

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

October 3, 2023

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

Absent: Mayor George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Simms.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the following additions to the agenda.

Item #9a.- Budget Amendment – receipt in reimbursement for pump station repairs

Item #10a.- Temporary Street Closure – 1<sup>st</sup> Street week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for repairs

Item #10b.- Outside sewer connection request – 392 Linney’s Mtn. Road

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the minutes as presented from September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting and the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 workshop meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to appoint Interim Town Manager Aaron Wike as Town Manager officially effective immediately. An employment contract of 3 years was also approved effective immediately. Mayor Holleman who was absent prepared a statement which read: “I, George Holleman, Mayor of the Town of Taylorsville regret to say that I cannot be in attendance at the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting of October 3, 2023. I will be in Raleigh at the NC Senior Tarheel Legislators meeting. I want the record to state: I fully support Interim Town Manager Aaron Wike being named officially as the Town Manager for the Town of Taylorsville. I also am in agreement with the employment contract as presented to the Town Council for consideration at the October 3, 2023 meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a contract with Alexander County and Alexander County Sheriff’s department regarding filling the SRO’s at Taylorsville Elementary and the Student Success Center and Early College. The contract is for 3 years. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve updating language in the solid waste ordinance. The town will pick up yard waste from landscapers but not from commercially for hired companies. This is to help our elderly population who hires to have their yard work done. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the renewal of the hospital grounds lease agreement for a 1-year term. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the budget amendment for receipting in the revenue from the sale of the rental properties of 610 & 614 E. Main Ave. and 36 & 46 N. Center Street totaling \$258,500.00. 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 approve the budget amendment receipting in reimbursement from Alexander County for reimbursement for pump repairs to Ellendale pump station in the amount of \$2,912.41. 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 Simms to approve declaring the following as surplus property to the public works department. They will be placed on GovDeals auction site for sale.

McCormick-Deering #7 pull behind sickle mower

Bobcat Zero Turn Mower 52" cut

Massey Ferguson Tractor 1035

1984 Chevy Truck

1999 Ford Dump Truck

2- 1994 Chevy Dump Trucks – these are part of the 2023 Diesel Truck grant & must be destroyed as condition of the grant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a temporary street closure of 1<sup>st</sup> Street by the courthouse for the purpose of repairs to the street. It will be closed the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> thru October 20<sup>th</sup> for safety of the public and workers. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve an outside sewer connection for Trent Robinette for a vacant lot located at 392 Linney's Mountain Road. There is already a water tap on site. The owner will comply will all rules and fees for the outside sewer tap and utilities. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Mike Millsaps

Chief Millsaps provided a written report. He was at National Night Out.

Town Manager/Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

Aaron Wike stated that we received the 1st of the bi-annual allocation of Powell bill funds in the amount of \$33,488.52 which can be used for streets and sidewalk repairs and signage. The totter trash cans being considered for Main Street were looked at by GDS. They expressed a concern about not having bags inside and on windy days trash being spilled in town. The accessibility of emptying the cans along Main Street will also be evaluated and reported back. The county has agreed for the town to remove curb stops inside the free parking for 4 places for food trucks to be located. We will mark off 4 spots and reservations for those spots can be made at Town Hall in the near future. We will monitor and see how this goes.

Councilwoman Brown mentioned the 4 planters she placed along Main Street. Lisa, with Country Road Greenhouse filled the planters. It was suggested to have a “sponsor a planter program” where people could sponsor a planter along Main Street for beautification purposes. Carrie Mitchell with Cooperative Extension is working on the plants in the 4 entrances to Taylorsville. The ABC building has a window that needs modifications. More information will be forthcoming regarding solutions and pricing.

Councilman Simms mentioned the new business on west Main Street. J&H Appliance’s is now located in the old Miller’s pet shop building. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled in the near future.

Town Attorney – Monroe Panel  
No business to address for this meeting.

Items of interest:  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, Farm City  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Mayor’s/Manager’s meeting will be held at Brushy Mountain Golf Course at 6:00 pm

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to set the next regular scheduled meeting for Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk