Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2009

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

Present:
Mayor Jack Harry
Vice-Mayor Charles Grindstaff
Councilmember Chris Blankenship
Councilmember A. D. Buchanan
Councilmember Kim Long
Councilmember Danny Willis

None:

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 Recreation Directory, Betty Conn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry called the May 12, 2009 meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Linda S. Griffith.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

School Resource Office, Jeff Cole gave a presentation on the activities with the Police Explorers' Club at Tazewell High School. Several of the students were present at the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Grindstaff thanked Officer Cole for taking on the responsibility and congratulated him on a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes of May 12, 2009. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Long to approve the financial statement for April 2009. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

OPERATING REPORTS

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

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE II

Manager Wood reported the Water Line Replacement Project Phase II was behind schedule due to rock on Wilson Street. Manager Wood stated that Rural Development looked at the project and was very pleased with the progress.

NORTH TAZEWELL WATER TANK

Manager Wood stated he met with Rural Development to discuss the possibility of installing a variable speed pump at the Water Plant so they could take the North Tazewell water tank off line for maintenance or purchase a new tank.

RESOLUTION – PISGAH SEWER PROJECT

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell is supportive of the development of the Pisgah, Virginia Sewer Project, which will serve Historic Crab Orchard Museum, the Farm Heritage Center and the Pisgah Store; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell is working closely with Historic Crab Orchard Museum to plan and devise a sewer connection between the Pisgah site and the Town of Tazewell Sewage Treatment Plant one mile away. We are committed, along with the other Tazewell County towns, to assisting the County with installation of the connection; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell, Virginia will initiate the effort, coordinate town resources and assist with labor and equipment to install the connection. The County will also work with the towns to determine needed materials and permits and devise ways to procure or purchase them. With this sewer connection, economic development in the area surrounding the museum will be enhanced dramatically; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we are pleased to be able to assist Historic Crab Orchard Museum with this important project so that the Site Development Phase for the Farm Heritage Center may begin and the Pisgah Store may be utilized. We recognize the significance of the museum to our county and support their efforts to initiate economic development to the benefit of all county citizens.

Given under my hand this 12th of May, 2009.

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Jack H. Harry, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

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Jerry G. Wood, Town Manager

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Resolution in support of the Pisgah Sewer Project. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

PRESENTATION OF FY10 BUDGET

Manager Wood presented the FY 10 Budget to Council and stated the only increase was a three percent increase in sewer rates, which was recommended by Rural Development for the Town to be eligible to obtain loans and grants.

Councilmember Blankenship commended Manager Wood on his presentation of the FY 10 Budget.

Vice-Mayor Grindstaff stated he liked the expense breakdown and the budget was very well presented.

Council questioned if the annexation was included in the FY 10 Budget.

Manager Wood advised it wasn't due to the annexation has not been approved yet.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion was made by Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Fox to hold a public hearing on June 9, 2009 at 6:45 on a rezoning request of Henry Nickols. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Fox to hold a public hearing on June 9, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. on a rezoning request of Bobby Matney. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, seconded by Councilmember Long to hold a public hearing on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 10 Budget. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

APPROVAL OF PAVING BID

The following streets were recommended by the physical service committee for street paving: East Fincastle Turnpike (from Joshua Street to Hardees), West Main Street, Fairground Road, Blackwell Street, West Fincastle Turnpike (Tazewell High School to Cargo), Thorn Street, Tazewell Avenue (from red light to North Tazewell Railroad Tracks), Ben Bolt and Pine Street.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the bid from W & L Construction for paving at $73.75 per ton of asphalt. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

APPROVAL AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING ROOF

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Long to accept the bid proposal from Twin Enterprises in the amount of $34,500 for the roof at the American Legion Building. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Harry adjourned the meeting until the next scheduled meeting.