

Town of Taylorsville



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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 January 6, 2026, at 5:30 pm. Invocation was given by Mayor George Holleman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Kim Brown.

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.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Councilmember Jack Simms, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Approval for Minutes:

George B. Holleman, Mayor

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

- December 2, 2025, Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Tamara Odom, 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.

No citizens came forward to speak.

1. 2026 Holiday & Meeting Schedule Adoption

N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented the proposed 2026 holiday and meeting schedule for Council consideration. He noted that the document outlines the town's observed holidays alongside the schedule for regular meetings and work sessions throughout the upcoming year.

During the discussion, Councilmember Eric Bumgarner inquired about the scheduled Christmas holiday falling on a Monday. Mr. Hester clarified that the town typically observes a three-day holiday period; because Christmas falls on a Friday in 2026, the observance extends through the following Monday.

A motion to approve the 2026 Holiday & Meeting Schedule as presented was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously. (See [attachment A](#), which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

2. Town Hall Operating Hours

A. Wike, Public Works

Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike proposed adjusting Town Hall's public operating hours from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. While staff would remain on-site until 5:00 p.m. to answer phones, closing the doors at 4:30 p.m. would provide 30 minutes to finalize daily bank deposits. This change aims to ensure deposits are ready for the bank by the following morning and to resolve auditing challenges that arise when part-time staff cannot close out their batches before leaving their shift.

Councilmember Jack Simms emphasized the importance of a sufficient notice period to avoid public frustration. Town Manager Nathan Hester confirmed that the change would be advertised for one month

via the town website, social media, and on-site signage, with an effective start date of the first Monday in February.

In response to Councilmember Eric Bumgarner's inquiry regarding late-afternoon traffic, Mr. Wike noted that foot traffic is generally minimal between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on utility service disconnection days. Mr. Wike also clarified that although in-person cash and credit card transactions would cease at 4:30 p.m., residents can still pay online. Staff will continue to monitor online payments until 5:00 p.m. on "cut-off" days to ensure services are restored for those individuals.

A motion to approve adjusting the operating hours of Town Hall as presented was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously

3. Budget Amendments

N. Hester, Town Manager

a. NCCCMA Scholarship Reimbursement

The Town Council reviewed a proposed budget amendment to transfer \$1,500.00 from the General Fund Miscellaneous line item to the Administration Staff Development & Travel line item.

Town Manager Nathan Hester explained that the amendment accounts for a scholarship he received from the North Carolina City/County Management Association (NCCMA). This scholarship serves as a reimbursement for expenses related to his attendance at the ICMA Annual Conference this past October. While the Town initially covered the costs for lodging and travel, these funds will now be returned to the budget to offset those expenditures.

A motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, seconded by Councilmember Kim Brown, and approved unanimously. (See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

b. Hometown Christmas Sponsorship

The Town Council considered a budget amendment to reallocate \$200.00 from the General Fund Miscellaneous line item to the Contributions line item.

Town Manager Nathan Hester clarified that this administrative adjustment is necessary to properly categorize a donation received from Cooper Southern Properties. The funds were specifically designated for the Hometown Christmas event, and the amendment ensures the donation is recorded within the appropriate account.

A motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom, seconded by Councilmember Eric Bumgarner, and approved unanimously. (See [attachment C](#), which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

4. Staff Reports:

Staff Department Heads

Police Department Reports

Chief Mike Millsaps presented the Police Department's statistics for the month of December 2025:

- Calls for Service: 942
- Alarms: 30
- Incident Reports: 68
- Vehicle Stops: 115
- Citations Issued: 102

2025 Annual Totals

Chief Millsaps also provided a summary for the 2025 calendar year:

- Calls for Service: 9,037 calls, requiring the dispatch of 9,560 officer resources.
- Vehicle Stops: 1,444 stops conducted throughout the year.

Chief Millsaps reported that the annual Christmas Parade was a success. He noted that the department evaluates the event every year for potential safety and operational improvements. Additionally, he shared that the "Hometown Christmas" event was well-received and went smoothly.

Public Works Report

Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike provided an update on several ongoing department projects:

- Northwood Park Culvert Project: The contractor arrived yesterday and work is underway. With the delivery of the culvert headwalls, the project is expected to be completed within 7 to 10 days.

- Streets and Sidewalks Project: Once the Northwood project is finished, hopefully the contractor will transition to the Streets and Sidewalk Project. The engineers have already marked specific areas for asphalt spot repairs as the first phase of the street repaving project.
- FEMA Projects (Post-Helene): Town staff completed the 3rd Avenue Culvert project, which involved backfilling stone washed out during Hurricane Helene. The Matheson Park Culvert project is also nearly complete, with only the installation of a split-rail fence remaining, scheduled for the end of the week.
- Maintenance: New street signs have been ordered and are being installed at intersections that previously lacked signage or had worn-out signs. During the winter off-season for mowing, staff is focusing on routine maintenance and "odd jobs" to be completed before the spring season begins in March.

Discussion on Paving and State Projects

Councilmember Tamara Odom inquired if the mentioned paving projects were related to the recent traffic study. Mr. Wike clarified that current paving is limited to Fairway Oaks, Green Meadows, Princeton Forest Drive, and the street behind Town Hall.

In response to Councilmember Odom's follow-up regarding the proposed roundabouts, Mr. Wike reported that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has not yet updated its calendar to include them. He noted that the state is currently focused on correcting issues from recent resurfacing, such as reopening manholes and properly aligning storm drain rings.

Councilmember Kim Brown asked for clarification on the Main Street portion of the state's paving plan. Mr. Wike explained that the contract for that final section has not yet been awarded due to funding. He noted that this delay could provide the Town the time to complete a waterline project before the final resurfacing begins.

Councilmember Eric Bumgarner expressed his gratitude to the county DOT for their quick response to a safety hazard on Linney Mountain Road. A manhole cover had been repeatedly dislodging, posing a risk to motorists. Although initial attempts to weld the cover in place failed due to improper materials, the DOT returned with the correct equipment to secure it temporarily until the paving contractor can perform a permanent fix.

Finance Department Report

While a formal oral report was not presented, Mayor George Holleman acknowledged that Finance Director Angela Wagoner had distributed written reports to the Council prior to the meeting. Mayor Holleman thanked Ms. Wagoner for the documentation, noting that it is vital for the Council to review those financial records regularly to ensure proper oversight.

Attorney Report

Town Attorney Monroe Pannell provided a clarification regarding the procedural nature of the Council's monthly work sessions. He noted that since the Council has officially scheduled and publicized these sessions for the third Tuesday of every month, they are technically Regular Meetings rather than Special Meetings.

Attorney Pannell explained the following legal implications:

- Authority to Take Action: Because these sessions are regularly scheduled and noticed, the Council has the legal authority to vote or take official action on items during these meetings, provided a quorum is present.
- Agenda Management: While the Council maintains a level of informality during work sessions, the Attorney advised that any items for consideration should ideally be set in advance to avoid "blindsiding" members.
- Urgent Matters: He clarified that if urgent matters arise at the last minute—as often happens in police, public works, or finance departments—the Council may take up those matters during the session as long as there is a consensus among members to do so.

Town Managers Report

N. Hester, Town Manager

Town Manager Nathan Hester provided updates on the following administrative and community projects:

- Hospital Project: Mr. Hester consulted with economic development attorneys regarding the hospital project. Work is currently underway to finalize the initial performance agreement between the non-profit entity and the property owner. Once the draft is finalized, it will be sent to the non-profit board and the property owner for review and negotiation.
- Urgent Care Property: The Town's realtor reported several inquiries regarding the sale of the urgent care property. Interested parties are expected to follow up in early January.

- Budget Retreat: The annual budget retreat is scheduled for February 17, 2026, during the February Work Session. Mr. Hester plans to hold the retreat at the conference space in the bank next door, pending confirmation of availability. Further details will be provided as the date approaches.
- Water and Sewer Grants: Final preparations are being made for water and sewer grant applications, which are due this Friday. Mr. Hester and Mr. Wike are performing a final review to ensure all documentation is complete.
- Veterans Banners & America 250 Celebration: The Town has officially launched the Veteran's Banners Project as part of the America 250 Celebration. The Town is also coordinating with the County to develop complementary programs for the 250th Anniversary.
 - Kickoff Event: A kickoff event is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, at the Brushy Mountain Golf Course.
- Holiday Cleanup: Coordination is underway with Taylorsville Tree Care to have the Town's Christmas tree taken down later this month, depending on their schedule.

Council General Discussion

- Councilmember Eric Bumgarner confirmed with Mr. Hester that Work Session agendas are published. He also publicly thanked Taylorsville Tree Care for donating their services to install and remove the Town's Christmas tree at no cost to the Town.
- Mayor George Holleman addressed residents' concerns regarding the enforcement of new ordinances on Liledoun Road, 6th Street, and other areas of Town. Mr. Hester confirmed that code enforcement is currently contracted through the County. He also agreed to drive through those areas to identify specific violations and will forward those findings to the County.
- Councilmember Kim Brown expressed her gratitude to Big 6 Properties and United Country Realty for their sponsorship of the carriage rides during the Hometown Christmas event. She noted that despite some weather challenges, the event was highly successful and saw a strong turnout of visitors. Councilmember Brown also extended her thanks to Councilmember Eric Bumgarner for his work in constructing and installing the event picture frame.

Looking forward, Councilmember Brown proposed the following:

- Marketing Improvements: Suggested the use of QR codes to enhance digital marketing and community engagement.

- Hometown Valentine's Day: Reported that she is collaborating with Main Street merchants on a planned Valentine's Day event featuring live music and local projects to draw visitors downtown.
- Non-Profit Board Coordination: Inquired about the board's meeting schedule. Town Manager Nathan Hester confirmed the board will meet monthly and noted that following the sale of the urgent care property, the non-profit will have the funding necessary to help co-host and market regular downtown events.

Next Meeting:

Work Session – Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 2:00 P.M in the Town Council Chambers.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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 5:56 pm.

Mayor

Councilmember

Councilmember

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Councilmember

Attest: _____

Nicole Mayes, Town Clerk



Town of Taylorsville

2026 Holiday and Meeting Schedule



TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DATE(S)	CLOSED DAY(S)
New Year's Day	January 1	Thursday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19	Monday
Good Friday	April 3	Friday
Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Independence Day	July 3 & 6 (Observance)	Friday & Monday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving (Thurs & Fri)	November 26 and 27	Thursday and Friday
Christmas (3 Days)	December 24, 25 and 28	Thursday, Friday, Monday

TAYLORSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE 5:30PM TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

January 6	July – No Meeting
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

TAYLORSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SCHEDULE 2:00PM TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

January 20	July – No Meeting
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December- No Meeting

Date Approved: 1-6-20

Town of Taylorsville
BUDGET AMENDMENT

Distribution:

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FUND	General Fund	FUNCTION	PROGRAM AREA	ACTIVITY
		Amendment		

The following amendment(s) is required:

Reimbursement of travel expenses from NCCMA scholarship for
Town Manager, Nathan Hester.

Account # and Title	Amount	Account # and Title	Amount
Amendment: 10.4790.000 G.F. Misc.	\$1,500.00	Amendment: 10.5210.513 Admin. Staff Development & Travel	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$1,500.00	Total	\$1,500.00

Reason and justification for Amendment:

Reimbursement of travel expenses from NCCMA Scholarship for
Town Manager, Nathan Hester.

Department Head Approval	Date	Finance Director Review	Date
<i>C. Nathan Hester</i>		<i>Angela J. Waggoner</i>	1-7-2026

Date Approved: 1-6-26

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The following amendment(s) is required:

Reallocate Hometown Christmas donation from Cooper Southern Properties.

Account # and Title	Amount	Account # and Title	Amount
Amendment: 10.4790.000 G.F. Misc.	\$200.00	Amendment: 10.5520.533 Contributions	\$ 200.00
Total	\$200.00	Total	\$200.00

Reason and justification for Amendment:

Reallocate Hometown Christmas donation received from
Cooper Southern Properties.

Department Head Approval	Date	Finance Director Review	Date
<i>C. Nathan Hester</i>		<i>Angela J. Wagner</i>	1-7-2026