

Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2014

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 David Fox
Councilmember Terry Mullins
Councilmember Jack Murray

Absent:

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; Zoning Administrator, Donald Pruitt, Jr.; Chief, Josh Roberts and Public Works Director, Lawrence Sheppard, Jr.

Planning Commission members present were Kenneth Mulkey and Benny Moore .

PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission and Town Council conducted a joint public hearing in the Council Chambers to receive public input on a proposed fee schedule for various services provided by the Town in the administration of Code Section 23-93, 23-100, 23-109, and 24-68.

There were no public comments for the proposed fee schedule.

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Mayor Buchanan presented each first responder a plaque of recognition and also businesses that opened their doors with coffee and food during the fire on December 31, 2013.

Chief Roberts thanked all of the Fire Departments and Rescue Squads for their teamwork during the fire and stated if the departments needed help in the future to please call upon their help.

Councilmember Murray stated he had spoken with former Tazewell County Fire Chief Bill Allison stating that Chief Roberts could have not done a finer job on the December 31, 2013 fire.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – FBLA-PBL WEEK

Mayor Buchanan presented a Certificate of Recognition for proclaiming Tazewell High School FBLA-PBL week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, 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 January 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the project and activity reports for January 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Brown stated the Economic Development Committee met and Tony Roop, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, has met with a developer for hotels. The Economic Development Committee is looking at properties in the Town limits to develop.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Murray for the Economic Development Committee to proceed with looking into the properties to develop. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

OLD DEPOT TRAIN STATION RESTORATION

Councilmember Mullins stated he had contacted approximately 20 people that are very excited about serving on the Depot Train Station restoration. The committee is planning on meeting before the next Council meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Murray stated the Planning Commission Committee meets the first Monday of each month and the committee is working on the laws and regulations in the Town to be updated.

CART DONATION

The CART donation was tabled to another meeting.

UPDATE ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS

Leeanne Billings updated Council on the delinquent real estate tax collections stating that TAC Agency has collected \$1,049.37 to date on delinquent taxes.

REQUEST MOBILE HOME TRAILER WEST PINE STREET

Council received a request from Mr. Etter to place a mobile home at the previous Buchanan's Greenhouse for bathroom facilities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow a mobile home at the West Pine Street with a conditional use permit. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

REQUEST FOR MOBILE FOOD UNIT

Council received a request from Sue Carr to operate a mobile food unit in a business zone in the Town of Tazewell.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow a mobile food unit with a drive through for customers in the Town of Tazewell. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

REZONE PROPERTY OLD JOY MART

Council received a request from Jessica Combs to rezone property at the intersections of Tazewell Avenue and Carline at the Old Joy Mart.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PERMANENT DECAL ORDINANCE

Attorney Pyott read the permanent decal ordinance for the first time.

ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

Attorney Pyott read the elderly tax exemption ordinance for the first time.

JEFFERSONVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Jason Kinser with the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad stated had received their license for the next two years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Vice-Mayor Blankenship
Motion Seconded by: Councilmember Fox
Vote: All voted aye
AEP Upgrade

Resolution Number: ES02112014
Meeting Date: February 11, 2014
Purpose: Tazewell County Leachate

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, 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 Catron

Absent during meeting: None

Clerk, Linda S. Griffith

At Council's request the following attended executive session Mike Hymes, Jim Spencer, Garland Roberts, Rick Chitwood and Blaine White.

RADARING ON 19/460

Manager Day brought before Council concerning the Tazewell Police radaring on 19/460 at the west bound ramps. Manager Day requested that Council make a vote whether the Town police should radar on 19/460.

Vice-Mayor Blankenship stated he felt that Town Council as a legal body did not want to get involved with the Police Department on this matter.

Councilmember Murray stated if the Police were not radaring 19/460 he was no longer had a problem.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.