

**Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013**

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

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Chief, DeWitt Cooper and Fire Chief, Josh Roberts.

PUBLIC HEARING – VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Town of Tazewell applying for funding from the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Program in the amount of \$2,814,806. The purpose of the proposed project is to extend public wastewater collection to the Drytown/Ramey/County Farm Road areas of the Town.

Mayor Buchanan asked if any anyone attending the meeting had any public comments or questions concerning the proposed project to extend public wastewater collection to the Drytown/Ramey/County Farm Road. There were no public comments.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – A. D. (Mac) BUCHANAN

Fire Chief, Josh Roberts, read the following resolution to honor A. D. (Mac) Buchanan by naming the Tazewell Fire Department in his honor:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A. D. (Mac) Buchanan, was born in Tazewell, Virginia on January 17, 1922, and was the son of the late L. C. & Mary Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan served his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 he joined the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department and stayed until 1969; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 he helped to organize the Tazewell County Fire Department and stayed until 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 he was appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department where he served the department until he retired in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan has also contributed to his community by operating Buchanan's Greenhouse and supplying the Town of Tazewell with beautiful flowers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan and his wife Maxine of 64 years have two sons, Roger and Don and one daughter Mary Ruth; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan's loyalty and service to his community has not gone unnoticed; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell Town Council desires to commemorate Mr. Buchanan and further hereby adopts this resolution in support of naming the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department, located on the west end of Main Street in Tazewell, "The A. D. (Mac) Buchanan Fire Station"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Tazewell Town Council also desires to hold a dedication in honor of Mr. A. D. (Mac) Buchanan at the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2013.

Adopted this the 15th day of January, 2013 by the Town of Tazewell Town Council of Tazewell, Virginia.

A. Donald Buchanan, Jr.
Mayor

Chief Roberts stated a dedication in honor of A. D. (Mac) Buchanan will be held at the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2013.

Manager Day stated it was a privilege to be a part of the dedication of the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department. Manager Day stated he appreciated the members and their dedication of the fire department. Manager Day thanked Mr. Buchanan for his dedicated service to the Town of Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Resolution in naming the Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department after A. D. Buchanan, Jr.. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the project and activity reports for December 2012. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Manager Day commented on the monthly labor rate comparison that is included in the reports. Manager Day stated the employees are doing a wonderful job on cutting costs.

OLD DRY CLEANING BUILDING – RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Manager Day advised Council of the asbestos report on the Old Dry Cleaning Building on Riverside Drive and was concerned about underground storage tanks on the property. Manager Day stated he and Chief Cooper was meeting with Tazewell County to research the Virginia Maintenance Code to be able to declare the building condemned. Manager Day stated the Town doesn't have qualified training at this time to condemn the building.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAM

Manager Day advised Council he had applied for five (5) grants and the Town has received all of the grants from the Department of Conservation for repairs for the Lincolnshire Dam. Manager Day stated the Virginia Game and Inland Fishery will help with repairs to the dam.

RESOLUTION – URBAN MAINTENANCE VDOT

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to approve the Resolution – Urban Maintenance –VDOT. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Manager Day stated the annual revenue for the added streets would be approximately \$150,000 per year.

PAST DUE REAL ESTATE TAXES

Council tabled past due taxes until the meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Leeanne Billings, a member of the Tazewell Chamber of Commerce, reported to Council that a Tazewell Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 to vote on new members. Ms. Billings advised that the Chamber Banquet will be on Friday, January 25, 2013.

FAIRGROUND ROAD PROPERTY

Attorney, Brad Pyott, stated the complaints on Fairground Road property would be addressed under the Town of Tazewell zoning code as an issue of violation in an R-1 single family dwelling. Under the Virginia State Code this situation could be a considered nuisance.

Manager Day stated he would investigate the orientation of the families and take action and write a letter to landowner.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day stated the Public Hearing was to finalize the environmental issues for the Dry Town Sewer Project.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Chris Blankenship as Vice-Mayor. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint the following for a (2) year term to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Steve Lutz, Benny Moore, John Walker, Joe Bowen, William Benson and Brad Pyott. On vote, Vice-Mayor

Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Planning Commission appointments were tabled, until appointment of another member.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appointed Chris Brown for the representative for Economic Development. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint Councilmember Mullins as the representative for “The Crooked Road” committee and Mayor Buchanan be an alternate. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox, seconded to appoint Todd Day as Town Manager. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Murray to appoint Linda S. Griffith as Town Clerk. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Brown to appoint Brad Pyott as Town Attorney. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Josh Roberts as Fire Chief. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Catron to have a public hearing to adopt an ordinance for disposal of unclaimed property. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

RESOLTUION LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell is a Local Governmental Entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell understands the need to communicate all operations for public knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Tazewell find it necessary to utilize commercial banks as a location to house operational funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED according to Town Code 10-2 that the Town of Tazewell will utilize BB&T along with National Bank for such funds to be housed.

It is so approved this the 15th day of January, 2013.

A. D. Buchanan, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Todd Day
Town Manager

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the resolution. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

RT 61 PROJECT

Manager Day stated that everyone is still working on the easements for Route 61 Project. Manager Day stated the owner of the Barnes and Lester properties has agreed to donate their property in return for utility services.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission has recommended to Council to subdivide the property of Mary Barnett on 325 East Riverside Drive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to subdivide the property of Mary Barnett on 325 East Riverside Drive. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Vice-Mayor Blankenship stated the Emergency Services meet today and introduced and welcomed Jason Kinser, Captain of the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad.

DONATION OF POLICE CAR

Chief Cooper informed Council that Ramey Chevrolet had donated the Tazewell Police Department a police cruiser.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Chief Cooper advised everyone that the Citizens Police Academy will start on March 7, 2013 – May 9, 2013 if anyone is interested in attending.

FIRE HYDRANTS AT TAZEWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS

Manager Day stated that the fire hydrants are not working at the Tazewell County Schools and asked Council to consider taking over all the water lines that are 4” or larger so the Town could maintain leaks and this would help with the water accountability.

INTERNET SERVICES – TIME WARNER

Mayor Buchanan stated he had a lot of complaints concerning the internet services with Time Warner and asked Manager Day to contact a representative of Time Warner to attend Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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