

**Budget Work Session
March 7, 2013**

The Tazewell Town Council met in a Budget Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster.

Manager Day reviewed the 2012 Audit with Council to answer any questions and discussion.

Manager Day presented the Draft Copy of 2014 Budget for Council's review and discussion.

Work Session Minutes
March 12, 2013

The Tazewell Town Council held a work session in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Absent:
Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	None
Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember Chris Brown	
Councilmember Glenn Catron	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	

Staff present were Town Manager Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant Robin Brewster.

TAX COLLECTION AUTHORITY

Manager Day presented a contract with Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC (TACS) to collect the Town of Tazewell's delinquent taxes. Manager Day stated he recommended TACS to Council for collections of past due taxes. Manager Day stated that second notices would be sent out for taxpayers that have not paid their taxes.

Brad Pyott, Town Attorney stated that he had sat in on a TACS conference call and spoke with one of the attorney's. The Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC has three attorneys and thirty-five staff employees. The Town can collect real estate tax up to twenty years.

Vice-Mayor Blankenship asked how long was the town going back to collect delinquent taxes. Vice-Mayor Blankenship also asked that an ad be placed in the local paper and put on the Community Channel to let customers know the Town will be taking action through a collection company on delinquent taxes.

Councilmember Murray questioned if the 2012 taxes will be included in the delinquent tax list to be collected by the TACS.

Manager Day stated the 2012 tax will not be included in the list to be collected by TACS.

Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

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

Present:	Absent:
Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.	None
Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship	
Councilmember Chris Brown	
Councilmember Glenn Catron	
Councilmember David Fox	
Councilmember Terry Mullins	
Councilmember Jack Murray	

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

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES – HONORING ANDREW FOX

Brian Mullins, Chaplain for Tazewell Police Department, gave the invocation for the memorial service.

Town Council, Police Chief DeWitt Cooper, Sheriff Brian Hieatt, Tazewell Police Department, Tazewell County Sheriff's Department, Richland's Police Department, Bluefield Police Department, Virginia State Police, family members and co-workers came together to unveil a plaque in honor of Virginia State Trooper Andrew Fox. Andrew Fox was a former police officer for the Town of Tazewell. The plaque will be placed on the building outside of the Tazewell Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and the invocation by Brian Mullins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013. 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 February 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the project and activity report for February 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

TOWN SIGNS

Manager Day presented photos of samples of signs for Council to discuss for placement of Town of Tazewell signs on Route 19/460.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Jerry McReynolds, Jack Murray, Beverly Smith, Kim Santolla and Richard Taylor to the Planning Commission. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Bill Weeks to the Zoning Board of Appeals. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

HANDICAP PARKING ACCESSIBILITY

Brad Pyott, Town Attorney, advised he had reviewed the Town of Tazewell and Virginia Code for Handicap Parking Accessibility. Attorney Pyott advised that there is not Virginia Code provisions which permit handicapped parking access, nor are there provisions for a Town to permit such access by allowing handicap parking to park against the flow of traffic.

TAX AUTHORITY CONSULTING SERVICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to allow the Tax Authority Consulting Services, PC to proceed with collecting delinquent taxes and that the 2012 taxes not be included on the list of delinquent tax collections. On vote, Vice-Mayor

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

BACK OF THE DRAGON UPDATE

Chief Cooper updated Council on the Back of the Dragon event on June 1, 2013. Chief Cooper stated he has attended several meetings and all the details have been worked out for the event. It will take place at the old Ramey Ford building.

STREET STUDY

Chief Cooper stated he, Lieutenant White, Councilmember Mullins, Councilmember Fox and Councilmember Catron reviewed several streets and gave their recommendations to Council: Reduce speed limit on Pine Street from 25 mph to 15 mph; remove stop sign on West Tower Street, keep same speed limit on Ben Bolt Avenue and change speed limit on East Fincastle from 35 mph to 45 mph.

Manager Day stated, to his knowledge, the State of Virginia does not recognize speed limits less than 25mph.

Councilmember Fox stated he was concerned about changing the speed limit on East Fincastle due to the Moose Lodge having kids fishing in that area.

DONATION – BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to donate \$500 to the Brain Injury Services. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

DONATION - TAZEVELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Murray to donate \$1,000 to the Tazewell Historical Society. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye. Councilmember Mullins abstained from voting.

TAZEVELL COUNTY AIRPORT APPOINTMENT

The appointment for the Tazewell County Airport was tabled until a later day.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT – POLICE CAR

Chief Cooper asked Council to allow him to apply for a Rural Development Grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Fox to allow Chief Cooper to reapply for a new Rural Development Grant to obtain new police cruisers. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION -NATIONAL DAY FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEERS DAY

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Murray to proclaim April 9, 2013 as National Day for Senior Volunteers. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day updated Council concerning the Dry Town Sewer Project stating bids have been advertised in the local paper for contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Annette Smith, of 1010 Tazewell Avenue, came before Council asking if the Dry Town Sewer Project would provide jobs, and if there were state and local funds for the project. Ms. Smith was also concerned about the Carline Avenue and getting the community involved in picking up trash in the area.

Manager Day advised Ms. Smith he would provide gloves, trash bags, cleaning supplies, etc., whatever she needs for cleanup just to let him know.

Manager Day advised that it was state and federal funds and the project would provide locals jobs through Thompson and Litton Engineers.

Ms. Smith asked for trash containers and picnic tables for the Carline area. Ms. Smith was also concerned about the water running off of Fudge Street and guardrails at McDonalds.

David Havens, a resident of 102 Church Street, came before Council asking the Town to help fill in on his property to widen the street on Cover Alley off of Main Street.

Manager Day stated he would look at the property and report back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Councilmember Murray

Resolution Number: ES03122013

Motion Seconded by: Councilmember Blankenship

Meeting Date: March 12, 2013

Vote: All voted aye

Purpose: Discuss Ligation & Personnel

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas, the Tazewell Town Council has convened an executive session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such executive session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell Town Council.

VOTE

Ayes: Councilmember's Blankenship, Brown, Fox, Murray, Mullins, Catron

Nays: None

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.)

Absent during vote: None

Absent during meeting: None

Clerk, Linda S. Griffith

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.