

Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

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 Terry Mullins

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Jack Murray

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Jerry McReynolds

Absent:

Councilmember Chris Brown

Staff present were: Town Attorney Brad Pyott; Town Manager, Todd Day; Treasurer, Sharon Davis, Police Chief, DeWitt Cooper; Fire Chief, Josh Roberts, Rescue Squad Administrator, Syndee Saleem, Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Town Clerk, Lianne Billings; Public Work Director, Donny Pruitt; Zoning & Property Management Official Chris Hurley; Recreation Director, Travis Barbee.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order. He read a passage and recognized Flag Day and opened with the pledge of allegiance. Invocation given by Town Manager Todd Day.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

TRAVIS BARBEE UPDATE ON RECREATION

Recreation Director Travis Barbee stated that he began working with the Town on March 15th and since then there has been much progress with the Recreation Department. They have replaced nets, put new dirt on one of the fields, worked on the pool, trying to get interest in a softball league. They currently have the fields rented every weekend for softball tournaments. They have gotten new score boards that were donated by Coke. He has met with the YMCA and helped guide them on their soccer league, met with the Little League, and met with the Swim Team. Councilmembers Fox and McReynolds told him he was doing a good job and Vice Mayor Mullins stated that the pool looked very good.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox , and seconded by Vice Mayor Mullins to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 17, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McReynolds. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Fox, to approve the financial statements for May 2016.

Manager Day stated that he had a couple of members ask about the financials. He stated that there had been an error in our data entry and it was corrected now. He encouraged any of the councilmembers that had questions to ask anytime.

On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

APPROVAL OF PROJECT REPORTS

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Mullins and seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the project reports for May 2016. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

ROUTE 61 UPDATE

Manager Day stated he gets manager updates each week and forwards the progress to the council members.

NORTH TAZEWELL UPDATE

Manager Day stated he did not have an update from the North Tazewell committee.

TAZEWELL TODAY

Manager Day stated he did not have an update from the Tazewell Today committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Murray stated he was unable to attend the meeting. Zoning & Property Management Official Chris Hurley gave the update. He stated that the annual BZA meeting was held and they welcomed new member Anthony Brewster. David Hilton gave a progress report of the boundary adjustment and he stated that he is comparing tax revenue gained vs. expense and water revenue loss (out of town rate going to in town rate).

TRAIN DEPOT COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Mullins gave an update and said that he appreciated all the hard work the Train Station Committee has done. He thanked everyone that made it possible to have the event at the VIP Room on June 4th. They made \$862.00 at the silent auction and \$3,600.00 at the dinner. Manager Day stated that the project was still on schedule and it will go to ad on the date required. It was also stated that the Richlands Committee came to look at our train station.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

No update.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Sharon Davis discussed the Ball on July 2nd at Main Street from 7:00pm-10:00pm. There will be dancing under the stars, carriage rides, free dance lessons June 23rd at the American Legion Building at 6:00pm. Tickets will be \$25.00 a person. July 4th there will be a parade on Main Street at 4:00pm traveling to Tazewell High School. At the high school there will be cake, watermelon, popcorn, bands, old time games, and fireworks.

Sharon Thomas would like to ask for permission to serve alcohol during the ball. They have a permit and it has been approved by John Gunter with the ABC Board but they need approval from the Town Council. It would only be served on the street, in the designated area. It cannot be served on private property. Councilmember Murray stated that he did not like the idea of having alcohol. Sharron Thomas stated that they have liability insurance and they would be monitoring the consumption. Manager Day reminded the council that they have approved to serve alcohol at the Mountain Mudder and also the Blues Q & Brew. Councilmember McReynolds stated that this is a special event and the Town police department does a great job and he is sure that they will help monitor the situation. Councilmember McReynolds made a motion to allow alcohol to be served at the Sesquicentennial Ball. Councilmember Catron seconded the motion. Councilmember Fox stated that he would like to let Chief Cooper look at the documents from John Gunter with the ABC Board. Councilmember McReynolds amended his motion. He would like to make a motion that upon Chief Cooper's approval after looking at the ABC documentation that they allow alcohol to be served. On a roll call vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, nay; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

2ND READING & APPROVAL OF 2016/2017 BUDGET

Manager Day handed out the new budget to the council. Motion to approve the General Fund made by Councilmember Catron and seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

Motion to approve the Water Fund made by Councilmember Fox and seconded by Councilmember Murray. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

Motion to approve the Sewer Fund made by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

Motion to approve the proposed tax rates made by Councilmember Mullins and seconded by Vice Mayor Mullins. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

THEATER UPDATE

Manager Day stated that the theater had been donated to the Town. Fred Harman and Brad Pyott are working on the plat and deed. The Town still has not accepted the property. The structural report was typical, there would be nothing that prohibiting business going in there. Attorney Pyott stated that the proper survey is being done.

TROY & BANKS FINAL UPDATE

Manager Day stated that Troy & Banks is a company that looks at bills to see if we are being over charged. They found over \$2,000.00 we paid that we shouldn't have. The fee for their service was \$690.00.

SPEED STUDIES

Manager Day recommends that this should be looked at and he will be asking for Council to move on this at the July meeting. Mayor Buchanan asked if we could itemize the streets that are studied and Manager Day stated yes and there is money in the budget to do the study.

UPDATES INCENTIVES

Attorney Pyott stated that we had hired Ted Figueroa who drafted our incentives. The IDA approved it tonight at their meeting and the only changes made was some wording such as, must/shall. Manager Day stated that he would like us to get the word out about our incentives and try to encourage businesses to come to town. Councilmember Catron made a motion to approve the updated incentive package. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

TOURISM ZONE-SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 12TH AT 7:15PM

Manager Day stated that that the updated tourism zone includes all of the town except residential. Vice Mayor Mullins made a motion to set a public hearing July 12th at 7:15pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

DONATION REQUEST FORM TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

Manager Day stated that we had gotten a request for donation from THS football boosters. Councilmember Murray made a motion to use the donation chart that they approved.

REQUEST FOR DEDICATION OF BOWLING ALLEY

Manager Day stated that Roger Allen asked if we could have some type of dedication to Steve Pike with the building. Councilmember Catron asked how would we do that and Manager Day stated we could run something in the Free Press.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Murray asked Zoning & Property Management Official Chris Hurley if he was a building inspector now? He stated that he was not certified yet. Councilmember Murray stated that he has heard that the inspector will not pass new restaurants. Zoning & Property Management Official Chris Hurley stated that to pass inspection there are guidelines and meet inspections and he stated that Gary is a good inspector.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Murray made a motion that they go into executive session to discuss legal counsel and personnel matters. Councilmember Catron seconded the motion. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Murray

Resolution Number:ES140616

Motion Seconded by: Catron

Meeting Date: 14June16

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Consultation with Legal
Counsel and Personnel Matters

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, 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: Catron, Mullins, Murray, Fox, McReynolds

Nays:

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

Absent during vote: Brown

Absent during meeting: Brown



Leeanne Billings, Clerk

Motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilmember Murray. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

Mayor Buchanan stated the reason they went into executive session was to discuss legal counsel and personnel matters. He then read the resolution for Certification of Executive Session. On a roll call vote to confirm, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice-Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Murray, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember McReynolds, aye. Mayor Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.