

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

February 1, 2022

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

Absent: Councilwoman Kim Brown

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

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to add the following changes to the agenda. 6a. Budget amendment; 7a. Outside residential sewer connection request; 8a. Proclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the January 4th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Sheriff Chris Bowman came before the Town Board expressing his gratitude for assistance from the Taylorsville Police Department involving a bad car chase on December 17th, 2021. Officers Daniel Bean and Joseph DeLaRiva were extremely helpful during the chase. He commended their abilities and judgement of the situation. A deputy's car was stolen by the suspect and he then rammed another deputy's car causing considerable damage. The suspect was trying to intentionally hurt any of the officers and was also attempting to create the scenario of suicide by cop. Sheriff Bowman expressed gratitude that there is a good working relationship between the two agencies. It helps both departments and the citizens of the town and county. The town council expressed their appreciation of all law enforcement officers in both departments.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to open the public hearing on the question of the text amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The purpose will be to allow within the Town of Taylorsville incorporated limits only, it is permissible for a principal structure in a commercial zone to be used as a residence only, as a commercial business only, or as a mixed residential and commercial use, alongside customary accessory structures and uses as defined and regulated in this Ordinance. This is given that the building located on the property zones commercial adheres to North Carolina State Statutes and Building Code for a Residential Dwelling. Staff recommends to rezone this property. Rezoning this property from B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) to R-2 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) this will not be considered a spot zoning. O further discussion was had and the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the change to the Town's Zoning Ordinance #154.080 exemptions for residential purposes on properties zoned for business for the text amendment ZTA 1-2022 from B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) to R-2 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT). The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a budget amendment in the General Fund moving retiree insurance reimbursement from the police dept. to the Misc. dept. The money was already budgeted so no increases were made to the FY 2021-2022 budget. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A-1, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to adopt a Conflict of Interest policy for the Town of Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and made by Councilman Simms to approve a request from Roger Adams for a residential outside sewer connection, with the understanding that it must comply with the town's requirements and specifications. The sewer will gravity feed to the manhole at Statesville Pallet pump station. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the 2018 WWTP project budget ordinance amendment #2. The project had increased costs due to additional engineering inspections and additional construction expenses due to costs from increases for materials. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to adopt a Proclamation designating the 1st Sunday of February as the Four Chaplin's Sunday in honor of their heroism and self-sacrifice on February 3rd, 1943. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the 2nd change order for the 2018 WWTP project totaling \$5,397.74. The motion was passed unanimously. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve receipting in the 2nd reimbursement of FEMA \$\$ for the November 2020 storm totaling \$20,511.64. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman stated that there are 2 new part-time police officers, TJ Osorio and Hunter Riddle. There have been some extremely dangerous cases lately. One was a foot chase of a suspect with warrants who tried to hide a pack-pack which when later found contained a stolen loaded handgun. Councilman Poole commended the Police Department for their dedication and hard work in serving the citizens of Taylorsville. Councilman Robinette recommended a bulletin board be placed in the PD with all full & part-time officers so that they will know who the officers are.

Public Works: Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike stated that the surplus equipment designated to be sold in January has all been sold and or disposed of and those items generate \$3486.00 and got rid of things sitting & taking up space.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that the Town has made it to round 2 in the award process for a BRICK 2022 grant. If awarded, we will receive 1.375 million for water and wastewater improvements. He hopes that WPCOG will be able to administer the grant and that West & Associates can help with the design work. He also noted that it will be hard to get pricing because with the shortage of materials most contractors will not guarantee a price past 30 days. Time will tell if that improves and the shortages of materials decrease.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be March 1st, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

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

Mayor

Councilman

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Absent - Kim Brown
Councilman

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk