

Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 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 Glen Catron
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Terry Mullins

Absent:

Councilmember Murray

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.

CALL TO ORDER

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

FBLA PROCLAMATION

Mayor Buchanan read a Certificate of Recognition to proclaim FBLA-PBL Week as February 8-14, 2015. Several students with FBLA and teacher were present for the recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statements for January 2015. 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 Brown, seconded by Catron to approve the project and activity reports for January 2015. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember

Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

DRY TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Manager Day advised that the Dry Town Sewer Projects are almost completed with a few problems to work out with the pump stations.

ROUTE 61

Manager Day stated that the Route 61 is awaiting utility easements for right of ways.

ROUTE 61 BRIDGE

Manager Day stated that the Route 61 Bridge will be fully funded by the State.

TRAIN DEPOT-MAP 21

Councilmember Mullins stated he was very excited the Train Depot – Map 21 grant.

EDC

Councilmember Brown stated that the Economic Development committee is working on bike and walking trails, looking at recreation fields, etc.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jerry McReynolds stated that the Planning Commission is working on the revision to the zoning map.

EMS COMMITTEE

Vice-Mayor Blankenship stated that he was very impressed with the calls that the rescue squad, police department and fire department have made during the month. Vice-Mayor Blankenship stated that the Jeffersonville Rescue Squad name change is officially the Town of Tazewell EMS.

IDA COMMITTEE

Manager Day stated the IDA Committee is working on bylaws and interviewing for committees members.

DECLARE MONTH OF MAY “PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE”

Mayor Buchanan declared the month of May “Paint the Town Purple” for the Heritage Hall and Tazewell Community Hospital to raise funds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

DONATION REQUEST THS BUSINESS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A request was received from the Business Education Advisory Committee for a donation of \$250. Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Fox to donate \$250 to the Business Education Advisory Committee. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

DONATION REQUEST FESTIVAL OF ARTS - SVCC

A request was received from the Festival of Arts for a donation of \$500. Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Mullins to donate \$500 to the Festival of Arts Southwest Community College. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

DONATION REQUEST TAZEWEEL WRESTLING CLUB

A request was received from the Tazewell Wrestling Club for a donation of \$1, 000.

Vice-Mayor Blankenship requested that a financial statement be given before a donation is given to the Tazewell Wrestling Club.

AIRSOFT ACTIVITIES MAY 23RD – LINCOLNSHIRE PARK

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Brown to hold a airsoft activities at Lincolnshire Park on May 23, 2015 to support the youth in the community to educate them on gun safety. On vote, Vice-Mayor Blankenship, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Mullins, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Wallace a resident 708 West Riverside Drive came before Council about a racist remark that was made at the January 13, 2015. Mrs. Wallace requested that public be made to her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE BY: Councilmember Brown **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** ES02102015

MOTION SECONDED BY: Vice-Mayor Blankenship **DATE** February 10, 2015

VOTE: All voted aye.

PURPOSE: 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,

NAYS: None

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilmember Murray

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilmember Murray

Linda S. Griffith, Clerk of Council

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.