

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2024**

**Present:**

Mayor Michael Hoops  
Councilmember Zach Cline  
Councilmember David Fox  
Councilmember Emily Davis  
Councilmember Joe Beasley

**Absent:**

Vice Mayor Glenn Catron  
Councilmember Jonathan Hankins

Staff members present were Executive Assistant, Susan Reeves, Attorney, Brad Pyott; Police Deputy, William Lowe; Fire Chief, John Thomas; Zoning and Property Maintenance Official, Chris Hurley; EMS Director, Syndee Saleem; Treasurer/Clerk, Jessica Hayes

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Tazewell Town Council met in an executive session at 6:06pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hoops called the meeting to order. Councilmember Cline motioned to move to executive session. Councilmember Davis seconded. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye. Motion carried.

Councilmember Davis recused herself from the section C discussion in executive session due to a conflict of interest involving Tazewell Today. She left executive session while that matter was discussed.

Councilmember Beasley motioned to exit executive session. Councilmember Cline seconded. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye to come out of executive session.

Mayor Hoops read the certification of executive session.

Councilmembers had a roll call vote. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

Councilmember Davis proposes that they secure council with Hefty, Wiley, and Gore to advise on solar contract negotiations. Mayor Hoops added that this will be at no cost to the town. Councilmember Davis motioned, Councilmember Beasley seconded, and Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

Mayor Hoops called public meeting to order at 7:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Nate Thomas led the meeting in the invocation prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Beasley made a motion to approve minutes from August 13, 2024 and August 22, 2024; Councilmember Fox seconded, Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Councilmember Cline made a motion to approve financial statements and financial reports August 2024, Councilmember Davis seconded, Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Planning Commission did not meet- no updates at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **(A) SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, AT 7:15PM**

Set up a public hearing for an amendment for procurement ordinance on Tuesday October 8, 2024, Executive Assistant Reeves reminded the council that this is the same procurement ordinance that has been in discussion. This amendment helps align our code with state regulations. Attorney Pyott has drawn up this procurement ordinance to accomplish this. Councilmember Beasley motioned to approve public hearing on Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 7:15pm. Councilmember Cline seconded. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(A) NOMINATIONS FOR I/EDA (1 VACANCY), BOARD OF BUILDING CODE OF APPEALS (1 VACANCY), AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (1 VACANCY)**

Mayor Hoops made a proposal to send a letter to Scott Cole for nomination to the I/EDA board. Councilmember Beasley motioned, Councilmember Davis seconded, and Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

Councilmember Cline made a motion to appoint Robert Barrett to the Board Building Code of Appeals. Councilmember Fox seconded. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to appoint Dr. Chris Brown to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Beasley seconded the motion. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

**(B) RT 460 WATER LINE PROJECT UPDATE**

Executive Assistant Reeves informed the council that the Town has received a \$90,000 grant from the Coalfield Water Development Fund. This will allow us to do all three phases of this project. Core and Main will honor the extension for the materials price quote to allow time for the parity review to be completed through December 15th. The parity review is still in progress.

**(C) SET JOINT COUNCIL AND I/EDA SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR WED., SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, AT 6:00PM. (VOTE)**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to set a special joint meeting with the council and I/EDA on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

**(D) WARHAWK PARK PROJECT UPDATE**

Executive Assistant Reeves had a sight visit with Kondwani Patterson -Each One Teach One Foundation and the Thompson Charitable Foundation to get a plan together for multiple components of this project. They asked that the Thompson Charitable Foundation release the grant funding that they had given to Each One Teach One. We are to match in-kind \$37,980. With these funds we should be able to build a shelter with a bathroom, install a basketball/pickle-ball, possible playground, as well as install a walking path. Clinch Valley Community Action has received a playground grant for \$76,000. This grant must be expended by the end of the year. Once the Thompson Charitable Foundation releases the grant funding this project will be underway. Mayor Hoops is glad to see that this project is moving forward.

**(E) TAZEWELL CINEMAS & ENTERTAINMENT, LLC. IRF AGREEMENT (VOTE)**

Mayor Hoops informed that there is no action at this time. There is further discussion needed with the DHCD. Executive Assistant Reeves will find out more information regarding managing this loan.

**(F) MISCELLANEOUS- None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- None**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Cline had a general question regarding the grant for Dunford Park. He asked if there is any update. Executive Assistant Reeves said that we did not receive the grant in question.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Councilmember Cline said aye. Councilmember Fox said aye. Councilmember Davis said aye. Councilmember Beasley said aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.