

SPECIAL CALLED JOINT TOWN COUNCIL & I/EDA MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The Tazewell Town Council and I/EDA met in an executive session at 6.00p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops (Virtual)

Vice Mayor Glenn Catron

Councilmember Zach Cline

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Johnathan Hankins

Absent:

Councilmember Joe Beasley

I/EDA members present were Cara Spivey, Susan Whittaker, Danny Willis, Justin Takach

Staff present were Town Manager, Leeanne Regon; Executive Assistant, Susan Reeves, Attorney, Brad Pyott; Treasurer/Clerk, Jessica Hayes

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Mayor Glen Catron called the meeting to order. Councilmember Zach Cline motioned to move to executive session. Councilmember Jonathan Hankins seconded. All said aye. Motion carried.

Cara Spivey entertained a motion to enter executive session. Justin Takach made a motion to move to executive session. Susan Whittaker seconded. All said aye. Motion carried.

* I/EDA recessed before the executive session officially ended due to a member leaving for a medical emergency. They failed to have a full quorum to leave executive session. I/EDA elected to recess. They will have to close executive session at their next meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (VOTE)

Vice Mayor Glenn Catron read the Certification of Executive Session.

Council had a roll call vote. All said aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) TOWN OWNED PROPERTY USAGE

Councilmember Emily Davis motioned that we work with I/EDA to have a surveyor determine the exact property lines for parcel consideration between the Ramey lot exchange for 616 Riverside Dr.

Manager Leeanne Regon opened discussion regarding the aqua park at Lincolnshire Park. The aqua park was established in 2018. This summer we have had several inflatables that were damaged or deemed unusable. Manager Leeanne Regon said that we need to consider replacing these inflatables if we wish to continue the aqua park. The Town has received quotes from Aqua Glide. For a slide it is 15,000, the Jungle Joe 10,000, a swing is \$4,000, a inflatable called Chaos \$6,000, walk way platforms for 3 almost 6,000, walk way connectors 2,300, The total would be \$42,789. Council Member Dave Fox asked how long the warranty is good for on these inflatables. 2018- the warranty are less than 5 years. Manager Leeanne Regon is asking the council to keep these costs in mind and for them to consider what this may mean for the future of the Aqua Park. Vice Mayor Glenn Catron asked what the initial cost was when we installed the Aqua Park. \$123,624.13. This price included deck and dock as well as inflatables plus water sewer for the building by the lake. Councilmember Zach Cline asked what the Aqua Park revenues have been since it was established. Over 5 years the pool revenues have increased greatly since the splash pad was installed last year. Pool revenues: 2020 \$17,000; 2021 \$28,000; 2022 \$33,000; 2023 \$24,000; 2024 \$53,000. Overall, \$157,000 for Pool revenue over 5 years. Aqua Park revenues: 2020 \$19,000; 2021 \$3,000 (covid) it wasn't opened for the first half of the year; 2022 \$13,000; 2023 \$8,000; 2024 \$13,000. Overall aqua park revenues for 5 years are \$57,000. Councilmember Zach Cline asked what the cost over the 5 years to run the aquapark has been. Part-time salaries over 5 years \$219,000; Pool operations \$32,000; Concessions \$18,000, Aqua Park expenses \$44,000. Manager Leeanne Regon also informed council that they have discovered there is a leak in the pool, and it will require a repair to the plaster. This is an expense that will be coming up. There is also a pump that must be replaced the quote is \$15,000. As of now we do not have a quote for re-plaster and repair of the pool. Councilmember Zach Cline reminded council that we have also previously voted to provide replacement lane reels for swim team use. There was discussion on the idea of maybe reducing the deep end and adding a zero-entry kiddie pool. This could be a handicap accessible feature that could be a great addition to our pool area.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Glenn Catron entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dave Fox motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Zach Cline seconded. All said aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm