

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

June 2, 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 3:00 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 Brown to add the following items to the agenda. Add item 8a. – Speed limits in areas of town; add item 9a. Outside Wastewater connection requests. The motion was passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the May 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman stated that Jennifer Roberts is the newly elected President of the NC League of Municipalities. The NC Legislature will pass a series of budget bills but it appears that the true budget will not be adopted until after July 1<sup>st</sup>. He suggested to reach out to the NC Representatives for additional funding due to the COVID-19 straining our resources. As of right now, our sales tax amounts have remained steady during the pandemic. There were no other comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to open the public hearing for the purpose of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021. Aaron Wike, Administrative Assistant was present to explain the proposed budget. Town Manager, David Odom could not be present due to a family matter. The proposed budget is balanced and totals \$4,248,273.00 which reflects a 1.1% increase over last year. The general fund totals \$1,945,675.00 and the W&S fund totals \$2,302,598.00 making the total overall budget of \$4,248,273.00. The tax rate will remain the same at 40 cent per 100.00 valuation. A 5% water & sewer rate increase is proposed and a \$1.00 increase to the environmental fee is also proposed. A 2.5% COLA is proposed for all full-time employees. The 2.5% COLA for the Town Council has been placed into a fund to purchase new Christmas lights and for electrical repairs to the light poles that they are displayed on. All health benefits will remain the same with no increases to existing premiums. There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve a setting a work session for 1:00 pm on June 16<sup>th</sup> and then a public hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the

regular meeting at 3:00 pm for the purposes of considering changes to the Town of Taylorsville's Cemetery Ordinance. Proposed changes include looking at allowing stacked burials under certain circumstances and what can and cannot be allowed to be placed on the markers. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Poole to also add to the work session the need to review speed limits in the Green Meadows sub-division. Commissioner Simms received notification that excessive speeding was occurring in the neighborhood. The motion was passed unanimously.

The discussion of a replacement on the Planning & Zoning Board will also be discussed at the work session on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Poole to accept outside domestic sewer from the following:

Terry Estes – new home construction  
169 Golf Course Road, Taylorsville

Jeffrey Carrigan – Carrigan & Son's Trucking – for domestic bathrooms only  
5625 NC 16 South, Taylorsville

SPL Holdings (Ferguson) – for gun/firing range – domestic bathrooms only  
5646 Hwy 16 South Taylorsville

Joe Jones – domestic use only  
55 West Jay Drive

Jill Mooneyham – 7305 Millersville Road Taylorsville  
has 3 existing mobile homes on septic system – wants to add 1 new mobile home to domestic sewer now & to have the ability to add the other 3 later if the septic system should fail.

All will pay all associated tap fees and any other fees associated with sewer connection. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, David Robinette gave a written report to the Board.

Acting Chief of Police, Doug Bowman gave a report of recent activity during COVID-19. He noted that there were 30 separate arrests resulting in 55 charges and 15 separate larcenies mostly occurring at Wal-Mart. There will be a protest held on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Protestors will be allowed around 3 sides of the courthouse and all available personnel will be present along with the Sheriff's dept, NC Dept. of Corrections, SBI, Homeland Security and Emergency Management to ensure the safety of everyone.

Aaron Wike, Administrative Assistant, stated that due to the Corona/COVID-19 the flea market remains closed at this time. The farmer's market will open June 13<sup>th</sup> but proper social distancing must be maintained. He also noted that some water customers are 3 or more months behind and that at this time no penalties are being charged nor accounts being shut off for non-payment but that delinquent notices are being sent as a reminder that the accounts are delinquent.

Commissioner Simms mentioned that he wants a clarification as to the N.C.G.S. 160A & 160A102 as to whether they are Town Commissioners or Town Council members.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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Mayor

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk