

Town of Taylorsville



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, 2:00 pm.

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

George Holleman, Mayor

The Town Council work session was called to order by Mayor George Holleman on September 16, 2025, at 2:00 pm. No invocation or Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Discussion Items

1. 2024 Audit Presentation

Morgan Coley of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A., presented the 2024 Audit to the Council. The audit received an unmodified opinion, indicating the financial statements are presented fairly and accurately.

Key highlights of the report included:

- **No significant deficiencies** were noted, and three previously noted material weaknesses have since been addressed.
- The **General Fund** saw a significant increase in both revenue and expenditures.
 - Revenues increased by 16%, or \$508,401.
 - Expenditures increased by 4%, or \$94,915.
- The **Total Fund Balance** increased by \$739,029 from the previous fiscal year.
- The **Available Fund Balance** (after all required subtractions) stands at \$2,707,743, an increase of \$613,453 from 2023.
- Key **revenue increases** included:
 - Ad Valorem Taxes: Up 22% (\$168,627).
 - Sales Tax: Up 4% (\$33,000).
- Key **expenditure decreases** were noted in:

- Public Safety: Down 3% (\$38,000).
- Streets & Public Works: Down 12% (\$56,000).
- General Government: Down 9% (\$36,000).
- The **Water and Sewer Fund** showed a positive cash flow from operations and an increase in unrestricted net position. A graph was presented outlining future water and sewer debt payments through 2029.

The full 2024 audit report is available for public review on the town's official website.

2. Code Enforcement Amendment Review

Nathan Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented proposed amendments to the Code Enforcement Ordinance for discussion.

Mr. Hester stated that the revision would remove the subsections of Chapter 92: Nuisances and replace them with a new 1.5-page section. The existing **§92.01 Weeds to Be Removed** would be retitled to **§92.01 Maintenance of Premises; Duty of Occupant** and would address grass height and the accumulation of items on a property. He also explained that the town's code enforcement authority extends up to one mile beyond its corporate limits.

Mr. Hester noted that §92.02 Standing Water Prohibited was not affected by the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment would also revise **§92.99 Penalty** to include a detailed abatement process, which would cover the notice of violation, the appeal of an order, abatement by the town, and abatement by the town at the request of the owner. Mr. Hester also mentioned that the fee structure for non-compliance needs to be updated.

Additionally, Mr. Hester proposed adding a new chapter: **Chapter 99: Abandoned, Junked, and Nuisance Motor Vehicles**. He stated he is working with Town Attorney Monroe Pannell to make grammatical changes to the final draft.

Councilman Jack Simms asked about **§92.15 Noise Control**. He referenced a sign on Highway 16 stating that a noise ordinance is enforced and asked about how to enforce the ordinance for loud motorcycle radios or vehicles with loud mufflers, noting that the vehicle would be gone by the time police arrived. Mr. Simms questioned the purpose of having an ordinance if it wasn't enforced.

- **Town Manager Hester** stated he was not suggesting any changes to the noise ordinances at this time and was unsure how to enforce them for transient motorists. He said enforcement would need further discussion.
- **Mayor Holleman** suggested using Crime Stoppers, where citizens could call and provide a description, location, and direction of the violator.
- **Police Chief Michael Millsaps** provided an example, stating officers can issue citations for noise ordinance violations if someone is stationary, such as in a parking lot. He noted, however, that going to court for such citations can be expensive.

- **Councilman Eric Bumgarner** asked if a citation could be issued in conjunction with a traffic ticket, to which Chief Millsaps replied yes.
- **Town Manager Hester** explained that the current noise ordinance assists when police are called to address loud house parties.
- **Mayor Holleman** asked about performances at the Courthouse Park stage. Mr. Hester explained that the ordinance would not affect town or county events and that there is a set cut-off time for noise.

Attorney Monroe Pannell clarified that the Council intends to vote on the adoption of these amendments at the October 7th meeting.

Staff Reports

Staff Department Head

Police Department Report

Police Chief Michael Millsaps reported that the department is actively working to hire more officers. Facebook publications have been getting a lot of traffic. He also reported that every school in the county has participated in a lockdown drill, as required by law.

Finance Department Report

Finance Director Zachary Green was not present, as he was attending a class at UNC Chapel Hill.

Public Works Report

Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike reported that all is proceeding as normal. The department is preparing for the Apple Festival. Once mowing season is over, they will move on to FEMA projects. Mr. Wike stated he spoke with the pavers, Maymead Inc. is now contracting with Carl Rose & Sons, Inc, and the Liledoun Rd project should be completed by the end of the month.

Attorney Report

Attorney Monroe Pannell stated he would not be in attendance at the November council meeting due to a required event.

City Managers Report

Town Manager Nathan Hester reported he is continuing to work to establish the nonprofit, and the board has been established. A letter of intent is being prepared to send to Tim McCullen regarding the hospital property, which will need Council approval once received. Mr. Hester is also in discussion with a grant writer to assist with the hospital property project. He also stated that Mr. McCullen is interested in purchasing the Urgent Care Building. Once Mr. McCullen has an offer, Mr. Hester will bring it before the Council for review.

Council General Discussion

Councilwoman Kim Brown stated she is working on the Hometown Halloween and Hometown Christmas events. It was mentioned the children would like to sing again this year at the Christmas Tree Lighting. The former Hattery space on Main Avenue has been rented, with two

buildings still available. Councilmember Brown asked that the town contact Taylorsville Tree Care to get on their schedule to set up the Christmas tree. She also asked Town Manager Hester to look into ordinances or other options for addressing unsightly trash cans on Main Street. A business owner on Main Avenue informed her that individuals were breaking in under the old hotel, and she asked to speak with Police Chief Millsaps about it after the meeting.

Councilman Eric Bumgarner stated he would not be attending the next meeting in October due to a scheduled trip.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the Mayor George Holleman requested a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, and approved unanimously.

Mayor

Councilmember

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Councilmember

Attest: _____
Nicole Mayes, Town Clerk