

Council Meeting Minutes October 28, 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 Glenn Catron
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Terry Mullins

Absent:

Councilmember Jack Murray

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Public Works Director, Donny Pruitt and Fire Chief, Josh Roberts.

PUBLIC HEARING – MAP 21 FUNDING NORTH TAZEWEILL TRAIN STATION

A public hearing was held to discuss plans for the proposed renovation of the North Tazewell Train Station. The Town intends to apply for a Federal MAP-21 Transportation Alternative funding. The purpose of the meeting is to give citizens an opportunity to review drawings and other materials explaining the proposed project and discuss plans with Town of Tazewell representatives.

Jim Baldwin and Angie Beavers with Cumberland Plateau were present to answer any questioning concerning the funding for the North Tazewell Train Station and thanked Council for allowing Cumberland Plateau to be a part of the project. Mr. Baldwin stated that the application will be submitted by November 1, 2014.

Mayor Buchanan asked for public comments and there were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the submission of application for funding for North Tazewell Train Station. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tony Roop, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, updated Council on putting together a packet and sending to VDOT to obtain the lot for economic growth. Other projects the committee is working on are a walking trail, trying to obtain grants, expanding facility for kids programs.

JASON SOUTHWORTH – ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Jason Southworth, Tazewell Varsity Basketball Coach, came before Council asking to use the Old Junior High Gym to start a Youth Basketball Program for youth to practice and games.

Council questioned the schedules at the Old Junior High Gym.

Manager Day stated that the gym is booked all the time with programs at a first come basis. Manager Day stated the policy could be changed.

Councilmember Brown suggested prioritizing to see what the need is for the youth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day stated that there was no change in the Dry Town Sewer Project.

ROUTE 61

Manager Day stated that Attorney Pyott he was working on right-of-ways and ads will be placed in the paper for contractors to start the Route 61 project in December 2014.

NORTH TAZEWELL TRAIN STATION –MAP 21

Manager Day thanked Councilmember Terry Mullins for his help on obtaining a grant for the North Tazewell Train Station.

Councilmember Mullins stated that approximately 25-30 people attended meeting and are very excited about moving forward in 2015. Councilmember Mullins advised an open house will be held on December 6, 2015 after the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2014.

EMS COMMITTEE

Vice-Mayor Blankenship reported from the EMS Committee with 514 dispatched police calls and 74 rescue squad calls.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND IDA MEMBERS

Council discussed appointing another member to the IDA committee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded Councilmember Brown to appoint Beth Clemons to the Planning Commission, if she lives in the town. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAM

Manager Day reported that there has been several grants obtained for the Lincolnshire Dam and needed approval from Council to proceed with repairs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Fox to proceed with advertising for bids for repairs to Lincolnshire Dam.

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blankenship to approve the emergency action plan development. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

NORTH TAZEVELL TRAIN DEPOT RESOLUTION-MAP-21

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the Transportation Alternatives Project Endorsement Resolution (MAP-21). On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trena Marrs, a resident of 311 Tazewell Avenue, came before Council concerning Mountain Planner being pitched in her yard and on the sidewalk.

Jim Talbert, with the Clinch Valley News, advised he would take care of the problem tomorrow with the papers.

TRUNK AND TREAT

Manager Day advised the trunk and treat will be held on November 1, 2014 on Main Street.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Edith Jackson stated the Veterans Day Parade Committee needed more donations and everything was going good for the Parade on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.