

Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014

The Tazewell Town Council met in regular session at 7:30 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 Terry Mullins
Councilmember Jack Murray

Absent:

Councilmember David Fox

Staff present were Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper; Zoning Administrator, Donald Pruitt, Jr.; Fire Chief, Josh Roberts and Public Work Director, Lawrence Sheppard, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MAIN STREET FIRE

Fire Chief Josh Roberts thanked all the Fire and Rescue Departments from the surrounding areas for their quick response and teamwork on the December 31, 2013 fire on Main Street. Chief Roberts stated that approximately 6,240,000 gallons of water was used on the building fire.

RECOGNITION – DONALD PRUITT, JR.

Council recognized Zoning Administrator, Donald Pruitt, Jr. for his accomplishments in being certified in property maintenance through the State of Virginia.

GINGER BRANTON – CART

Ginger Branton, Executive Director of CART, came before Town Council along with other members of the CART Board requesting the Town to consider allowing her to apply for a matching grant for CART. Ms. Branton stated the deadline for the application is April 1, 2014.

RESOLUTION – RECOGNITION CAROL GREEN ROBERTSON

Mayor Buchanan recognized Carol Green Robertson for her accomplishments as being named Virginia Tech's first-ever head women's golf coach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

Vice-Mayor Blankenship stated the EMS Committee met and discussed a lot of great recommendation for emergency situations for shelters, color coding for fire hydrants so that the fire departments could determine where to draw water for fires.

Mayor Buchanan stated Chief Cooper just received three new vehicles for his department.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TCPSA

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Tazewell County Public Service Authority. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Councilmember Murray questioned would this agreement default the leachate from the Tazewell County Landfill.

Attorney Pyott stated it would not.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TOWN OF RICHLANDS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Richlands. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

DONATION REQUEST FROM TASK

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to make a \$500 donation to TASK. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

DONATION REQUEST – SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY

Council tabled request.

APPROVAL OF LETTER TO TONY ROOP, CHAIRMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve letter to Tony Roop, Chairman of Economic Development. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

APPROVAL OF FY 2013 AUDIT

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to approve the FY 2013 Audit as presented by Brown Edwards. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

YMCA BOARD REPORT

Vice-Mayor Blankenship reported the YMCA payroll of \$573,000 and had total number of 1475 members.

Councilmember Brown stated with regrets that Vice-Mayor Blankenship would no longer be on the YMCA Board.

TOWN MANAGER

Councilmember Brown suggested sending Manager Day on a business meeting every second Tuesday. No other responses were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.