Town of Taylorsville

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 2:00p.m.
Prepared By: Christina Childers

Present: Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Tamara Odom
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Absent: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Eric Bumgarner

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance: **Councilmember Kim Brown**

The Town Council work session was called to order on Tuesday, October 20th at 2:00 Pm by councilmember Kim Brown. Invocation was given by Councilmember Jack Simms followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Kim Brown.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Kim Brown presented the agenda for approval with proposed modifications.

Agenda Modifications:

- 4.C Resolution for the sale of Christmas Lights

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and was approved unanimously.

1. **Town Attorney Contract Discussion** **N. Hester, Town Manager**

Town Manager Nathan Hester presented council the contract with McRary Law Firm. He advised that on section 1 and 4 he would like for Mr. McRary to update it so that he is not required to attend Work Session since those are mostly discussion sessions.
Town Manager Hester addressed section 3 that Mayor George Holleman was concerned about soliciting third party contractors to attend Town Hall meetings. Mr. McRary did confirm with Mr. Hester that

section 3 was only for him to be able to bring in third party contractors on issues that may arise that are outside his scope that he may need assistance with.
Councilmember Jack Simms had a question on section 4 about the costs and how it lines up with the previous attorney.

- Monroe Pannell was $650.00 Monthly with an hourly rate of $225.00
- Mr. McRary is $1500.00 Monthly which does include his time to attend meetings and his hourly rate for anything beyond the normal would be $250.00.

Councilmember Jack Simms asked if they are going to wait till the November meeting to approve the contract in which he was advised yes.
Councilmember Tamara Odom advised that she would like to be notified in advance of whom he would be third party contracting out if needed.

2. Princeton Management Property Lease Discussion — N. Hester, Town Manager

This is a parking lot lease agreement between the Town of Taylorsville, Alexander County and Princeton Asset Management for the parking lot behind Celebrate You, EmberCraft and Kylie Sugar Shoppe. The term Is for 3 years and we would have the option to renew it for an additional 2-3 years thirty days prior to the expiration date of the lease. Any Party can terminate the agreement if one party is not holding up their part of the agreement. We will have to submit with the county an operating plan. The rent is to be paid annually in advance at the amount of $4000.00 per year. The first annual rent payment is due within 30 days after the effective date. The Town and the County will split this cost 50/50 along with splitting the costs for the maintenance and any repairs. This is to be voted on during the November Regular Session.

Councilmember Kim Brown asked if he has spoken with the county on this and Mr. Hester advised that he believes that they are open to it as something does need to be done to provide more parking to downtown area and it will alleviate some of the concerns of the small businesses.

Councilmember Simms asked if we would be covering the taxes as payment. Mr. Hester advised that we can't abate their taxes but the rent that we would pay would cover the cost of their taxes.

Councilmember Tamara Odom asked about the renewal of the lease and if they will raise the cost or would it stay the same? Mr. Hester advised that it would then be a new contract and we wouldn't know that cost until the new contract is written.

3. Town Ordinance Discussion: — N. Hester, Town Manager
   a. Camping Ordinance

Mr. Hester spoke about Chapter 130.10 which sets a town ordinance in which you can't camp on public property. With the recent complaints about people sleeping in their cars in the free parking, we could add vehicles to the ordinance so that it's not just limited to camps. This would cover any property that the Town or County owns which makes it public property.
Councilmember Kim Brown advised that she believes that there is a need for this.
Town Manger Hester advised that we would have to have a public hearing in order to adopt the ordinance and it most likely would not make it onto the agenda until December.
Councilmember Tamara Odom advised that she has observed in other towns signs in those areas where no camping is allowed.
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Mr. Hester advised that the purpose of the ordinances is not to generate an exorbitant amount of revenue since most of the time the people that you are dealing with are down on their luck. This is really more to motivate people to become in compliance with the law. There will be a fee schedule that in most cases will be enforced however we know that it's a fine that may get issued that will never get paid.

b. Parking Schedule Amendments

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised council that with looking at doing a camping ordinance we may want to review the current Parking Schedule to see if there are any add- in that are not already in there. Such as having a time listed for when the parking is and is not allowed in the free parking areas.
Councilmember Simms advised that the Parking schedule needs to be updated to the current business names. Mr. Aaron Wike advised that we could update it with the physical address versus a business name.
Councilmember Simms suggested removing the "free Parking "and change the signs to Public Parking.
Town Manager Hester suggested the time for no parking to be 12 am till 6 am to be added to the signs.

4. Town Event Discussion — N. Hester, Town Manager

a. Hometown Halloween

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that for Hometown Halloween we currently are doing slap bracelets that can be decorated, glow sticks and cookies. We will have Diggin Dogs, Tri-Tipping, Sunset Slushies and Rollin Lemon. They will be at the Ball Field around the fence.
Councilmember Kim Brown advised that the FFA will be doing Hay rides and there will be a DJ.
Councilmember Brown advised that there will also be a movie night that Friday October 30th at 7:00 pm on the Ball Field.

b. Hometown Christmas

Mr. Hester advised that tentatively the Christmas tree is set to go up on November 20th. The Christmas lights will go up the week after Veterans Day according to Mr. Wike.
Councilmember Brown asked if we could get banners and if so, could we get them in time? Mr. Hester advised that he would look into to see if it is something that could be done.
Councilmember Simms asked if Hometown Christmas was going to be multiple nights or if they had scaled back to one night. Councilmember Brown advised that it is still multiple nights.

Night one: Elementary Schools Singing and Studio 3
Night two: Antioch Handbells
Night three: Highschool and Middle schools

Mr. Wike inquired about doing a banner for Hometown Christmas notating first 3 Thursday nights in December that can be reused yearly.
Councilmember Brown advised that she has been asked if Carolina Carriage company could bill us directly and then she would make the donation to pay for it to us. Mr. Hester advised yes that can be done and we would need to look at this for the next budget year to ensure that proper money is allotted out along with the anticipated donations. This will need to be done so that the purchases can be pre-audited.
Councilmember Brown asked Mrs. Sager if there were additional funds left after Hometown Halloween can those funds be used for Hometown Christmas if the donation is notated as Event Sponsorship? Mrs. Sager confirmed it could.

Mr. Hester advised that there may be some left-over event funds from Halloween that could be used towards this purchase but we would need to get an updated quote for the cost from them.
Councilmember Jack Simms advised that in past years there have been people that have reserved a spot on the carriage rides, and then they don't show up. When this happens, they take people that are standing in line for the free carriage line. Should we charge people to reserve a spot and when don't show Dontate that money to a charitable organization?
Mr. Hester advised that since the carriage rides are free, we wouldn't be able to charge them to reserve a spot. We could however just take off the reservations and make it a first come first serve basis. Mr. Wike advised we could also notate on the reservation to be there at least 10 minutes prior to your allotted time or else your spot could be forfeited if you are not in line at the time of your reservation.
Councilmember Simms advised having 2 lines, one for reservations and one for first come first serve would be helpful.

c. Resolution for Surplus Property to sell Christmas Lights

Mr. Hester presented a resolution to declare surplus property with the Streets Department of 39 decorative Christmas Lights which includes 15 Angels, 15 Snowflakes and 9 Christmas Trees to be sold on GovDeals.com. These are to be replaced by the new ones that were purchased this year that are more compact. *(See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)*

A motion to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the sell of 39 Christmas lights was made by Councilmember Tamara Odom seconded by Councilmember Jack Simms, and was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Reports:

Finance Department Report

Finance Director Kimberly Sager advised that we have gone through our audit and they are finalizing our financial statements with GWI. We are hoping to have them back to review in the next couple of weeks before we submit the audit. We are hoping to have the audit completed by the end of November. Mrs. Sager advised that during the audit she reviewed some stuff with the auditors are taking some of their suggestions by adopting some new policies about purchasing.

Police Department Report

Chief Mike Millsaps spoke to council about the Firehouse Subs grant that has been submitted and they are looking at submitting some more in November. Speed limit signs will be installed on Wednesday.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Aaron Wike that bids have come in on Matheson Park. There were 3 bids for the grading and concrete pad which varied from $13,500.00 to over $35,000. They have awarded Zach Spark to contract and he will start next week. We had to put out a bid to have all the plumbing done because the High school was not able to do it since they don't have a plumbing contractor to work underneath. The bids will close on Monday at Lunch time. The leaf truck is out and working. The goal is to have the

the High school was not able to do it since they don't have a plumbing contractor to work underneath. The bids will close on Monday at Lunch time. The leaf truck is out and working. The goal is to have the majority of the leave picked up by January. Mr. Wike advise that he has not had a chance to look at the flowers since the frost.

Councilmember Brown advised that they had discussed Rotary doing some mums and pansies but with having the frost she didn't feel like they would last that long. Councilmember Brown advised that in the Spring when the flowers are swapped rather than doing a bunch of different stuff just doing the red flowers like the ones on the corners.

Mr. Wike asked if they wanted to do any type of Christmas planters and it was discussed adding a winter decoration instead that could be made. Possibly have the schools make them and turn it into a contest for Hometown Christmas.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Nathan Hester advised that the 2 agreements discussed today will be on the next agenda and we have the school board meeting on Monday November 9th if council would like to attend to donate the $200.00 from the yard sale to the EC program.

Council General Discussion:

Councilmember Jack Simms wanted to make the town board aware of a petition that will be brought before the town council from Green Meadows for speed bumps and to lower the speed limit for the neighborhood. There was a young boy on his bicycle that was hit by a speeding car in that neighborhood. Councilmember Simms also advised that he felt that we should honor the agreement from 1999 for the Keever Property.

Councilmember Kim Brown advised that the Apple Festival was a huge success.

Councilmember Simms asked if we knew approx. how much is donated to the schools from the Apple Festival proceeds?

Mr. Wike advised that the ROTC does a great job cleaning up after the Apple Festival and he knows that $1000-$1200 is normally donated to that program.

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers.

Work Session – Tuesday, November 17th, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers

Adjournment

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

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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Councilmember Councilmember

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Attest: _____

Christina Childers, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Taylorsville desires to declare said property surplus and dispose in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Taylorsville hereby declares surplus the following property described within the Streets Dept.:

A. 39 Decorative Christmas Lights – 15 Angels, 15 Snowflakes, and 9 Christmas Trees

WHEREAS, North Carolina G.S. 160A-266(a-c) allows the Town to dispose of real or personal property belonging to the town, subject to limitations and according to procedures prescribed therein, by: (1) Private negotiation and sale; (2) Advertisement for sealed bids; (3) Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid; (4) Public auction; (5) Exchange.

WHEREAS, North Carolina G.S. 160A-266(d) allows the Town to discard any personal property that: (i) is determined to have no value; (ii) remains unsold or unclaimed after the Town has exhausted efforts to sell the property using any applicable procedure under this Article; or (iii) poses a potential threat to the public health or safety;

WHEREAS, the referenced statute does not require the Town to publish notice of the intent to declare or discard surplus property that has no value;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Taylorsville declares the personal property as surplus and authorizes the following:

Item A: Offer for sale on GovDeals

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Taylorsville on this 20th day of October, 2026.

Kim Brown
Council Woman Kim Brown

Attest: Christina Childers
Christina Childers, Town Clerk