

Council Minutes

October 10, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH IDA (6:30PM)

Councilmember Catron made a motion that they go into executive session with the IDA to discuss prospective business. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Catron

Resolution Number: ES171010

Motion Seconded by: Boyd

Meeting Date: 17 October 10

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Prospective Business

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

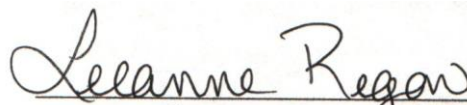
Ayes: Brown, Mullins, Catron, Boyd

Nays: none

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

Absent during vote: Fox, Murray

Absent during meeting: Fox, Murray


Leeanne Regan, Clerk

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

Mayor Buchanan stated the reason they went into executive session was to discuss prospective business. He then read the resolution for Certification of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

Public Hearing

The Town of Tazewell held a public hearing on October 10, 2017 at 7:15pm in reference to Amending the BPOL Tax. Mayor Buchanan read the proposed amendments and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against this matter. There were no public comments at this time. Mayor Buchanan closed the public hearing.

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 Chris Brown
Councilmember Glenn Catron
Councilmember Jennifer Boyd

Absent:

Councilmember Jack Murray
Councilmember David Fox

Staff present: Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Chief of Police, David Mills; Rescue Squad Administrator, Syndee Saleem; Clerk-Treasurer, LeeAnne Regon; Public Works Director, Donny Pruitt; Property Maintenance & Zoning Administrator, Chris Hurley; Recreation Director, Ben Rosado.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance followed by the invocation given by Manager Day.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE PARKING FROM WANDA PARTYKA OF 400 MAIN STREET

Ms. Partyka came before council and stated that she has a parking space in front of her home at 400 Main Street. She was previously told by Town Manager Jerry Wood that the parking spot went with her home. The Brewery will be opening soon and require parking spaces. She would like to protect her parking spot in front of her home. There are two spaces, one is in front of a gate where her garage is and one is in front of that. She has a garage at her home however it is unusable for parking. Manager Day stated that the area is zoned B2 and wonders how businesses on Main Street would perceive this. There is nothing illegal about it, just perception. The parking designation Ms. Partyka says was given to her previously could have taken place anywhere after the home was built in 1996. Manager Day stated we would review the minutes and bring it back to the November meeting.

ACTING CHIEF MILLS-INTRODUCE STAFF

Chief Mills stated that recently the police department have changed uniforms and they have had many compliments on them. Mrs. Flora Sinkford introduced each member of the department to council.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Recreation Director Ben Rosado gave an update to council. He stated that the recreation revenue is lower this season compared to last season. There were less tournaments held and cooler temperatures could contribute also. He stated that he would like to see our park become a destination for citizens from here and away. He has a vision for the park and would like to increase its use. He would like to replace the slide and possibly use part of Kidzone to expand a slide to the pool from that area. He would like to see more canoeing and kayaking at the lake. He stated that the basketball court is in the process of being redone. They have ordered new goals and just need to get them installed. The tennis court needs to be redone. He stated that if we rebuild it, it would cost \$200,000.00. We could update it and it would cost \$34,000.00. He would like to hold more tournaments at the parks, at least two a month and offer prizes to the winners. He would like to see the volleyball courts put back and hold tournaments there too. He also stated that he has gotten lot of compliments about the grass cutting the inmates do.

Councilmember Catron asked if there are grants out there that would cover doing the basketball court or tennis court. Councilmember Brown stated that he likes what he has heard and he agrees the tennis courts are in bad shape. He suggested bringing in pickle ball. He also discussed a handicap fishing pier at the lake, and paddle boards. He stated that in Abingdon at Sportsman's Arena they have a company that will put inflatables in the lake and we should look into that. Director Rosado stated that he is currently waiting on an estimate for the pier. Councilmember Brown suggested that since the school uses it too maybe it could be a joint effort between the town and school to repair the court.

Councilmember Catron asked if he had thought about a solar cover for the pool to help keep it warmer. Director Rosado stated that he had thought about a heater. Manager Day is still waiting to hear back from Frank Barnes about the trail at the park. He stated the budget for these updates will be huge. He has thought about a bond to do the repairs. The trail will cost at least \$60,000.00. Vice Mayor Mullins stated that he appreciates Ben's excitement.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Buchanan stated that he went to the vigil for childhood cancer that was held last month. He stated that Zack has always been positive about whatever he is going through.

Mayor Buchanan stated that the Cruise In held in September was the last one for this year. He thanked the committee and the Town Public Works Department and the Police Department.

Mayor Buchanan stated that the POW/MIA held a ride that came through our town. There were about 200 motorcycles that are involved in this ride.

Mayor Buchanan stated the Homecoming Parade was held. The queen this year was Mary Jayne Smith.

Mayor Buchanan stated that Kids Fish Day is sponsored by the police department and there was a good turnout at it. There was estimated to be over 100 people there fishing.

Mayor Buchanan stated that Ocktobrewfest had a great turn out. It drew lots of people. He heard someone make the comment "Tazewell is alive."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown to approve the September 12th minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Regon gave a financial report. She stated that during the last month we have had our auditors from Brown, Edwards and Company with us. They have gathered a lot of information and should complete the audit shortly. Property Tax tickets should be going in the mail within a week. We have made good progress with them.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EVENTS FINACIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Catron, to approve the financial statements for August 2017 and the Events Financial Report. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Manager Day stated the Rt 61 Bridge is now under construction. They will be putting up a temporary traffic light and the bridge will be one lane. He stated the Welcome Sign is complete except for the grass. He stated that the tree boxes on Main Street that were donated from Lowe's last year, the trees in them have not done well this year. Kim Santolla has found a plant for next year that will work better with our climate.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Property Maintenance & Zoning Administrator, Chris Hurley stated that the Planning Commission did not meet this month.

TRAIN DEPOT COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Mullins discussed the depot project. He stated that they have opened the bids for the renovations. They have the go ahead from VDOT to recommend the low bid for renovations. We have drafted the letter to VDOT and will be waiting to hear back from them. We will try to do some of the work ourselves to try and cut costs. The low bid is \$500,000.00, this will decrease by us doing work in house.

SECOND READING- AMEND HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE

A motion was made to bypass the reading of the Amended Home Occupation Ordinance Section 23-1 by Councilmember Brown. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On a roll call vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

Motion was made to approve the change to Section 23-1 by Councilmember Catron. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. On a roll call vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

Mayor Buchan read the Amended Home Occupation Ordinance Section 23-19. Motion was made to approve the change to Section 23-19 by Councilmember Catron. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. On a roll call vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

FIRST READING-I/EDA ORDINANCE

Attorney Pyott stated when the I/EDA was developed there was not a copy of the bylaws put in the Town Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Catron to waive the reading. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

TEMPORARILY CHANGE TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Will discuss at next meeting.

GYM USE FOR YOUTH

Manager Day stated that Mrs. Patterson has requested time for gym use. It was stated that we need to make it fair for everyone. We should work with each team for gym use. Motion was made by Councilmember Catron to allow teams to have a credit up to \$1,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

FIRST READING –AMEND BPOL TAX

Mayor Buchanan read the amendment for BPOL Tax for Chapter 15-44 Section 1 B) Retail rate will now be \$.23 and C) Financial will be \$.25. It was stated that this will not go into effect until January 2018.

APPROVE HOLIDAY TIME OFF

Manager Day stated that in the past employees have gotten the following days off for holidays:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (or days equivalent if it falls on the weekend) and New Year's Day. Councilmember Catron made a motion to approve the days off. Vice Mayor Mullins seconded the motion. Mayor Buchanan asked why didn't we put this in the personnel policy. Manager Day stated that this was council's way of thanking the employees. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DOMINION ENERGY

Executive Assistant Brewster read the resolution of support for Dominion Energy. Vice Mayor Mullins made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

DROP OFF/PICK UP LINE AT TAZEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PARKVIEW DRIVE)

Manager Day stated someone has approached him with traffic concerns at Tazewell Elementary School. It is very congested during pick up or drop off times. Manager Day stated that his only thought would be moving parking at the elementary school. He did say he is not recommending that but it was a suggestion. It could be asked that vehicles not park along both sides of the road or restrict no parking for certain hours. Mayor Buchanan stated that if a recommendation is

made, it should could from the school system. He asked could Chief Mills approach the school system and ask if they have any suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Puckett with Sunset Digital Communication came before council. He wanted to let them know that they are in the process of buying BVU systems. They are working on a template for localities for cable franchise agreements. Sunset is committed to rural broadband. They hope to have a template available in a few weeks. Councilmember Brown asked if they planned on extending their footprint in Tazewell and he answered, "Oh Yes."

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Assistant Brewster stated that Trunk or Treat would be held at Lincolnshire Park this year. The reason for the different location this year is due to the fact that Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year (it was on Saturday last year) so to keep from disturbing business on Main Street and hold it on the actual day of Halloween we are trying it at the park. There will be bouncy houses, games, movies, and handing out candy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Brown. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Boyd, aye.

Mayor Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.