Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009

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

Present:	Absent:
Vice-Mayor Charles Grindstaff	Mayor Jack Harry
Councilmember Blankenship	
Councilmember A. D. Buchanan	
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 Hieatt; Public Works Director, Steve Frederick and Fire Chief, George Pilkins.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Brewster, a resident of 216 Third Street, asked that the Town replace the signal light at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue and Fincastle Turnpike. Mr. Brewster also asked if the Town was finished with paving this year. He also stated Whitley Branch Road Bridge and the bridge at Tazewell Farm Bureau were in need of repair.

Manager Wood advised Mr. Brewster that Pine Street, Fairground Road and at the North Tazewell Post Office still need to be paved. Manager Wood told Mr. Brewster the Town was in the process of repairing the bridge mentioned.

Councilmember Blankenship advised street paving was increased by 35% for the fiscal budget year.

Edith Jackson, a resident of 103 Elm Street, came before Council concerning the Town police stopping her grandson while he was visiting. She stated that the police followed her grandson and thought he was a drug dealer. Ms. Jackson feels that the police owes her grandson an apology.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of August 11, 2009 and Minutes of

August 17, 2009. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

OPERATING REPORTS

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

Councilmember Buchanan thanked Chief Hieatt for his detailed police report.

NORTH TAZEWELL DEPOT

Manager Wood stated he would like to refurbish the North Tazewell Depot by obtaining grants. He stated the Chamber of Commerce Office is willing to relocate their office to the depot station.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan for Manager Wood to draft an agreement with the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce and to obtain grants to refurbish the North Tazewell Depot. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

SEWER AGREEMENT - PSA

Town Attorney, Brad Pyott stated he had met with Tazewell County Public Service Authority (PSA) and Attorney, Eric Young for revisions to the sewer agreement with the Town.

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Long to accept the sewer agreement between the Town and Tazewell County Public Service Authority (PSA) with the revisions. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Blankenship asked that a diagram be included and coded in the agreement showing the Town's sewer lines and the Tazewell County Public Service (PSA) sewer lines.

DEMOLISH – HOUSE ON HOPKINS STREET

Manager Wood requested that Council approve a bid of $2,090 for removal of house located on Hopkins Street, North Tazewell.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to accept the bid for $2,090 for removal of house located on Hopkins Street. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

SEWER LINE DRY TOWN

Manager Wood stated that he had applied for a grant from Cumberland Plateau to provide a P.E.R. for a sewer line to the Dry Town residents including Ramey Chevrolet on Route 19/460.

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship for Manager Wood to proceed with obtaining a grant through Cumberland Plateau to provide sewer line to the Dry Town residents and Ramey Chevrolet contingent of receiving grant. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

TOWN FIRE DEPARTMETN REQUEST

Manager Wood presented a request from the Tazewell Fire Department to increase the membership and purchase a tanker due to the Town annexing more residents into the Town, Tazewell Community Hospital, Heritage Hall Nursing Home, and Tazewell Middle School.

Council asked that Fire Chief Pilkins do a presentation to Council.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Long to reschedule the rezoning request to 813 East Fincastle Turnpike till October 13, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Vice-Mayor Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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I, Linda S. Griffith, Clerk, do certify that this is a true and correct excerpt of the Town of Tazewell Council meeting minutes of September 8, 2009.

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Linda S. Griffith, Clerk