

Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship
Councilmember Chris Brown
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Terry Mullins
Councilmember Jack Murray
Councilmember Danny Willis

Absent:

None

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Interim Police Chief, Walter Barrett.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Linda S. Griffith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Quillen, of Whitley Branch Road, stated the Town of Tazewell needed to recognize the Veterans. Ms. Quillen stated she want to get all Veterans involved in a parade with old cars they could ride in.

Councilmember Mullins asked Ms. Quillen to contact the THS clubs, THS Band and the Green T's Choir to participate in the Veterans Celebration.

Councilmember Blankenship stated the Boy Scouts could walk in honor of a Veteran.

Councilmember Willis stated he would make a donation for a luncheon for the Veteran's.

Manager Wood stated that Sharon Thomas would possibly provide a trailer tractor for the Veteran's to ride on.

Dale Elswick, of 644 East Riverside Drive, came for Council concerning trucks parked on his property that are used for plowing snow in the winter. Mr. Elswick stated the vehicles are untagged and some are used on private property during the winter months.

Council stated they would look into the situation and get back with Mr. Elswick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2012 and recessed meeting of April 16, 2012. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statements for April 2012. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the operating reports for April 2012. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

NORTH TAZEWELL WATER TANK

Manager Wood stated that the North Tazewell water tank was taken off line. Manager Wood advised the Town was working with the Health Department and the Department of Environmental Quality to either replace the water tank or to repair the tank.

Councilmember Blankenship asked how much it would cost to replace the tank.

Manager Wood stated it would cost \$150,000-\$200,000 to repair tank and a million dollars to replace with a new tank.

ROUTE 61 PROJECT

Manager Wood stated some the right-of-ways have been signed for the Route 61 Project and will be meeting with Lester Development concerning land donation for water and sewer taps.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood stated he was doing the final checklist for the Dry Town Sewer Project to start the project.

GRANT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE PARK

Manager Wood stated that Thompson and Litton have started the grant application for Lincolnshire Dam. Manager Wood advised grant money could be used for several projects at the Lincolnshire Park.

911 ADDRESSING

Tracie Lewis updated Council on the 911 addressing of the Town streets.

PRESENTATION OF FY 13 BUDGET

Manager Wood presented the FY 13 Proposed Budget to Council. A Public Hearing was set for the June 12, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Buchanan thanked the Finance Committee for their work on the Budget.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CHECKS

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Fox to authorize Mayor Buchanan to sign checks during the transition of Town Manager. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

PHYSICAL SERVICES (STREET) COMMITTEE

The Physical Service Committee recommended the following streets to be paved: Fourway Intersection (Advance Auto), Dogwood Road and Steeles Lane.

Councilmember Blankenship stated if there is money left over after paving other streets would be considered for paving.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mullins from the Community Service Committee stated a replica of the old train station was presented to the Town from Larry Anthony a resident of the Town of Tazewell.

EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Murray stated he had received complaints about Rescue Squad and Fire Department charges for patients.

PUBLIC HEARING – COVE CREEK PROPERTY

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Murray to hold a Public Hearing for the sale of Town property at Cove Creek.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Councilmember Blankenship Resolution Number: ES050812

Motion Seconded by: Councilmember Murray Meeting Date: May 08, 2012

Vote: All voted aye Purpose: Personnel Matter

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas, the Tazewell Town Council has convened an executive session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such executive session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell Town Council.

VOTE

Ayes: Councilmembers Blankenship, Brown, Fox, Mullins, Murray, Willis

Nays: None

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.)

Absent during vote: None

Absent during meeting: None

Clerk, Linda S. Griffith

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Murray to immediately terminate George Pilkins as Fire Chief effective immediately. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye