

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2013**

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

**Present:**

Mayor A. D. Buchanan, Jr.  
Councilmember Chris Brown  
Councilmember David Fox  
Councilmember Jack Murray  
Councilmember Terry Mullins

**Absent:**

Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship  
Councilmember Glenn Catron

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper and Zoning Administrator, Donald Pruitt, Jr.

**PUBLIC HEARING – DRY TOWN/RAMEY/COUNTY FARM ROAD SEWER LINE**

Mayor Buchanan opened the Public Hearing for any public comments for the purpose of public comments on financing infrastructure improvements, including the construction and equipping of facilities for the Dry Town/Ramey/County Farm Road sewer line and related improvements to the wastewater system through a general obligation and water and wastewater system revenue bond issued by the Town and sold to the Virginia Resources Authority, administering the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund, in an estimated principal amount not to exceed \$2,988,696.70.

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.

**RECOGNITION GRIFFIN MCCOY SPELLING BEE SEMI-FINALIST**

Mayor Buchanan recognized Griffin McCoy for his accomplishment as a semi-finalist in the national spelling bee.

**TAZEWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Barbara Layne and Robin McCann came before Council representing the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce thanking Town Council for all the support the Town has given to the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Layne advised quarterly reports would be given to Council for review. Ms. Layne also thanked Councilmember Brown for the success of Spring Expo at Nichols Hall.

Ms. Layne and Mrs. McCann invited Town Council to their Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Manager Day stated he was very excited about working together with the chamber to make them successful.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the minutes of May 14, 2013. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statements for May 2013. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

### **PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded Councilmember Murray to approve the activity reports for May 2013. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

### **APPROVAL OF 2013/2014 BUDGET – SECOND READING**

Mayor Buchanan read the 2013/2014 Budget for the second time for approval.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the 2013/2014 Budget. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

### **DRY TOWN/RAMEY/COUNTY FARM SEWER PROJECT - AWARD LOW BIDS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to award Contract I Dry Town - Kanawha Stone Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,847,230.00. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to award Contract II County Farm - Teater's Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$273,080.00 On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to award

Contract III – Ramey - Frizzell Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,169,905.00. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

#### **DRY TOWN/RAMEY/COUNTY FARM SEWER PROJECT – BOND AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve a bond agreement in the amount of \$2,988,696 with an annual payment to VRA in the amount of \$145,000 for the Dry Town/Ramey/County Farm Sewer Project. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

#### **CONDEMNATION & NUISANCE ABATEMENT – OLD QUALITY CLEANERS BUILDING**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox for Manager Day to proceed with the condemnation and notice of nuisance abatement of the old Quality Cleaners located on Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, VA and for the condemnation letter is hand delivered the next morning.

#### **RESOLUTION – RED HAT SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Red Hat Society was started when Sue Ellen Cooper, the founder and Exalted Queen Mother of the Red Hat Society, saw a marvelous vintage red hat at a thrift store and purchased it; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Hat Society first “sibling” group was born in Florida and on April 25, 1998 the first tea party was held; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 40,000 Red Hat Society Chapters worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tazewell County, Virginia Chapter of the Red Hat Society has been chosen this year to represent the Southwest Virginia District Red Hat convention; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tazewell Town Council does hereby recognize August 24, 2013 as RED HAT DAY in the Town of Tazewell, Virginia.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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**A. D. Buchanan, Jr., Mayor**

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**Todd Day, Town Manager**

## **CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION BALL FIELD ASSISTANCE**

Manager Day stated he received a request for help on the ball field on old Tazewell Avenue Carline section for Clinch Valley Community Action.

## **SWCC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. – FESTIVAL OF ARTS**

Manager Day received a request from SWCC Festival of Arts requesting a donation of \$500 for the 2013 Festival of Arts.

## **HISTORICAL BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Mullins discussed placing signs on all historical buildings in the Town of Tazewell.

Council asked that Manager Day check on prices for plaques.

## **POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE**

Manager Day stated that the Planning Commission was getting off to a good start and will need an update from the Legislation to amend the Town Charter.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

Chief Cooper stated that the Neighborhood Watch Program is more detailed than just having a meeting together with the neighborhood must towns have a full time employee that specialist in these programs. Neighborhood Watch Program has to 100% participation. Also, the number of crimes in the area determines if there is a need for a Neighborhood Watch Program. Chief Cooper checked on Fairground Road July 1996 to date and found 84 incidents – 44 incidents were drunk in public during the Tazewell County Fair. Chief Cooper stated the program can be done if there is enough interest in the neighborhood for the program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Edith Jackson stated the Veterans Parade Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast will be on June 22 at Donnie's Place encouraged them to try to come.

Todd Day and Mayor Buchanan were appointed to the VML Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Resolution proclaiming Red Hat day. On vote: Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION**

Motion made by: Councilmember Brown  
Motion Seconded by: Councilmember Fox  
Vote: All voted aye

Resolution Number: ES06112013  
Meeting Date: June 11, 2013  
Purpose: Personnel Matter

### **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 Brown, Fox, Murray, Mullins,

Nays: None

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

Absent during vote: Councilmember Blankenship, Catron

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**Clerk, Linda S. Griffith**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come to Council, Mayor Buchanan closed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

