

**Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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.
Councilmember Chris Brown
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Terry Mullins
Councilmember Jack Murray

Absent:

Vice-Mayor Chris Blankenship
Councilmember Glen Catron

Staff present were Town Manager, Todd Day; Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper; Fire Chief, Josh Roberts and Jason Kinser.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Todd Day.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

James “Buddy” Blevins, Circuit Clerk, swore in the newly elected Mayor, A. D. Buchanan, Jr., Councilmembers Chris Brown, Terry Mullins and Jack Murray, Sr.

TAZEWELL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Randy Elswick, President of Tazewell County Historical Society, came before Council to present a \$1,000 check from the Historical Society for the restoration of the North Tazewell Train Station.

UPDATE OF DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Rick Chitwood with Thompson & Litton updated Council on Dry Town/Ramey/County Farm Sewer Project. The sewer projects are completed except for the hookups at Dry Town and are working daily to address issues. Retainages are being held until areas have been settled with property issues.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2014 AUDIT BROWN & EDWARDS

John Aldridge with Brown & Edwards presented the FY 2014 Audit to Town Council and reviewed areas in the audit with Council.

PRESENTATION – MADD

Chief Cooper presented Officer Steven Davis with an MADD award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the October 2014 financial statements. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Murray to approve the November 2014 financial statements. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT & ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

ROUTE 61 PROJECT AND ROUTE 61 BRIDGE

Manager Day advised the ad for the Route 61 Project will be published before January 2015 and the Route 61 Bridge at the Farm Bureau will be fully funded by the state.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAM

Manager Day advised he was getting bids on the Lincolnshire Dam project and some of the funding would come from DCR.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Brown recommended appointing Fred Harman to the Economic Development Committee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded Councilmember Fox to appoint Fred Harman to the Economic Development Committee. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

TRAIN DEPOT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mullins stated that the Train Depot Committee had a great turn out at the meeting and ideas.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Murray stated the Planning Commission Committee is still working on zoning, comprehensive plan, and mobile home zoning.

COOPERATIVE LEACHATE NEGOTIATIONS

Manager Day stated he had met with Jeff Spickard with the Lane Group concerning the leachate from the Tazewell County Landfill.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to negotiate with Tazewell County and the PSA and bring back to council for approval. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

WELCOME SIGNS

Manager Day presented lease agreement on land for the Welcome to Tazewell signs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Brown to proceed with the Welcome to Tazewell signs. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN – LINCOLNSHIRE DAM & DAM BREAK ANALYSIS

Manager Day presented an Emergency Action Plan for Lincolnshire Dam in the amount of \$13,850 and Dam Break Analysis in the amount of \$20,500 from Map Tech, Inc.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Murray to accept the bid from Map Tech, Inc. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PAPERS ON STREETS

Councilmember Murray stated that something needed to be done about papers out on the streets.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown for the Town Attorney to look into throwing out papers be charged with littering on Town streets. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint the following committee members January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016:

Finance: Chris Blankenship, Chairperson
Chris Brown
David Fox
Glenn Catron
Terry Mullins
Jack Murray

Emergency: Chris Blankenship, Chairperson
David Fox
Glenn Catron

Fixed Assets: David Fox, Chairperson
Glenn Catron
Terry Mullins

Community Services: Terry Mullins, Chairperson
Glenn Catron
Chris Brown

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint the Town Manager, Todd Day; Town Clerk, Linda S. Griffith; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

PLANNING COMMISION

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Jerry McReynolds, Kenneth Mulkey, Kim Santolla for a four year term and appoint Jack Murray, Richard Taylor and Benny Moore for a two year term. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to appoint Steve Lutz, Benny Moore, William Weeks, Joe Bowen, William Benson and Brad Pyott to the board of zoning appeals for a two year term. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council agreed to leave the Economic Development Committee with Tony Roop, Chairman, Chris Brown, John Biggs, Larry Blankenship, Christa Glassburn and Doyle Rasnick.

DONATION – YMCA SAILFISH SWIM TEAM

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to donate \$250 to the YMCA Sailfish Swim Team. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

LEGISLATIVE TRIP TO RICHMOND

Manager Day stated the Legislative Trip to Richmond will be on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 to meet delegates, if anyone is interested in going.

2015 DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

Manager Day discussed the town obtaining funding for \$624,000 at an interest rate of 2.25% for 30 years to replace water meters through the 2015 Drinking Water Construction Assistance with the Virginia Department of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Vernon, a resident at 196 Cody Street, thanked Council for the sewer project in Dry Town, but there were some individuals that could not afford to run their sewer line to the Town's line. Mr. Vernon stated that it would cost approximately \$7,000 for Mr. Buffalo to run his sewer line. Mr. Vernon stated that everyone in the sewer project should receive a free hook up to the sewer line.

Manager Day stated the free hook ups were only for the low income households.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Manager Day stated that the Christmas Dinner will be on December 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room. Everyone is invited and bring family members.

ADJOURNMENT

With no business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.