

Town of Taylorsville



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared By: Nicole Mayes

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

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

George B. Holleman, Mayor

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor George Holleman on November 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jack Simms.

Citizen Attendance: Two (2) members of the public were present.

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda:

George B. Holleman, Mayor

Mayor Holleman requested any necessary adjustments to the agenda. Hearing no requests for modifications, a motion was presented to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval for Minutes:

George B. Holleman, Mayor

Mayor George Holleman presented the minutes from the following meetings for Council's consideration:

- October 7, 2025, Regular Meeting
- October 21, 2025, Special Called Meeting
- October 21, 2025, Work Session Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Holleman opened the public comment period by reminding everyone that this was an opportunity for citizens to express items of interest to the Mayor and Town Council. He clarified that this is not a time for the Council to respond or take action, as any necessary follow-up would be taken under advisement. The mayor also asked speakers to maintain proper decorum and to limit their comments to no more than three minutes.

Charles Coxon of 164 2nd Street SW addressed the Council to inquire about the timeline for the repair or installation of the gutter located along the Dental Clinic and Bee Watts' property. He expressed the urgency of the repair, explaining that runoff water was flowing down the hill. He stated his concern that waiting could lead to his basement flooding again, indicating his desire to prevent further property damage.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner requested confirmation of Mr. Coxon's address. Mayor Holleman clarified the location as "2nd Street down below the Presbyterian Church." Councilmember Kim Brown further clarified the location of the issue, stating, "He is talking about the curb at the corner on 1st Ave SW."

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor George Holleman officially concluded the public comment period.

1. Outside Sewer Connection Request

Aaron Wike, Public Works

The Town Council considered a request from Heath Bost for four outside residential sewer connection taps for properties located along Happy Plains Road. These taps are being sought in anticipation of a future sewer project extension related to a new proposed housing development.

The specific parcels included in the request are:

- 767 Happy Plains Rd. (1 tap)
- Vacant 4-acres parcel, Alexander County Tax ID 140617 (1 tap)
- 840 Happy Plains Rd (2 taps)

Mr. Wike explained that the properties are located outside the Town's corporate limits, situated below Rebs Circle and adjacent to the site of the new proposed housing development. Currently, there is no sewer service in this area. The request for outside sewer taps is being made to include these parcels in the potential easement agreement for the new housing development's sewer line extension. Because the properties lie outside the municipal limits, Council approval is required before the taps can be formally offered as part of the agreement.

Motion to approve the outside sewer connections was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Kim Borwn, and approved unanimously.

2. Listing Agent Contract

N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented a contract for the exclusive listing and sale of the Town-owned property located at 60 2nd Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681 (Alexander County Parcel ID 0006894), the site of the former Urgent Care building. The contract grants exclusive listing rights to Hartness Hometown Properties. Mr. Hester explained that internal attempts by the Town to sell the property had been unsuccessful, leading to the determination that contracting with a licensed real estate agent was the most effective way forward. The property will be initially listed for sale at \$465,000.00 and the price will be monitored and adjusted based on market performance as needed.

Motion to approve the contract with Hartness Hometown Properties was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Kim Borwn, and approved unanimously. (See [attachment A](#), which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

3. Staff Reports:

Staff Department Heads

Police Department Report

Chief Mike Millsaps presented the Police Department's activities and statistics for the month of October.

- Calls for Service: 1,042
- Incident Reports Generated: 82
- Vehicle Stops: 210
 - 24 vehicle stops resulted in charges for Driving While License Revoked or No Operator License.
- Citations Issued: 88

The Police Department conducted or participated in the following community events and departmental changes:

- October 7: Hosted National Night Out at Courthouse Park. Officers engaged with the community, distributing stickers and coloring books to children during the family-friendly event.
- October 15: A new officer, Matthew Bauer, was officially sworn in.
- October 18: Participated in the Apple Festival, displaying a "hot car" out front for the first time.
- October 20: Partnered with the Safe Kids Coalition to host Operation Medical Drop, allowing community members to safely dispose of unwanted medicines.
- October 31: Following the Alexander County Library's Annual Halloween Parade, the department participated in the Hometown Halloween event.

Chief Millsaps announced a new Holiday Safety Campaign scheduled to begin the Thursday before Black Friday and run through December.

- The campaign will feature a new instructional safety video released every Thursday.
- Example topics include tips on properly entering vehicles and personal safety when using elevators
- Chief Millsaps concluded the report by showing a sample of the safety videos the Police Department intends to share with the public.

The department will be participating in the upcoming Christmas Parade.

Finance Department Report

Finance Director Zachary Greene did not provide a formal financial report at this meeting.

Mayor George Holleman acknowledged Mr. Greene's imminent departure, announcing that Mr. Greene would be leaving to become the Finance Director for the Wilkes County School System. The Mayor congratulated Mr. Greene on the promotion, noting it was a well-deserved, wonderful step in his career, while expressing regret over the Town's loss of a valued employee.

Mr. Greene addressed the Council, reflecting positively on his two years of service and expressing appreciation for the opportunities provided by the Town. He affirmed that his decision to leave was purely for the new professional opportunity and was not related to any internal issues or financial concerns within the Town.

Public Works Report

Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike provided an update on recent events, ongoing projects, and future initiatives.

Community Preparedness

The Department successfully managed logistical needs for the recent Apple Festival and Hometown Halloween. Public Works will be preparing barricades and equipment for the upcoming Christmas Parade.

Project Updates

Mr. Wike reported that several key grant and study projects are nearing completion:

- Paul Payne Lift Station Project: This project is concluding, with the final meeting scheduled for tomorrow. This will mark the completion of that portion of the grant project.
- Water Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) and Merger & Regionalization Study: These studies are wrapping up. The reports from Withers Ravenel will be presented to the Council at the November Work Session for final review.
- Sewer Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Project: This assessment is also expected to conclude in the upcoming months.

Infrastructure and Roadwork

- Sidewalks and Street Repaving: Regarding the sidewalk and street repaving projects, the Department has reached out multiple times to the relevant agencies for updates.
- Northwood Culvert Project: The Notice to Proceed was officially signed this week. The contractor has until March 3, 2026, to complete the project. The Department hopes that the sidewalk project and the culvert project can be wrapped up concurrently.

Discussion: Unfunded Intersection Project

Councilmember Kim Brown inquired whether the curbing and intersection repair Mr. Coxon previously discussed was part of the paving projects.

Mr. Wike confirmed that it is not part of the current scope. The project was submitted for state funding in 2024 but was not approved, leaving it without a current funding source. Mr. Wike provided the estimated scope and projected cost of \$160,000.00 (based on the previous estimate), which includes:

- Extending from the intersection at Highway 16 to 2nd Street.
- Replacing sidewalks and installing new driveway entrances for the dentist office and the Watts property.
- Installing new curbing and asphalt, eliminating the existing grassed-in gravel area.
- Grading the road crown (profile of the road surface)
- New sidewalks as the existing sidewalks are currently below road level, requiring grading work.

Town Managers Report

N. Hester, Town Manager

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Funding

Town Manager Hester and Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike have been speaking with an engineering firm to discuss water and sewer grants. The purpose of these discussions is to develop applications to secure funding for major infrastructure improvements within the Town.

Taylorsville Fire Department Service Area Expansion

The Taylorsville Volunteer Fire Department Board met yesterday and voted to provide service to include properties recently satellite-annexed by the Town. The properties added to their service area include:

- The Dollar General store.
- Other satellite-annexed properties in that vicinity, specifically the Raceway and the former car dealership (now operating as Window Gang).

The Fire Department is currently coordinating with the Communication Center and the Alexander County GIS Department to officially update and incorporate these areas into their service district.

Upcoming Town Event

A reminder was issued that the Town's Christmas Tree will be put up on Friday, November 21st.

Manager Commendation

Mayor George Holleman expressed appreciation to the Town Manager for his effective management of the numerous concurrent projects and responsibilities.

Council General Discussion

Acknowledgment of Finance Director

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner thanked the Town staff and specifically acknowledged Zachary Greene for his two years of dedicated service. He offered congratulations on Mr. Greene's new position and extended best wishes for his future endeavors.

Update on Hometown Christmas and Tree Lighting

Councilmember Jack Simms requested an update from Councilmember Kim Brown regarding the Hometown Christmas and Tree Lighting activities.

Councilmember Brown provided the following schedule for performances at the Courthouse Park Stage:

- December 4th (Tree Lighting): Opening act by Taylorsville Elementary School.
- December 11th: Opening act by Joyful Noise.
- December 18th: Entertainment provided by the Alexander Central High School (ACHS) Jazz Band.

She suggested the Council consider adding supplemental entertainment, such as a movie, following the performances, noting that larger groups and live performances help maximize public attendance.

Other Logistics Confirmed:

- Santa Claus: Booked for a meet-and-greet under the canopy.
- Carriage Rides: Confirmed with Carolina Carriage Company, sponsored by Big 6 Properties.
- Vendors: Several general and food truck vendors have reached out and are largely secured.
- Live Nativity: Mt. Hebron Baptist Church will host a live nativity display at the Taylorsville Savings Bank gazebo.

Councilmember Brown noted that she still needs to secure additional sponsorships, which will require further discussion with the Council. regarding the event budget and materials.

Recognition of Hometown Halloween

Councilmember Brown stated that Hometown Halloween was a significant success, noting that attendance was larger than ever. She expressed appreciation to the staff and all participants for their efforts in making the event successful, emphasizing the event's importance in fostering community pride.

Councilmember Tamara Odom concurred, commenting that it was gratifying to see the Town busy and witnessing the happiness of both children and parents during the event.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor George Holleman made the following announcements:

- Studio 3 Chorale: Studio 3 Chorale will perform at the Alexander Central High School Auditorium on Sunday, December 7th. Admission is free, with first-come, first-served seating.
- Studio 3 Performance (Ticketed): The group will also perform at First Baptist Church Davis Hall on December 13th. This Christmas-themed event will feature two performances.

Next Meeting:

Mayor Holleman reminded attendees of the upcoming meetings:

- Work Session – Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.
- Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Mayor

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Attest: _____

Nicole Mayes, Town Clerk