

Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013

The Tazewell Town Council met at regular session at 8:00 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; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster and Fire Chief, Josh Roberts.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Buchanan recognized Mack Payne and Doug Repass for their years of service on the Planning Commission with an appreciation plaque.

JIM THOMAS – SWIM TEAM

Jim Thomas, a resident of 205 Maple Street, came before Council concerning waiving some of the fees of \$25 per lifeguard for the use of Lincolnshire Pool. Mr. Thomas also asked if the Town Council would consider naming the pool after Thomas Givens. Mr. Thomas asked if the Town would check into rider insurance for the swim team to help with their insurance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to donate \$600 to the swim team and Tazewell County match the donation. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statement for March 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

UPDATE – TAZEWEEL WELLNESS MOVEMENT SPRING EXPO

Councilmember Brown updated Council on the upcoming Tazewell Wellness Movement Spring Expo that will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Nuckols Hall. Councilmember Brown stated the event is free to the public and sixty-three vendors are attending, free door prizes, horseback riding, petting zoo and many other activities.

DRY TOWN/COUNTY FARM/RAMEY SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day stated bids were opened on March 27, 2013 for the Dry Town/County Farm/Ramey Sewer Project. Manager Day asked Council for permission to negotiate with the low bidders for each sewer project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to let the engineers negotiate on the contracts with the low bidders for the Dry Town/County Farm/Ramey sewer projects. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Manager Day discussed updating the building code so the Town could enforce and be more aggressive. Manager stated the building code enforcement will be enforced under the supervision of Chief Cooper.

REAL ESTATE TAX

Attorney Pyott advised the negotiation with the contact TAC is completed and collections should be turned over on June 1, 2013 for collection on delinquent taxpayers that have no enter to a payment agreement.

Council agreed that the taxpayers owing the current year will not be turn over to the collections agency.

MEALS TAX DISCOUNT

Manager Day recommended to Council that the Town remove the current deduction of a five percent discount for filing meals tax on time to food vendors. Making this change would increase the Town's revenue by approximately \$30,000.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to not give food vendors the five percent discount effective July 1, 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION

Attorney Pyott stated the Town Building Code needed to be updated and be consistent with the State Code and he will have a drafted update at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, for the FY2014 Budget. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

SPRING RIVER CLEAN UP

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Brown to proclaim April 2013 as Rivers Clean Up Month in the Town of Tazewell. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Brown to proclaim the month of May 2013 as Spring Cleanup Month for the Town of Tazewell.

DONATION – TAZEWELL FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

A request was made from the Tazewell Football Boosters for a donation.

Council tabled the request to the next meeting.

YMCA MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE

Robin Brewster stated she received a YMCA rate increase for membership dues for the Town of Tazewell employees. The increase would be approximately \$40 extra monthly.

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the YMCA rate increase for the Town employees. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

MOTION MADE BY: Councilmember Murray

RESOLUTION NUMBER: ES 04092013

MOTION SECONDED BY: Councilmember Brown

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2013

VOTE: All voted aye.

PURPOSE: 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 Blankenship, Brown, Catron, Fox, Mullins, Murray

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

Linda S. Griffith, Clerk of Council

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Fox to congratulate Todd Day as Town Manager on a job well done. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manager Day advised Council that the Economic Development meeting will be on May 6, 2013.

SVCC CLASS - TAZEVELL HIGH SCHOOL

Councilmember Mullins asked that Council do a resolution to keep SVCC classes at Tazewell High School.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.