

## **Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2015**

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 David Fox  
Councilmember Terry Mullins  
Councilmember Jack Murray

**Absent:**

None

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 Public Works Director, Donny Pruitt.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and invocation by Andrea Wallace.

Mayor Buchanan welcomed Syndee Saleem as the new director at Jeffersonville Rescue Squad to replace Jason Kinser.

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Mayor Buchanan stated that him, Manager Day, Robin Brewster and Donny Pruitt toured the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center and was amazed at the classes that are taught.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the financial statements for December 2014. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **PRESENTATION OF PROJECT AND ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

## **DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT**

Manager Day advised the Dry Town Sewer Project is 98% complete, except for the retainage held on the construction company.

## **ROUTE 61**

Manager Day updated Council on the Route 61 Project stating right-of-ways are completed and ready to bid project.

## **LINCOLNSHIRE DAM**

Manager Day recommended Council to go with the low bid from Map Tech, Inc. for the Lincolnshire Dam Project.

## **ROUTE 61 BRIDGE**

Manager Day stated that the Route 61 bridge is fully funded by the state and will go to bid in 2016 for contractors.

## **TRAIN DEPOT – MAP 21**

Councilmember Mullins stated that the Town had applied to help with the restoration the Train Depot with a MAP 21 GRANT. Councilmember Mullins advised the Train Depot has been placed on the Historic Registry.

## **AMERICAN LEGION KITCHEN**

Manager Day stated he had received a quote of 16,800 to finish the kitchen at the American Legion building.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox recommended to proceed with the completion of kitchen at the American Legion in the amount of \$16,800. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MOUNTAIN ADVISORY**

Manager Day stated he was astonished by all the Mountain Advisors papers that are in the ditches in the Town and his recommendation was to allow the Town Attorney to take legal action to stop the delivery of the Mountain Advisory.

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Brown for the Town Attorney to proceed with legal action to stop the delivery of Mountain Advisory. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **APPROVAL OF FY14 AUDIT**

Manager Day stated he was pleased with the staff and the accomplishments the Town has made in the last year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the FY14 Audit as prepared and presented by Brown and Edwards. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **OLD JR HIGH GYM**

Council discussed the schedule for use of the Old Jr. High Gym. Council asked Manager Day to contact YMCA for a schedule and their plans for the gym. Councilmember Blankenship stated there should be a limit to the coaches using the gym and the Town should be able to rent the gym on weekends.

## **ENCROACHMENT ISSUE – ESTATE OF EMORY CARL MULLINS**

Manager Day stated that the Estate of Emory Carl Mullins property is located on a portion of the Town's property valued at \$1,000 by the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to sell the property to the Emory Carl Mullins, Estate for \$1,000. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

A budget work session was scheduled for January 31, 2015 at 7:00 a. m.

## **MOWING SERVICES CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Fox to renew the mowing contract with Jones Lawn Care for 2015. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **INFLATABLES AND BUNGEEES FOR SPRING EXPO**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Murray to donate the same amount for the inflatables and bungees for Spring Expo. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **RESOLUTION – RURAL DEVELOPMENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the Resolution with Rural Development Code of Conduct. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye.

## **STATE BOARD LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Manager Day asked for Council approval to attend a VRWA State Board Leadership Training, which will be paid for by Virginia Rural Water on March 2 & 3, 2015.

Council was in agreement with him attending the training in March 2015.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Andre Wallace of 708 West Riverside Drive stated it was time the community came in unity with all the violence in our Country.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION MADE BY:** Councilmember Murray  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Councilmember Brown

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** ES140115  
**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2015

**VOTE:** All voted aye.

**PURPOSE:** Personnel and Legal

## **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, Catron, Fox Mullins, Murray

**NAYS:** None

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

**ABSENT DURING VOTE:** None

**ABSENT DURING MEETING:** None

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**Linda S. Griffith, Clerk of Council**

### **RECESSED MEETING**

Mayor Buchanan recessed the meeting until January 31, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. for Budget Work Session.

Meeting was cancelled for due to lack of attendance on January 31, 2015.