

Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

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

Present:

Mayor Charles Grindstaff
Councilmember A. D. Buchanan
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Kim Long
Councilmember Danny Willis

Absent:

Councilmember Chris Blankenship

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott and Police Chief, Brian Hieatt.

Mayor, Jack Harry was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

Manager Wood announced that Mayor Harry had resigned as Mayor.

James E. Blevins, Circuit Clerk swore Charles Grindstaff as Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Jack Harry, which will expire on June 30, 2010.

Mayor Charles Grindstaff thanked everyone for their support over the years and was honored to be the Mayor for the Town of Tazewell.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Willis to appoint Councilmember Buchanan as Vice-Mayor. On vote, Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Chief Hieatt presented the Citizen's Police Academy participants a diploma for completion of the Academy. Chief Hieatt stated this was the second Citizens Police Academy that has been taught.

All citizens who attended the class were excited about the class.

Suzanna Grindstaff, a citizen academy graduate, stated she wanted to commend police officers for doing a wonderful job in teaching the class it and has made her a better citizen.

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Ruth Kendrick stated this academy should be continued. She also stated the police officers did a wonderful job and in appreciation presented a donation to Chief Hieatt from Sam Lester.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Robinson, a resident of 101 Tazewell Avenue, came before the Council commending the street maintenance crew on a job well done on the snow removal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of December 8, 2009. On vote, Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Manager Wood wanted to clarify in the December 8, 2009 minutes that the Town is not paying for an employee to attend forestry to get a degree. The Town employee is taking the class on his own. The Town only pays for classes pertaining to an employee's job.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the financial statements for December 2009. On vote, Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Fox stated he enjoyed the class with Auditors from Brown & Edwards and learned a lot of information in the meeting.

Manager Wood stated he was working on an accounting manual on proper procedures and compliance with laws and regulations.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the operating reports for December 2009. On vote, Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Manager Wood stated he advised Water Clerk, Billie McGinnis to estimate all water bills for January due the bad weather and not being able to read the meters.

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BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Manager Wood advised the boundary adjustment went into effect on January 1, 2010. New residents will receive letters on trash pickup and will be receiving new voter's registration cards. Manager Wood stated the population increased by approximately 500 citizens.

RIVERWALK PROJECT

Manager Wood stated he will meet with the state on January 20, 2010. He stated the river walk project will have more right-of-way and will be a lot nicer than expected, due to the state owning the right-of-way.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL

Councilmember Fox suggested that the Council meeting be televised on the community access channel for citizens who are unable to attend Council meetings. This would keep the citizens informed of what was going on in the Town.

Mayor Grindstaff stated he was concerned about the quality of the recording. He stated the citizens need to both hear, and see meetings and making this possible in a quality manner could become very costly. He suggested checking with Southwest Community College to see if they have the equipment to record the meetings. Mayor Grindstaff suggested the recorded meetings be reviewed before putting them on the community access channel for the quality of the recording.

BROAD BAND

Manager Wood stated the Broad Band Committee will meet on February 4, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.. A report will be presented and the board will be available to answer any questions. He stated that fiber optic will be routed to the Tazewell County Public Library.

Councilmember Buchanan suggested that the fiber optics be routed to the Town Fire Department.

Manager Wood advised that the fiber optics will be routed to the Fire Department for a disaster backup for our computer systems.

VDOT FUNDING

Manager Wood advised that the VDOT Street Maintenance funding has been reduced by the State through budget cuts.

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RESOLUTION

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell finds it convenient to maintain Chamber Drive leading to the Tazewell County Community Services Building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Tazewell wishes the Virginia Department of Transportation to place this street in the Town's maintenance system.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Manager

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grindstaff thanked everyone for their attendance.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Charles Grindstaff

Clerk Linda S. Griffith

Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Kim Long	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Chief, Brian Heatt; Public Works Director, Steve Frederick and Recreation Director, Betty Conn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the meeting order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Linda Griffith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Bourne, representative of Clinch Valley Community Action Family Crisis Program, asking Council to proclaim February 2010 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Bourne stated the Family Crisis Program is very active in the school system supporting action against teen violence. Ms. Bourne thanked Council for allowing her to speak at their meeting and for their support.

Mayor Grindstaff read the Proclamation for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Fox to proclaim February 2010 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Robert Brittain, a resident of Marion Avenue, came before Council requesting the Town consider doing a study to use LED lights for the street lights to save money.

Council asked that Manager Wood contact AEP concerning the LED lights.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of February 9, 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Long to approve the financial statements for February 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Manager Wood advised he has been working on the 2011 Budget and doesn't know the effect the state cuts will have on the budget. Manager Wood stated cut backs have already started.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the operating reports for February 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Fox questioned if the water bills had been estimated during the bad weather.

Manager Wood stated the water meters were not read in January or February 2010 due the weather conditions. Manager Wood stated an average of the last three months water usage was taken to determine the billings.

BROADBAND STUDY

Manager Wood stated he had received a draft report on the broadband study. A management plan will be completed to explore possible funding.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Manager Wood stated letters have been sent to residents taken in by the boundary adjustment. There are some discrepancies concerning some residents that received letters that were not in the boundary adjustment.

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VDOT RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilmember Blankenship stated that the Department of Transportation wanted the Town to schedule a public hearing to receive public comments to discuss the bridge at the Tazewell Farm Bureau on Riverside Drive on either repair or replace. Also, a second public hearing is requested to receive public comments on removing or replacing the red light at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue and Fincastle to remove the traffic light or replace it.

Motion was made Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to hold a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the bridge at the Tazewell Farm Bureau located on Riverside Drive to repair or replace. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to hold a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. to remove or replace the traffic light located at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue and Fincastle Turnpike. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye, Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

REPORT ON TELEVISION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Manager Wood reported he had spoken with someone concerning televising the Council Meeting, but due to the weather they were unable to attend the meeting. Manage Wood stated if the meetings were done live it would involve the FCC regulations.

BUDGET REPORT

Manager Wood stated he had began work on the Budget for 2010-2011 and it will be a difficult budget due the state revenue reduction.

SIDEWALKS

Manager Wood reported that he had purchased a lawn mower with snow blade to clean snow off of the sidewalks.

Councilmember Buchanan stated that the Tazewell Post Office should be responsible for cleaning their handicap ramp from snow.

Mayor Grindstaff stated that the citizens are responsible for cleaning their own sidewalks in front of their residence.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Kim Long	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Grindstaff asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of February 9, 2010. On vote, Vice Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Long to approve the financial statements for February 2010. On vote, Vice Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Vice-Mayor Buchanan to approve the operating reports for February 2010. On vote, Vice Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Chief Hieatt discussed a report showing all the fines broken down per officer that were recovered from cases in the General District and Juvenile Courts for 2009 totaling \$74,552.00.

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REQUEST FROM CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION

Manager Wood stated he had received a request from Clinch Valley Community Action to grant them a 60 day extension on condemnation notice for property located at the corner of Elk Street and Central Avenue. If the property is not sold within the 60 days the property will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Fox to grant Clinch Valley Community a 60 day extension on condemnation notice for property located at the corner of Elk Street and Central Avenue. On vote, Vice Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

DRYTOWN/RAMEY SEWER

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to instruct Manager Wood to pursue funding for the Drytown and Ramey Chevrolet sewer line extension. On vote, Vice Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

BROADBAND GRANT

Manager Wood advised Council that the Broadband Grant completion date was extended until June 30, 2010.

SPEED SIGN

Manager Wood advised Council of the report in packet showing the speed summary of February 22, 2010 – February 28, 2010 on Tazewell Avenue.

Council suggested the speed sign be placed at different locations on Town streets. Council was pleased with the results received from the speed sign.

BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

Council received a request on funding for the Brain Injury Services. This request was referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

VDOT – REVENUE SHARING

Manager Wood asked Council for direction on applying for Revenue Sharing money. Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Vice-Mayor Buchanan requesting the Town support and participation on obtaining Revenue Sharing monies for 2011.

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STREET MAINTENANCE

Councilmember Willis suggested that the sidewalk at North Tazewell be cleaned and also gravel needs to be placed on the shoulders of the road.

Councilmember Blankenship stated that Fincastle Turnpike needs to be milled in the future before repaving the street.

Manager Wood stated that it was very expensive to mill a street and the Town only mills the street when it is required by VDOT.

Councilmember Blankenship stated the water problem at the Cave Store needs to be corrected before new pavement is done.

Manager Wood stated he would talk with Marty Holloway with VDOT to see if these problems on Fincastle could be done as a project.

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE II

Councilmember Buchanan questioned the water lines that have to be replaced on Bland and Fincastle Turnpike.

Manager Wood stated the lines will be done as soon as the weather breaks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Mayor Buchanan suggested that an Economic Development Committee be formed to promote business into Town if someone is looking for real estate property.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Kim Long	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Grindstaff called the public hearing to order.

A joint public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. with VDOT and Town Council to receive public comments on the relocate funds for repairs the bridges on Route 61 and Riverside Drive (near Farm Bureau Office) to improve the traffic pattern.

Mayor Grindstaff asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Grindstaff called the next public hearing to order to receive public comment on removal of the traffic signal at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue and Fincastle Turnpike.

Jack Murray, of 885 E. Fincastle, asked why the Town wanted to tear down the oldest light in town. Mr. Murray stated the red light was necessary to prevent accidents, because he was almost hit (3) times in the last (2) two weeks.

Dennis Robinson, of 101 Tazewell Avenue, stated there were many close calls of accidents at the red light. He stated the red light had been there at the intersection at least 30 years and there is more traffic today. Mr. Robinson stated he would give the Town permission to place the red light pole in his yard and asked that the red light not be removed.

Kay Allison, of 311 E. Pine Street, stated the red light was visible from her house and she could hear brakes very often. She stated the stop signs are run everyday at the North Tazewell Post Office and cars turn right all the time and do not pay attention to the “no right turn” sign.

Jack Murray asked if the intersection was one of the most traveled intersections in Town.

Manager Wood stated it was.

Marty Holloway, representative of VDOT, presented the finding of the traffic study, which was performed by VDOT using National Transportation Standards. He stated a very detailed traffic

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study was done at the peak traffic time, which was in the afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. After completed the study Mr. Holloway advised it was the recommendation of VDOT to follow the removal of the traffic signals.

Bill Buffalo stated that previous year's studies showed the traffic light was needed and he didn't understand now why they wanted to remove the light.

Mr. Holloway stated over time the traffic pattern changes.

Manager Wood stated the technology was not available years ago to conduct studies that we have today on traffic lights.

Chief Pilkins stated the Fire Department is called to more accidents at intersection of Main Street and Fairground Road (Hurst Scott Funeral Home) and at Steeles Lane.

Councilmember Buchanan questioned the cost to replace the traffic light.

Mr. Holloway stated it he would be approximately \$300,000 or more to replace the red light.

Mr. Holloway thanked Council and Manager Wood for their willingness to work with VDOT over the years.

Council also thanked Mr. Holloway for his help and support for the Town.

Mayor Grindstaff closed the Public Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the regular scheduled meeting to order with the pledge and invocation by Linda Griffith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Allison, of 315 Pine Street, stated the creek on Larimer Lane needed to be cleaned out. Also, there was a garage doing vehicle maintenance near her house. She asked that someone check park on Tazewell Avenue between 10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. for loud music.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2010

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded Councilmember Blankenship of March 2020. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the operating reports for March 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Blankenship asked about the reduction in speeding tickets for the month of March 2010.

Chief Hieatt stated the speed sign has cut down speeding on streets.

VDOT ALLOCATION REQUEST

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Long to approve VDOT to allocate funds for the Route 61 Bridge and Riverside Drive Bridge (near Farm Bureau) projects and authorized the Manager Wood to sign documents. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program may approve an urban highway project in the Town of Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, also in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, a public hearing was conducted before the Town Council of the Town of Tazewell, meeting in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, on the urban highway project; and

WHEREAS, also in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, it is necessary for the Town of Tazewell and the Virginia Department of

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Transportation to enter into an agreement to effect the execution of the urban highway project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for an official of the Town of Tazewell to be authorized by the Town Council for the Town of Tazewell to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation establish an urban project for the Riverside Drive Bridge (near Farm Bureau Office) Project and in accordance with Section 33.1-44 of the Code of Virginia, and that, if the Town of Tazewell subsequently elects to cancel this project, the Town of Tazewell hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of the costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager for the Town of Tazewell is hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Town of Tazewell for the prosecution of the urban project hereinabove requested.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2010.

Charles C. Grindstaff, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Linda S. Griffith, Clerk

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program may approve a locally administered urban highway project in the Town of Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, also in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, a public hearing was conducted before the Town Council of the Town of Tazewell, meeting in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, on the locally administered urban highway project; and

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WHEREAS, also in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation construction allocation procedures, it is necessary for the Town of Tazewell and the Virginia Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement to effect the execution of the locally administered urban highway project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for an official of the Town of Tazewell to be authorized by the Town Council for the Town of Tazewell to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation establish a locally administered urban project for the Route 61 Project and in accordance with Section 33.1-44 of the Code of Virginia, and that, if the Town of Tazewell subsequently elects to cancel this project, the Town of Tazewell hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of the costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager for the Town of Tazewell is hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Town of Tazewell for the prosecution of the locally administered urban project hereinabove requested.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2010.

Charles C. Grindstaff, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Linda S. Griffith, Clerk

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Long to accept the recommendation of VDOT to remove the traffic light at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue and Fincastle Turnpike and authorize Manage Wood to sign documents. On vote,

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Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, nay; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye; Councilmember Buchanan (obtained from voting due to conflict of interest family member working at VDOT) Motion passed 3 to 1 vote.

Councilmember Fox was against the removal of the traffic light.

Councilmember Willis stated the Town had no other choice, but to accept the recommendation of VDOT to remove the traffic light. The study took a year and the Town could be liable in the future.

Mr. Holloway stated the Town was not charged for the study that was done on the traffic light. This cost was donated to the Town. He also stated steps will be taken to notify citizens before the light is totally removed.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood stated the Dry Town Sewer Project money could possibly be applied for in the summer.

VIDEO OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilmember Fox questioned the progress of recording the Council Meeting to be videoed on the community access channel.

Manager Wood stated he would have a price by the May meeting.

SPRING RIVER CLEAN UP MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia's rivers contribute to providing the Commonwealth with the basis of her wealth, a high standard of living, and economic growth and stability; and

WHEREAS, preserving the quality and quantity of valuable clean water resources is of vital importance to the citizens of the Commonwealth and to the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Tazewell Soil & Water Conservation District, has set aside April, 2010 as Rivers Clean Up Month in Tazewell County; and

NOW WHEREAS, I, Dr. Charles Grindstaff, Mayor, do hereby recognize April, 2010, as Rivers Clean Up Month in the Town of Tazewell and call its significance to the attention of our citizens.

Dr. Charles Grindstaff, Mayor

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SPRING CLEANUP MONTH

Council proclaimed April 15 – May 15, 2010 Spring Cleanup Month.

THANK YOU

Councilmember Fox thanked secretaries in the office and Recreation Director for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010

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

Present:

Mayor Charles Grindstaff
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Councilmember Chris Blankenship
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Danny Willis

Absent:

Councilmember Kim Long

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Chief, Greg Layne; Public Works Director, Steve Frederick and Recreation Director, Betty Conn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the regular meeting to order with the pledge and invocation by Linda Griffith.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Grindstaff presented Jack Harry with a gift of appreciation for his dedication as Town Mayor.

Mayor Grindstaff presented Linda Griffith with a thank you gift for having a good idea.

GARY SERGENT – RELAY FOR LIFE PROCLAMATION

Gary Sergent, Chairman of Relay for Life, came before Council asking them to proclaim June 21-27, 2010 as Relay for Life Week. He suggested everyone participate in the Relay for Life event and to make sure all cancer survivors are registered.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the proclamation to proclaim June 21-27, 2010 as Relay for Life week. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Buffalo advised the Town Council that the Billy Wagner signs were missing on the west and east sides of Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Council Minutes and Work Session Minutes of April 13, 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Vice-Mayor Buchanan asked that corrections be made to the Work Session Minutes of April 13, 2010

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded Councilmember Willis to approve the financial statements for April 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the operating reports for April 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Vice-Mayor Buchanan questioned the water accountability reports for April 2010.

Manager Wood stated he had received the report today of 75% accountability.

STREET LIGHTS

Manager Wood presented a contract from AEP on the installation of street lights for the new boundary adjustment. Manager Wood said he would update Council on street lights at the next meeting.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANTS

Manager Wood advised that the School Resource Officer Grants are matching 50/50 grants and Chief Layne is looking into obtaining additional grant money from Department of Criminal Justice.

SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood advised that a meeting would be held on June 2, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Dry Town, Ramey Chevrolet and County Farm Road sewer project.

FIRE HYDRANTS AT SCHOOLS

Manager Wood stated Thompson and Litton evaluated the fire flow at the fire hydrants at Tazewell High School, Tazewell Middle School and Tazewell Elementary School. The report showed the fire hydrants at Tazewell Elementary School and Tazewell Middle School are inoperable. The report showed the fire hydrants at Tazewell High School are limited by the service area at the end of Brook Street, which would entail installation of a pump station needed.

Council suggested Manager Wood meet with Charlie Simpson to discuss the fire hydrants at the schools.

PRESENTATION OF FY11 BUDGET

Manager Wood presented the FY11 Budget to Council. Manager Wood stated the General Fund includes an increase of 1% of meals tax and an \$1.00 increase in refuse collections. The Water Fund includes an 8% rate increase of water and sewer.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY11 BUDGET

Council set a Public Hearing for the FY11 Budget for June 8, 2010.

Mayor Grindstaff stated if any Councilmember's had any questions concerning the FY11 Budget to ask Manager Wood.

DISASTER RECOVERY

Manager Wood advised the Town was eligible for disaster recovery fund for the severe weather during December 18 – January 20, 2010. The Town will be reimbursed for equipment hours, labor, and salt and debris cleanup. Manager Wood stated he and Robin Brewster had met with a representative from the VDEM Public Assistance Fund.

RESOLUTION – VDOT PROJECT

R E S O L U T I O N

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Tazewell Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, on a motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship, the following resolution was adopted. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

AGREEMENT EXECUTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation project agreement procedures it is necessary that a resolution be received from the local government authorizing execution of an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Tazewell wishes to remove the Maplewood Project and the Fairground Road Project from the Six Year Plan and all remaining funds be allocated to the Riverside Drive Bridge (near Farm Bureau Office) and Route 61 Projects.

ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2010.

A COPY ATTEST

Jerry G. Wood
Town Manager

CONGRATULATIONS

Mayor Grindstaff congratulated Chief Layne and new Councilmember Jack Murray.

Chief Layne introduced Darren Jessee as the new investigator for the Tazewell Police Department.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

Bettye VanDyke commended Council for the remodeling done to the American Legion Building. She stated she had heard a lot of nice comments. She also stated she hoped the next project for Council was the Train Depot Station.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2010

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Kim Long	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Chief, Greg Layne; Public Works Director; Steve Frederick; Recreation Director, Betty Conn and Fire Chief, George Pilkins.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY11 BUDGET

A Public Hearing was held for the second reading of the FY11 Budget. Mayor Grindstaff asked for any public comments on the FY11 Budget.

Jack Murray, a resident of 885 East Fincastle Turnpike, stated he didn't understand why the internet cost \$30,000 in the FY11 Budget.

Manager Wood stated the internet budget line item included internet equipment repairs, cost of computer repairs, town web-site, fiber optics for each department and payroll fees. The Town internet services are provided by Time Warner and Bristol Utilities.

With no further public comments, Mayor Grindstaff closed the Public Hearing until the 7:30 p.m. regular scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the regular meeting to order with the pledge and invocation by Linda Griffith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Cruey, a resident of 116 Hopkins Street, asked if the Town could reduce the speed limit to 15 mph and place a children playing sign on Hopkins Street.

Council directed Manager Wood, Chief Layne and Public Works Director Frederick to reduce the speed limit on Hopkins Street if it is justifiable.

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Steve Halley, with Brain Injury Services, came before Council requesting funds for the Brain Injury Services in the Town's FY11 Budget.

Dr. Tom Conley, a resident of 427 East Fincastle Turnpike, stated that Tazewell County 911 doesn't know where he lives and stated every resident is paying monthly fee for 911 services.

Manager Wood advised Dr. Conley that the County has received a grant and is currently working on the 911 addressing.

Dr. Conley stated the Town needed a siren for emergency situations to warn the community of tornados, floods, etc.

Irma Mitchell came before Council on behalf of property located on Railroad Avenue asking the Town to help locate the relatives of the property. She also requested that the Town not tear down the property and how could the Town remove the belongings when she was told by Attorney Mullins nothing could be taken out of the house.

Attorney Pyott, stated there was nothing the Town could do to assist her.

Manager Wood stated the Town would condemn the house and a lien would be put on the property.

Mayor Grindstaff advised Mrs. Mitchell the Town Council and staff are responsible to follow the Town Code.

Paul Brewster, a resident of 216 Third Street, asked if the Town was doing paving this year and they had done a good job last year.

Manager Wood advised there will be work conducted on bridges, curb and guttering and paving for the upcoming budget year.

Mayor Grindstaff thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Vice-Mayor Buchanan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of May 11, 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the financial statements for May 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye;

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Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the operating reports for May 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Mayor Grindstaff stated that the Recreation Director, Betty Conn, and the employees did a great job on opening the pool.

SECOND READING OF FY11 BUDGET

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the FY11 Budget as presented. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

REPORT ON SEWER FUNDING

Manager Wood reported on the funding for the sewer line for Dry Town, County Farm Road and Ramey's 19/460. The deadline to file for funds is March 2011.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Manager Wood reported that he had met with VDOT for the replacement of the Riverside Drive Bridge replacement. He will be working with engineers on right of ways, etc.

VRS RESOLUTION – MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Pick-up the Employee's Contribution to VRS Under § 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code For Plan 2 Employees

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly, in its 2010 session passed legislation creating a separate retirement plan for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010 (hereafter referred to as "Plan 2 Employees"). The legislation stipulates that Plan 2 Employees will pay their 5 percent member contribution and that, absent other action by the employer, such contribution will be paid through salary reduction according to Internal Revenue Code § 414 (h) on a pre-tax basis; and

VRS RESOLUTION – GROUP LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VOLUNTARY GROUP LONG TERM CARE
INSURANCE PROGRAM
EMPLOYER ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT executed this ____ day of _____, 20____, between _____ hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”, and the Virginia Retirement System (“VRS”).

Recitals

- A. The Commonwealth of Virginia has established, and VRS has assumed responsibility for, the Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long Term Care Insurance Program (the “Plan”) in which employees of local governments, local officers and teachers, as defined in Section 51.1-513.3 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (the “Code”), may participate, and
- B. Pursuant to the same section of the Code, the Employer desires to enter into an Agreement with VRS to permit participation in the Plan by its employees, and
- C. The official entering into this Agreement is duly authorized on behalf of the Employers Governing Body.

Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the benefits arising from cooperation between the Employer and VRS to provide long term care insurance coverage to the employees of the Employer, the parties do agree as follows:

- 1. VRS represents and warrants to the Employer that it will comply with all applicable laws affecting the Plan.
- 2. VRS represents to the Employer that it shall provide sufficient services to administer the Plan and to appropriately respond to inquires by employees and participants.
- 3. The Employer acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions established in the Plan.
- 4. The Employer agrees to provide the VRS selected long term care insurance carrier with a mail file of all active employees, in the format provided by the insurance carrier.

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5. When requested by VRS or the insurance carrier, the Employer shall permit the VRS selected long term care insurance carrier to conduct group and individual meetings for the purpose of explaining the Plan or enrolling employees on the Employer's premises during normal working hours subject to such reasonable restrictions that the Employer communicates in writing to VRS and which are accepted by VRS.
6. The Employer elects does not elect to offer their employees payroll deduction. If the employer elects to offer payroll deduction, the employer shall be responsible for remitting premiums under the Plan to the VRS-selected long term care insurance carrier in accordance with the established processes and procedures promulgated by VRS or the insurance carrier.
7. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by written agreement between VRS and the Employer.
8. The term of this Agreement shall be for three years beginning on the date of its execution, and thereafter may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Employer Virginia Retirement System

By: _____ By: _____
Title: _____ Title: _____

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to authorize Manager Wood to sign documents to allow the Town employees to participate in the Group Long Term Care Insurance Program at the employee's expense. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

JEFFERSONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Manager Wood advised that the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad Board met on June 3, 2010 and requested that the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad be under the authority of the Town of Tazewell.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Long effective as of July 1, 2010 that the Town of Tazewell accept the recommendation of the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad Board to be under the authority and primary care of the Town of Tazewell. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Mayor Grindstaff thanked the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad members for a wonderful job done and proud of the work they have preformed to benefit the Town citizens.

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Manager Wood stated that Irma Mitchell stood behind the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad and encouraged and hold the squad together over the years.

RECOGNITION OF COUCILMEMBER LONG

Mayor Grindstaff recognized Councilmember Long for her devoted eight (8) years of service on Town Council stating he appreciated her very much and it was a pleasure to work with her on Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2010

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Chief, Greg Layne; Public Works Director, Steve Frederick; Recreation Director, Betty Conn and Fire Chief, George Pilkins.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the regular scheduled meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance by Linda Griffith. Mayor Grindstaff welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers Jack Murray, Terry Mullins and re-elected A.D. Buchanan, Jr.

RECOGNITIONS

Chief Layne recognized Sergeant White, Investigator Jessee, Officer Barrett and Accreditation Manager Shaun Hurd on accomplishments on obtaining their associate degrees from Southwest Community College.

Former Police Chief, Brian Hieatt presented the Citizen's Police Academy participants a diploma from completion of the Academy. Mr. Hieatt thanked Town Council, Town Manager and the Police Chief for allowing him to continue teaching the Citizen's Police Academy.

Councilmember Willis stated he was pleased with the attendance for the Citizen's Police Academy. He stated he has known Officer Jeff White and Walter Barrett for many years and was glad to see them obtain an associate degree and thanked them for their dedication.

Councilmember Mullins stated that education should be a top priority for Town employees.

Councilmember Buchanan stated he was very pleased with the outcome of the Citizens Police Academy.

Councilmember Blankenship thanked all the citizens for their time spent in the Citizens Police Academy.

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Councilmember Fox stated was pleased with Officers receiving their associate's degree. He stated the Citizens Police Academy has been a good program for the citizens, which help them look out for their neighbors and to know more about law enforcement.

Councilmember Murray stated the attendance was very good for the Citizens Academy and asked that these citizens get involved in attending Town Council meetings.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Grindstaff read his recommendations for the two year appointments (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2010).

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2012

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>
FINANCE	A.D. Buchanan, Jr., Chairperson Terry Mullins Chris Blankenship	Budget Debt Services Financial Services Audit/Internal Control
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Chris Blankenship, Chairperson Danny Willis Jack Murray	Police Fire Lifesaving Hazardous Materials
PHYSICAL SERVICES	Danny Willis, Chairperson Chris Blankenship A.D. Buchanan, Jr.	Street Improvements/Paving Sidewalks Bridge Maintenance Sanitation/Recycling
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Terry Mullins, Chairperson David Fox Jack Murray	Recreation Planning/Zoning Community Services/Programs Beautification
UTILITIES	David Fox, Chairperson Terry Mullins Danny Willis	Water Operations/Services Sewer Operations/Services Line Maintenance Tank Maintenance

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INTERNAL ADMIN.

Jack Murray, Chairperson
David Fox
A.D. Buchanan, Jr.

Codes/Ordinances
Intergovernmental Relations
Miscellaneous Legal Matters
Citizen Complaints

Council Appointments and Staff Appointments\

Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Town Manager Jerry G. Wood
Town Clerk Linda S. Griffith
Town Attorney F. Bradley Pyott
Fire Chief George Pilkins

Motion was made Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Murray to accept the two year appoints. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brett St. Peter, resident of 132 Dogwood Road, came before Council requesting help with a drainage problem when it rains.

Manager Wood advised him he would look at the problem to see what could be done about the drainage. Manager Wood also stated the Town had a long range plan for this area.

Paul Brewster, resident of 216 Third Street, came before Council stating the Town needed proper signage for street maintenance crew. He addressed when the striping of the streets and crosswalks were going to be done. Mr. Brewster stated he would help the Town with patching if they need his help.

Jeff Ingram, resident of 107 Faith Street, thanked the police department for educating the citizens. He stated it has been an eye opening experience. He also complimented the Town workers on the snow removal and appreciated the work that was done in the winter for trash pickup done on a timely manner and how the workers take pride in their jobs.

Kay Allison, resident of 317 East Pine Street, stated the Town did a good job on paving, but two (2) drains needed to be cleaned out.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of June 8, 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the financial statements for June 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the operating reports for June 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Blankenship questioned the monthly water accountability report.

JEFFERSONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Manager Wood stated that Mayor Grindstaff had written a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for the equipment for the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad. The Jeffersonville Rescue Squad vehicle owned by Jeffersonville Rescue Squad is now on the Town's insurance policy. Manager Wood stated the Board of Supervisors had some concern that needed to be addressed at their August 2010 meeting.

Council suggested that Council meet before the Board of Supervisors meeting to prepare for the meeting.

Councilmember Blankenship stated he would prepare a presentation for the Board of Supervisors meeting.

BROAD BAND GRANT

Manager Wood stated he had filed the final paper work for the broad band grant.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT

Manager Wood stated the School Resource Officer Grant monies have been approved.

Councilmember Fox questioned how Officer Farthing was doing. Councilmember Fox stated he hated to see her leave that she has done a good job and has worked really hard. Councilmember Fox stated she should be honored for her hard work.

SPEEDING ON HOPKINS STREET

Manager Wood reported that the speed limit on Hopkins Street will not be changed due to the findings that 75% of motorist were going under 20 mph.

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE ADOPTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, that Section 12-1, Adoption of State Law of Article I, of Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Section 12-1 - Adoption of State Law Pursuant to the authority of S46.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, all of the provisions and requirements of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia contained in Title 46.2 and in Article 2 (S18.2-266, et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, except those provisions and requirements, the violation of which constitute a felony, are hereby adopted and incorporated in this Chapter and made applicable within the Town of Tazewell. References to “Highway of the State” contained in such provisions and requirements hereby adopted shall be deemed to refer to the streets, highways and other public ways within the Town. Such provisions and requirements are hereby adopted, mutatis mutandis, and made a part of this Chapter as fully as though set forth at length herein, and it shall be unlawful for any person, within the Town of Tazewell, to violate or fail neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of Title 46.2, or of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia which is adopted by this Section; and the

Council of the Town of Tazewell does hereby adopt and impose the same penalties for the violation of any provision or requirement hereby adopted as in imposed for a similar offense under Title 46.2, or under Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, subject only to any limitation of the Charter of the Town of Tazewell.

An emergency exists and this Ordinance shall be in effect from the date of its passage.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to adopt the ordinance. On vote, On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye;
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Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye;
Councilmember Willis, aye.

SPEED LIMIT ON FINCASTLE TURNPIKE

Councilmember Blankenship asked if the speed limit be changed back to 45 mph instead of 35 mph on Fincastle Turnpike going toward 19/460 going toward Bluefield and the off ramp to business to Fincastle Turnpike. Numerous motorists have complained about the speed limit change and taking the Dry Town exit so they want travel Fincastle Turnpike due afraid of getting a speeding ticket.

Chief Layne stated the Town roads cannot have a 45 mph speed in the town limits and no one is receiving tickets. Officers are just giving warning.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Manager Grindstaff recessed the meeting until August 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2010

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott and Recreation Director, Betty Conn.

Mayor Grindstaff asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Shawn Hess.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Grindstaff stated Delores Scarberry was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Grindstaff stated Council has reviewed and is studying the drainage problem on Hill Avenue at Ms. Scarberry's residence on 704 West Riverside Drive.

Kay Allison, a resident of 317 Pine Street, came before Council requesting that the creek be cleaned out at her residence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of July 13, 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council postponed the approval of the July 2010 financial statements until the August 28, 2010 Council Retreat to give Council time review the reports.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the operating reports of July 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

REPORT ON DRY TOWN/COUNTY FARM ROAD SEWER

Manager Wood stated he had received the estimated project cost of \$3.5 million for the Dry Town Sewer Line Extension. Manager Wood stated that he would meet with funding agencies in September 2010.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Willis to grant Manager Wood permission to pursue funding for the Dry Town/County Farm Road Sewer Extension Project. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON DOGWOOD ROAD

Manager Wood reported the Phase I of the drainage problem on Dogwood Road at the St. Peters residence will begin this week on Marion Avenue,

INMATE WORK PROJECT

Manager Wood reported that the inmates from the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office have done a wonderful job weed eating, picking up trash, etc. in the Town. Manager Wood advised that the School Resource Officers Michelle Infante and Jeff Cole have overseen the inmates while school is out for the summer. The inmates are very happy doing clean up for the Town.

Jack Murray asked if the inmates could sweep up the gravel at his business, due to the Town employees half way doing their job.

Kay Allison questioned if the Town had a sidewalk ordinance.

Manager Wood stated the Town does have a sidewalk ordinance, but it is not enforced.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

Manager Wood advised the Police Department is undergoing their accreditation renewal and things are going very well. The accreditation team reviews all files, tour the 911 office and the Tazewell County Jail.

Sergeant Jeff White stated the accreditation team was very impressed with the Police Department vehicles and equipment.

VRS- LEO SUPPLEMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Fox suggested the Town pass a resolution for the Police Department to receive the LEO Supplement Retirement with the Virginia Retirement System.

FY10 AUDIT

Manager Wood reported the FY10 Audit is going very well and the Auditors should finish up this week on the preliminary work and should have audit to submit to the State Auditors by the end of August 2010.

Manager Wood stated the Auditors were very pleased with the office staff on having information ready to be audited and for taking measures for internal control procedures.

STORM WATER GRANT

Manager Wood asked for direction from Council on obtaining a storm water grant through the Department of Forestry in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Murray to allow Manager Wood to proceed with obtaining a storm water grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry in the amount of \$20,000. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Manager Wood advised a meeting will be held in the Council Chambers in September 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with the Director of Transportation.

DATE CHANGE OF SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING

Motion was made Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Willis to change the September 14, 2010 meeting to September 21, 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

GIRLS SOFTBALL RECOGNITION

Vice-Mayor Buchanan suggested that Council recognize and honor the 9 & 10 year old softball for their accomplishments of being third in the State tournaments.

RECESSED

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff recessed the meeting to the American Legion Building on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2010**

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Fire Chief, George Pilkins, Recreation Director, Betty Conn and Captain Jeffersonville Rescue Squad.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Grindstaff asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan to approve the Council Meeting August 3, 2010, Work Session Minutes and August 10, 2010 and Council Retreat Minutes. Councilmember Murray request that a correction to the Council Retreat Minutes to state that Mayor Grindstaff requested Council to go through Manager Wood when addressing concerns. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded Councilmember Mullins to approve the financial reports for August 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

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Councilmember Murray questioned the capital improvement expense line item in the General Fund Financial Statement.

Clerk Linda Griffith stated she was not sure, but stated a partial expense was probably for the Dunford Park shelter.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the operating reports for August 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Mayor Grindstaff thanked Recreation Director, Betty Conn, for the 2010 pool activity report.

Vice-Mayor Buchanan suggested that the pool be opened up from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. after hours for students.

VRS - LEO RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Councilmember Fox questioned the LEO Retirement for police officers.

Manager Wood stated he or Linda Griffith will check into the LEO Retirement by next meeting.

REPORT ON DRY TOWN/RAMEY SEWER EXTENSION

Manager Wood reported a meeting will be held on October 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Dry Town/Ramey Sewer Extension. Thompson & Litton, DEQ, Cumberland Plateau, Department of Community and Housing Development will be present to discuss funding for the sewer line extension.

REPORT ON DOGWOOD DRAINAGE PROJECT

Manager Wood stated the Dogwood drainage project is 75 percent complete at the St. Peter's resident. All trees and scrubs have been removed.

JEFFERSONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD PROCEDURES

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Murray to adopt the organizational chart for the Town of Tazewell Fire and EMS and the Financial Organization Procedures. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

JVRS Financial Organization

2011 Budget Year

New line items under the Fire Department Account will be set up on the town's books as follows:

Revenue

001-000-3900 3rd Party Revenue

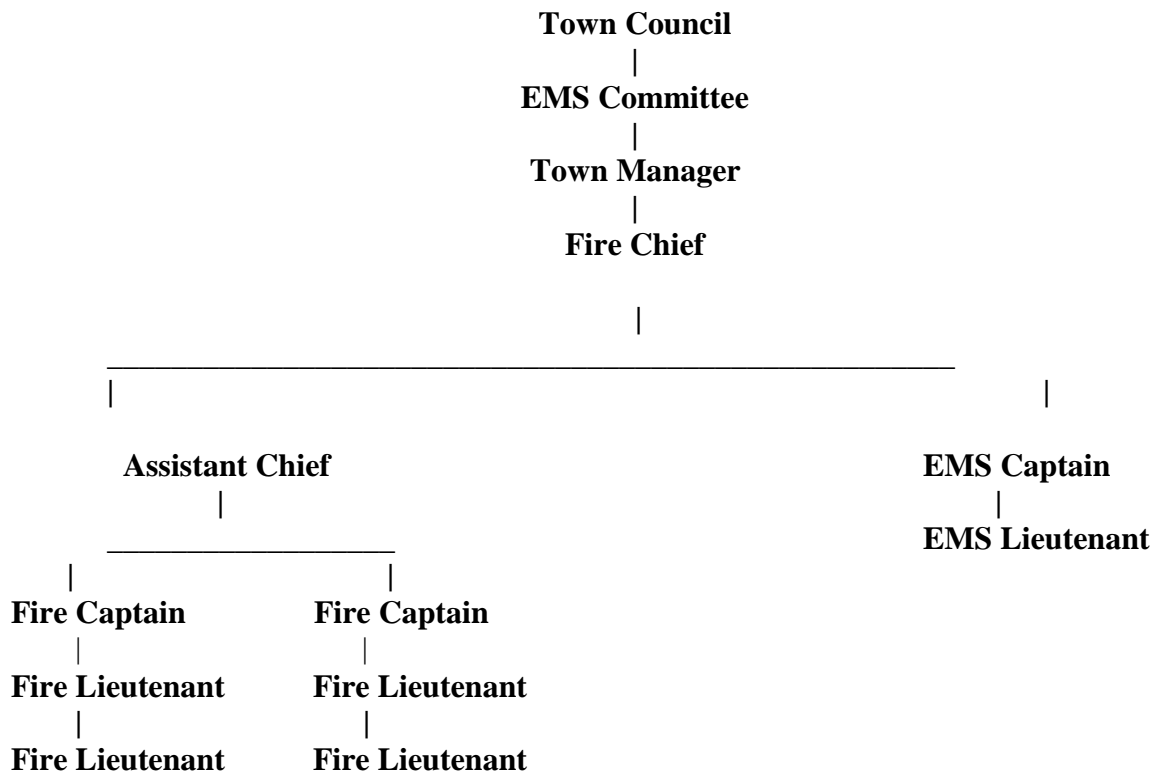
Expense

001-025-4300 3rd Party Personnel

001-025-4270 3rd Party Expenses

Once deed is recorded, all funds will be transferred into the Towns' General Fund Account. Beginning with the 2012 Budget additional Line Item accounts will be established as necessary. Approved September 21, 2010

**Organizational Chart for the Town of Tazewell
Fire and EMS**



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SALES TAX REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

Manager Wood advised he had received a sales tax repayment agreement from the Board of Supervisors and Jim Spencer, Tazewell County Administrator.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox that Council take no action until the meeting is held with other towns and instructed Manager Wood to write a letter to Jim Spencer advising him of Council's decision regarding the sales tax repayment agreement and copies be sent to the other Towns'. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

TAZEWELL LITTLE LEAGUE

Councilmember Willis questioned the Tazewell Little League that was discussed in the Council Retreat.

Manager Wood stated the old bleachers were taken out and the tree has been cut from Mike Hymes property, and a new exit has been constructed at the Tazewell Little League so traffic can flow better.

KID'S FISHING DAY

Manager Wood advised Council that Shaun Hurd had obtained a grant from Walmart to have a Kid's Fishing Day at Dunford Park on October 2, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for kids 10 years and younger. The Tazewell Police Department will be doing the cooking and prizes will be given.

Councilmember Murray offered to donate fish for the event.

Chief Layne thanked Councilmember Murray, but stated fish had to be purchased out of the grant money.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING RENTALS – ALLOWING ACHOLIC BEVERAGES

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to allow organization to have alcoholic beverages on the premise of the American Legion Building at a rate of \$200 per day and the renter would be responsible for obtaining a one-day ABC License. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, nay; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, nay; Councilmember Willis, aye. Motion passed on a 4 to 2 vote.

RESOLUTION – NAMING LINCOLNSHIRE TRAIL

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the public works crew has completed a long-awaited walking trail around Lincolnshire Lake for the benefit of all citizens in Tazewell and the Tazewell area; and

WHEREAS, the first official use and dedication of this trail was on September 11, 2010;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, I, Mayor Charles C. Grindstaff, on behalf of the Town Council of Tazewell Virginia, officially name this trail “Patriot Trail”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patriot Trail is dedicated to all military service personnel, veterans, emergency services personnel, town employees, and town citizens.

Given under my hand this 21st day of September, 2010.

Charles C. Grindstaff
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jerry G. Wood
Town Manager

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Murray to except the resolution of naming the Lincolnshire Trail the Patriot Trail and place a sign at Lincolnshire Park naming the trail. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Mayor Grindstaff stated that the out of town visitors attending the triathlon at Lincolnshire Park were astonished with the facilities.

Councilmember Fox questioned if the Town could provide handicap parking spaces at Lincolnshire Park.

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Manager Wood stated he was planning on doing a dock for the handicap to be able to fish on the lake. He stated he would get a cost estimate to have by December 2010 when tax revenues are available.

RAILROAD POLES – RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Councilmember Blankenship stated that the railroad poles need to be removed on Riverside Drive across from Lincolnshire Park entrance.

Council asked Manager Wood to write a letter to the railroad concerning the removal of the poles.

HISTORICAL PROPERTY ON TAZEWELL AVENUE

Manager Wood stated that some historical property had been purchased on Tazewell Avenue and the individual is planning on making the property into a General Store and Coffee House. Manager Wood stated this individual has experience and involvement with historical properties and would like to invite him to Council meeting so they could meet this individual.

OTHER ISSUES

Councilmember Fox thanked Manager Wood for having Cottage Hill weeds trimmed. Councilmember Fox asked if the grass and trees be trimmed on Surface Drive.

Councilmember Willis stated there was a limb hanging down at the bridge at North Tazewell and a stump that needs to be removed at a resident.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned.

**Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010**

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Police Chief, Greg Layne and Captain Jeffersonville Rescue Squad, Heather Stiltner.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bettye VanDyke and Betty Melvin with the Tazewell County Fair Association came before Council requesting the Town's donation for the 2010 Music show at the Tazewell County Fair.

Betty Melvin presented a Financial Statement from their Auditor to Council and stated there was some misunderstanding for the procedures on making a request for funds. Mrs. Melvin stated the Tazewell County Fair Association was a 501© 4 non-profit organization, but did have to pay Virginia state sales tax.

Bettye VanDyke stated the fair benefits the community and brings revenue into the Town and stressed the need for sponsors.

Charles Earnest, a resident of 165 Raybrook Street, Baptist Valley Road, came before Council hoping to get answers for the employees on the status of the Tazewell Community Hospital. He stated it was time someone takes a stand for the community to keep the hospital. Mr. Earnest stated the community needs to be healthy and sick people need a hospital, not pretty buildings.

Mayor Grindstaff stated he was sorry, but he didn't have an answer for him about the Tazewell Community Hospital now "Carillon". He stated this subject was discussed about an hour before the meeting with Councilmember's.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of September 21, 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the financial statements for September 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Murray questioned the capital improvement expense item.

Manager Wood advised he explained in the financial reports notes that an error had been made and corrected.

Vice-Mayor Buchanan questioned the progress on the tax tickets.

Manager Wood advised Leeanne Billings was working on the tax tickets and they should be completed by the by October 31, 2010.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the operating reports for September 2010. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Vice-Mayor Buchanan questioned the monthly total of assisting other agencies on the police report.

Chief Layne stated that it was definitely an error.

Mayor Grindstaff commended the Tazewell Police Department for the kid's fishing day. He stated it was very impressive to see kids sitting on their parents and grandparents laps fishing.

Council also thanked Councilmember Murray for his donation to the kid's fishing day.

Mayor Grindstaff thanked the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad for attending the kid's fishing day.

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Mayor Grindstaff suggested that the age limit be raised due to some kids being older than ten in elementary school.

Chief Layne stated that several of his officers donated their time for the kid's fishing day.

Councilmember Mullins stated he had heard very good comments on the kid's fishing day.

UPDATE ON HOUSE NUMBERING

Manager Wood updated Council on the house numbering. Manager Wood stated he and Robin attended a meeting on October 4, 2010 and met with GeoComm. It was determined that the Town is ahead of other Town's on the progress of renaming streets and house numbering. Manager Wood stated the office staff had done a wonderful job of renaming streets and house numbering. Status reports will given to the Town weekly. The reports should be submitted to the post office for approval by November 22, 2010.

Mayor Grindstaff questioned if the Town has to wait on the other Towns to do our house numbering.

Manager Wood advised the Town has approval to proceed with the house numbering due to the progress that has been made.

PRESENTATION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Manager Wood presented Town Council, Town Clerk and the Town Attorney with a copy of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Virginia Conflict of Interests Act and the Virginia Public Records Act. Manager Wood stated it is the responsibility of each Town Council member, Town Clerk and Town Attorney to read and know the information.

VRS – LEO RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Manager Wood presented information to Council on the cost for a LEO retirement for Police Officers. The Virginia Retirement System is doing a cost estimate for the Town. There be an actual cost of \$1,250 for the cost of the study for LEO's.

REPORT ON DOGWOOD ROAD DRAINAGE

Manager Wood reported that the Dogwood Road drainage project is 95% complete. The citizens on Dogwood Road are very pleased with the results of this project.

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PUBLIC HEARING – K. C. LEWIS STREET CLOSING REQUEST

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Murray to hold a public hearing on November 9, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. to close an alley on Barnette Drive. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OBSERVANCE OF HALLOWEEN HOURS

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to observe Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

REQUEST FROM LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to allocate up to \$1,300 from community support expense account for concrete at the Little League Baseball Field. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

LEAF PICKUP FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Vice-Mayor Buchanan to only pickup leaves in bags with their regular trash pickup, due to not having proper equipment to pickup leaves. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, nay; Councilmember Mullins, nay; Councilmember Willis, nay. Due to a tie vote Mayor Grindstaff voted aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Councilmember Jack Murray as the Town Council representative to the Planning Commission. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye. Councilmember Murray abstained from voting.

TOWN ELECTION

Council discussed changing the Town Charter for Town elections to be held in November instead of May.

Manager Wood stated Council want to look into changing the term of the Mayor from a two-year to a four year term.

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Council asked that Debbie Barrett be contacted to come before Council to discuss the cost effectiveness of changing the election.

RETIREMENT – RECREATION DIRECTOR BETTY CONN

Councilmember Buchanan stated he would like to commend Recreation Director, Betty Conn, and wish her the best in retirement.

Mayor Grindstaff commended Recreation Director, Betty Conn, and stated he appreciated everything that she has done for the Recreation Department.

Manager Wood invited Council to a retirement luncheon on October 28, 2010 for Betty Conn. Manager Wood stated that Betty Conn has volunteered to help until a director is hired.

Councilmember Fox commended Mrs. Conn for a job well done.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood reminded Council of the meeting October 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on the Dry Town Sewer Project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010**

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Charles Grindstaff
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Councilmember Terry Mullins
Councilmember Jack Murray
Councilmember Danny Willis

Absent:

Councilmember Chris Blankenship
David Fox

Staff present were Town Manager, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith and Police Chief, Greg Layne.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council held a public hearing in the Council Chambers to receive public comment from interested parties on a request to vacate an unimproved right of way on Barnette Drive.

Mayor Grindstaff opened the public hearing to receive public comments.

John Monk, an adjoining property owner, stated he owns lots 1, 2 and 3 and if the right of way is vacated he has no access to his property.

Karl C. Lewis, property owner making the request to close alley on Barnett Drive, stated he had no intention to land lock anyone from their property.

Councilmember Murray asked Mr. Lewis what was the purpose of closing the right of way.

Mr. Lewis stated he just wanted to clean up the alley.

Mayor Grindstaff stated the street viewing committee will view the alley and make a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Grindstaff closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grindstaff called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Manager Wood.

PRESENTATION BY GARY DILLON WITH DCJS

Gary Dillon, with the Department of Criminal Justice System, presented Chief Layne with their new reaccreditation certificate.

Chief Layne thanked all of his Police Officers, Flora Sinkford, and Shawn Hurd for all of the hard work performed to accomplish on the reaccreditation.

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BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION BY FLORA SINKFORD

Flora Sinkford recognized the Town of Tazewell Beautification Committee for their hard work on the committee. Mrs. Sinkford also thanked Jim Talbert with Clinch Valley News for his advertisement in the local paper for the Beautification Committee.

Manager Wood presented Mac Buchanan, Vivian Herald and Kim Santolla with a token of appreciation for all their hard work on making the Town of Tazewell beautiful.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelley Jones came before Council concerning a speeding ticket her son received on the exit from 19/460 onto Fincastle Turnpike. The speed limit was reduced to 35 mph and it was her understanding the Town Police was issuing only warnings.

Chief Layne advised the speed limit was changed in July 2010 and warnings were given for July and August 2010 to give the residents time to adjust to speed change.

TOWN ELECTIONS – DEBBIE BARRETT

Debbie Barrett, Tazewell County Registrar, came before Council to advise them of the cost for the Town Elections if the Town doesn't change their election dates. If the Town doesn't hold election with other state elections, the approximate cost will be from \$3,000 - \$5,000. Mrs. Barrett stated the election date for the Town would have to be changed from May 2012 to November 2011. The Town would have to submit a request to the State Legislative to change the Town Charter, and afterwards to the Justice Department for final approval.

Mayor Grindstaff stated Council needed to decide immediately what direction to take due to the election being in 2012.

Mayor Grindstaff thanked Mrs. Barrett for coming to Town Council and informing them of these changes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of October 12, 2010 with corrections. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the financial statements for October 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Murray questioned the budget line item real estate taxes.

Manager Wood advised the real estate tax line item is the amount billed for 2010 taxes.

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Vice-Mayor Buchanan questioned the audit fees and if these fees included the 2010 audit fees.

Manager Wood advised the audit fees did include the 2010 audit fees.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Mullins to approve the operating reports for October 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood stated that he and Vice-Mayor Buchanan met with the funding agencies for the Dry Town Sewer Project. Request for Proposals will be sent out for Utilities Committee to interview engineers in December 2010 before Christmas.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Willis to authorize Manager Wood to send out Request for Proposals for the Dry Town Sewer Project. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

JEFFERSONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Manager Wood advised the transition went well with the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad. Manager Wood asked Town Council attend the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on December 7, 2010 concerning the donation of rescue squad vehicles to the Town of Tazewell.

NORTH TAZEWELL WATER TANK

Manager Wood stated he had scheduled a meeting with Charles Rest on December 9, 2010 to discuss a plan to repair or replace the North Tazewell water tank.

STREET LIGHTS

Manager Wood advised Council the street lights have been ordered for the newly annexed areas, but have not yet been placed on the poles. Mr. Belcher, who had been working on the street lights has taken another job.

TAZEWELL COUNTY FAIR

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded Mullins to pay the Tazewell County Fair \$2,500 for 2010. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Buchanan stated the Town should get involved with the music group for the Tazewell County Fair.

Councilmember Murray stated the Tazewell County Fair needed a commitment from the Town before putting advertisement in the programs.

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RFP – OLD NORTH TAZEWELL DEPOT

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Murray for Manager Wood to proceed obtain funding. Request for proposals for the Old North Tazewell Depot at North Tazewell. On vote, Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

2012 TOWN ELECTION

Council discussed the 2012 Town Election. All Councilmembers present agreed to wait until all Councilmembers were present to discuss the 2012 Town Election.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – BARNETTE DRIVE

Council asked that the Physical Service Committee Councilmember Willis and Councilmember Blankenship to look at the alley on Barnette Drive before the next council meeting.

MAIN STREET

Vice-Mayor Buchanan stated he appreciated the Street Maintenance Department putting up the flags on Main Street for Veterans Day.

TREE LIGHTING – MAIN STREET MINI PARK

Manager Wood stated the tree lighting at the Main Street Mini Park will be December 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Grindstaff the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**Council Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2010**

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Charles Grindstaff	None
Vice-Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	
Councilmember Danny Willis	

Staff present were Town Manger, Jerry G. Wood; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott and Police Chief, Greg Layne.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney, Roger Mullins came before Council representing Carl Mullins on flooding problems at his residence on Brook Street. Attorney Mullins stated he had been to Council in the past about the flooding problem. Attorney Mullins asked that Town Council look at the drainage problem at the bridge located on Brook Street.

Mayor Grindstaff advised Attorney Mullins and Carl Mullins that Town Council will look at the flooding problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, Councilmember Mullins to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of November 9, 2010 with a correction change from Councilmember Grindstaff to Mayor Grindstaff. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, Councilmember Willis to approve the financial statements for November 2010. Councilmember Murray stated how can the financial statements be approved, when Council had less than 24 hours to review the report. On vote,

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Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, nay; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, nay; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the operating reports for November 2010. Vice-Mayor Buchanan recommended that all vehicles donated to the Town be approved by Town Council. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Manager Wood stated he would have Fire Chief Pilkins report to Council at the next meeting on the vehicle that was donated to the Fire Department.

SNOW REMOVAL

Councilmember Blankenship stated he traveled from Charleston, WV to Tazewell and did not encounter slick roads until he got back to Tazewell.

Manager Wood asked the Public Works Supervisor, Lawrence Sheppard how much salt had been utilized in the first two snow storms this winter.

Lawrence Sheppard advised he had used more than 20 tons of salt this winter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox for the Public Works Director or anyone acting in that capacity is instructed to follow the State of Virginia Department of Transportation Standards for winter condition road treatment with snow/ice removal chemicals such as salt. The Public Works Department is directed to pre-treat in winter warning conditions and to treat road conditions following the State of Virginia practices. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Blankenship stated he wanted to make sure the Town employees have the equipment needed for snow removal.

REPORT STREET CLOSING – BARNETTE DRIVE

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Fox to close a portion of Barnette Drive unnamed right-of-way per the request of Carl Lewis. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

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REPORT ON NORTH TAZEWELL WATER TANK

Manager Wood stated he had met with Charles Rest, State Health Department and Thompson and Litton engineers on a schedule on the North Tazewell water tank repairs. Manager Wood stated he would bring back to Council in February 2011 or March 2011.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Wood advised the Utilities Committee would be interviewing engineers on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. to negotiate procure a design Dry Town Sewer.

TOWN ELECTIONS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox for a resolution be drafted by the Town Attorney to change the Town Election date to November 2011 from May 2012. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Attorney Pyott stated he would get back with Council at the January 2011 meeting with the guidelines on changes to the Town Charter.

STREET NAMING

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to name street located at North Tazewell Mona Street (between First and Third Street). There is only one resident on the street. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

TAZEWELL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint Terry Long to the Tazewell County Airport Authority term expiring December 31, 2012. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Vice-Mayor Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Manager Wood invited Council to the Christmas Party on December 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

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JEFFERONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Councilmember Blankenship thanked Council for their support and once again advised the Town not sign an agreement between the Town and the Board of Supervisors.

Attorney Pyott stated he would meet with Tazewell County Attorney, Eric Young and Tazewell County Sheriff Caudill and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before, Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.