Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor Jack Harry	None
Vice-Mayor Charles Grindstaff	
Councilmember Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember A. D. 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 Hieatt; Public Works Director, Steve Frederick and Recreation Director, Betty Conn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry called the April 14, 2009 meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Linda S. Griffith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Robinson, a resident of 101 Tazewell Avenue, came before Council inquiring if the Town could help him with cutting his hedges, until his shoulder recovers from surgery.

Manager Wood stated the Town would remove the hedges if he would give the Town permission to remove them.

Mr. Robinson asked that he be there when the Town removes the hedges.

Councilmember Grindstaff thanked Mr. Robinson for being a good citizen of the Town of Tazewell and working with the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan to approve the minutes of Public Hearings of March 3, 2009, Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes of March 17, 2009 and Council Retreat of March 28 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 Vice-Mayor Grindstaff to approve the operating reports for March 2009. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

Councilmember Buchanan asked if the mileage for police and fire departments could be put on the monthly reports.

REPORT ON CDBG GRANT

Manager Wood reported that the CDBG grant application was filed on the 1st of April 2009.

STIMULUS MONIES

Manager Wood advised Council he would be attending a meeting in Wytheville with Rick Boucher as the speaker on Monday, April 20, 2009 to request stimulus monies.

BAPTIST VALLEY SEWER

Manager Wood reported that Tazewell County will approach Town Council with a proposal for the Baptist Valley Sewer Project once they have received the value of the water lines in the Dry Town area.

AMERICAN LEGION ROOF BIDS

Manager Wood advised an ad has been placed in the local paper to receive bids on the replacing the roof at the American Legion Building.

WATER TANK AT NORTH TAZEWELL

Councilmember Buchanan questioned the water accountability for the monthly.

Manager Wood stated that all the leaks were probably not included in the monthly accountability report.

Councilmember Fox questioned the bids on the water tank at North Tazewell.

Manager Wood stated bids have been sent to Thompson and Litton and he is waiting for their report back. The cost estimate to repair the tank will cost in excess of $100,000.

ZONING REQUEST

A rezoning request from Henry and Peggy Nickels for two (2) parcels of land located on the Fincastle Turnpike was presented to Council.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, seconded by Councilmember Long to hold a joint public hearing with Town Council and the Planning Commission May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. On vote, Councilmember Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Buchanan, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Vice-Mayor Grindstaff, aye; Councilmember Long, aye; Councilmember Willis, aye.

FIRE STATION REPAIRS

Vice-Mayor Grindstaff stated he would like to commend the Town workers for doing a great job on the repairs at the Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Harry adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting.