates and changes to the Town of Taylorsville's Cemetery Policy. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to call for a public hearing regarding speed limits in existing sub-divisions in town. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous decision, the Town Board agreed that George Holleman and Kim Brown would be the two delegates representing the Town on the Wester Piedmont Sister City Board.

A motion was passed by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to call for a public hearing regarding changes to the Taylorsville Tree Ordinance structure board size. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simms to name the following members to the Tree & Park Committee: Edd Elliott, Karen Morrison and Rita Bryant. The members will decide the Chairman and the length of terms and report back to the Town Board. 1 member will be for 3 years and the other 2 members for 2 year terms. All recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the Town Board for final approval. The

motion was passed unanimously.

David Robinette, Public Works Department noted that no water system is 100% pure. The State allows a certain % of contaminants in all water systems. The solid waste report for the Town was recently completed. We now have 2 dump trucks and they made 42 trips last month running 3 days a week.

Doug Bowman, Police Chief noted that there were 911 calls in the month of September recoded thru the 911 call center. The police dept. was awarded the \$25,000 grant thru the Governor's Crime Commission for the new radio's needed. There were 12 drug charges this month with 4 drug over doses in September where Narcam was dispensed. A search warrant was issued for Galaxy Drive where meth was bought. Chief Bowman asked for a dedicated narcotics officer to be added.

David Odom, Town Manager noted that Arbor week was in March and that a tree needs to be planted in order to be a Tree City USA again this year. Halloween at Town Hall be not be held this year due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Poole to enter into closed session per G.S. 143-318 (a) for economic development and personnel. The motion was passed unanimously. Several new shops will be opening in Taylorsville soon and a coin operated laundry. David Robinette will be retiring the end of December. The police detective position was discussed. No other matters were discussed. A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to exit closed session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous agreement, David Odom, Town Manager is to find out information about the law enforcement separation buyout and negotiate as he deems appropriate and report back to the Board. He will also look into reassigning responsibilities of David Robinette and spread out between Luke, Aaron and himself to cover the duties when David Robinette retires.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Brown to schedule the next meeting for November 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk