

Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Joe Beasley

Councilmember Danny Willis

Vice Mayor Jonathan Hankins

Councilmember Zach Cline

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Glen Keen, Jr.

Staff members present were Town Manager, LeeAnne Regon; Executive Assistant, Susan Reeves; Attorney, Brad Pyott; Clerk-Treasurer, Jessica Hayes; Police Chief Stanley Lampert, Fire Chief John Thomas; Recreation Director Kenneth Hicks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Fox made a motion to enter into the executive session. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 6:00PM.

Certification of Executive Session

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Fox

Resolution Number: ES260113

Motion Seconded by: Keen

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: 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;

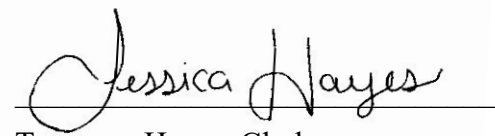
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies, 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: Willis, Hankins, Cline, Fox, Keen

Nays: none

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



Treasurer Hayes, Clerk

Councilmember Fox made a motion to leave the executive session. Vice Mayor Hankins seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Vice Mayor Beasley read the resolution for the Certification of Executive Session. On roll call vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance for Closure of Portion of Bishop Street

Mayor Beasley convened the public hearing at 7:15pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Beasley proceeded to read the official notice.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building for the Town of Tazewell ("Town"), located at 211 Central Avenue, Tazewell, Virginia, the Tazewell Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2006, and Town Charter Sec. 2-304, to provide the citizens of the Town an opportunity to be heard with respect to a proposal to vacate a portion of Bishop Street. A copy of the plat depicting the proposed area of Bishop Street to be vacated is available for review and inspection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at the Town of Tazewell Municipal Building, as referenced hereinabove.

Mayor Beasley adjourned the public hearing at 7:19pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Hankins led the meeting in the invocation prayer.

Special Presentations

A. Tazewell High School Cheerleader Boosters Support Request

Manager Regon responded to Councilmember Fox's question about County support, stating she's unsure but believes requests have been made. Councilmember Willis noted that the group's absence is due to a game tonight. Manager Regon announced they have a chance to compete at the UCA Game Day National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, FL, aiming to raise \$20,000 for expenses including airfare (about \$220 per athlete), rooms, passes (\$925 each), meals, and transportation. Mayor Beasley confirmed that there are 11 members. Councilmember Willis made a motion to donate \$300 to support the Tazewell High School Cheerleaders. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis,

aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Local Business Recognition

A. Mountain Laurel Mercantile and Hardware (Darren and Renee Adair)

Renee Adair presented information about their new business located in the former Napa building. Inspired by individual aspirations within her family; one seeking to open a hardware store, another a bookstore, and herself wishing for convenient local gift shopping—the Mercantile was established. The store offers a wide range of products, including fishing supplies, hardware, both new and used books, crafting materials, and hosts a monthly book club. Customers benefit from access to high-quality materials through reputable distributors, as well as a welcoming atmosphere. Councilmember Fox noted his positive experiences at the Mercantile and expressed his intent to remain a loyal customer.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Cline made a motion to approve minutes from the December 9, 2025 council meeting. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Approval of Financial Statements & Financial Report

Councilmember Cline made a motion to approve financial statements and financial reports for December 2025. Councilmember Willis seconded. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Committee/Conference Updates

A. Planning Commission Committee

Building and Zoning Official Hurley said that at the last meeting a business owner requested approval to put in an indoor storage facility on the lot located behind CVS Pharmacy. The Planning Commission did not approve at this time. Mr. Chopra will come back before the Planning Commission with more detailed plans and engineered drawings.

B. Tazewell Today

Director Emily Davis announced several upcoming events and extended an invitation to the council for their participation and support. Tazewell Restaurant Week will soon take place, during which participating restaurants will feature special menu items to promote local revenue and stimulate economic growth. In addition, a raffle will be held; patrons who dine at the participating establishments will receive an entry for a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at one of the involved restaurants. This event will benefit from extensive publicity. Another event, the Polar Plunge scheduled for February 28th, was also highlighted. Mrs. Davis encouraged council members to participate in this initiative, which supports charitable causes, with proceeds directly benefiting both Tazewell Today and the Billy Wagner Park Project, to be divided equally. The council is being challenged to join in the activities. Furthermore, Tazewell Today is actively engaged in work

planning for the forthcoming budget cycle and Virginia Main Street reporting. Mrs. Davis anticipates providing a more comprehensive update at next month's meeting.

C. Comprehensive Plan Review Sub-Committee

Councilmember Cline discussed the January meeting and noted that this subcommittee will assist with preparing the comprehensive plan. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 2 at 5:30 p.m., with public participation encouraged and Town support needed. He requested Manager Regon to provide a product similar to the site plans and designs used in the previous comprehensive plan. Councilmember Cline also suggested checking with VML. Building and Zoning Official Hurley recalled that the earlier drawings may have been created by Hills Studio about 10 to 15 years ago. Community input is being solicited and everyone is welcome.

Unfinished Business

A. 2nd Reading & Approval of Zoning Map Corrections for Riverside Drive Properties (B&W Auto and Tazewell Farm Bureau) to be zoned B-2 from R-2

Vice Mayor Hankins motioned to waive the 2nd reading. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Councilmember Keen approved Zoning Map Corrections for Riverside Drive Properties (B&W Auto and Tazewell Farm Bureau) to be zoned B-2 from R-2. Councilmember Fox seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Councilmember Willis made a motion to classify this as emergency needs and the changes to be effective immediately. Councilmember Fox. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-12-001

Amendment to Existing Ordinance

Chapter 23

ZONING

Article I. In General

Sec. 23-2.1. Town of Tazewell Zoning Map

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, pursuant to §6-2 of the Town Charter, and §§23-2.1 and 23-6 of the Code of the Town of Tazewell, that it hereby AMENDS the Code of the Tazewell to incorporate the following change to the Town of Tazewell Zoning Map in order to reclassify the zoning district designation of certain parcels of real property located within the Town as identified below, and to reconfigure the Town of Tazewell Zoning Map accordingly:

Sec. 23-2.1. Town of Tazewell Zoning Map

**Tax Map Parcel Nos.: 094A3A 0067; 094A3A 0068; 094A3A 0069;
094A3A 0070; 094A3A 0072; 094A3A 0073; and
094A3A 0074**

Reclassify from RESIDENTIAL, R-2, to BUSINESS, GENERAL B-2

(all other designations as indicated on the Town of Tazewell Zoning Map remain unchanged)

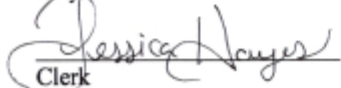
(Ord. of 01-13-26)

First Reading: December 9, 2025

Second Reading: January 13, 2026 (waived, by affirmative vote)

VOTE: Cline Aye
Fox Aye
Hankins Aye
Keen Aye
Willis Aye


Mayor


Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage

Effective Date: January 13, 2026 (Passed as emergency by Council, after affirmative separate vote)

Justification: establish TCFD facility - safeguard fire equipment, safeguard Town residents/property

B. 2nd Reading & Approval to add Zoning Use for B-1, B-2, and M-1 to allow Fire, Police, and Local Government Services

Councilmember Keen motioned to waive reading. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Councilmember Fox made amotion to approve the addition of Zoning Use for B-1, B-2, and M-1 to all Fire, Police and Local Government Services. Hankins seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Councilmember Fox made a motion for it to take emergency guidance and be effective immediately. Vice Mayor Hankins seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-12-002

Amendment to Existing Ordinance

Chapter 23

ZONING

ARTICLE II. DISTRICT REGULATIONS

DIVISION 9. BUSINESS, GENERAL B-2

Sec. 23-48. Use.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, pursuant to Charter Secs. 3-8 and 6-201, and Town Code Sec. 23-6, that it hereby enacts the following amendment to Town Code Sec. 23-48 regarding the permitted uses in a Business, General B-2 zone:

Sec. 23-48. Use. (amended)

(21) Municipal facilities (Administrative, Public safety, Public works)

(all other uses identified in this section remain unchanged)

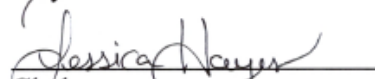
(Ord. of 01-13-26)

First Reading: December 9, 2025

Second Reading: January 13, 2026 *(waived, by affirmative vote)*

VOTE:	Cline	<u>Aye</u>
	Fox	<u>Aye</u>
	Hankins	<u>Aye</u>
	Keen	<u>Aye</u>
	Willis	<u>Aye</u>


Mayor


Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage

Effective Date: January 13, 2026 *(Passed as emergency by Council, after affirmative separate vote)*

Justification: establish TCFD facility - safeguard fire equipment, safeguard Town residents/property

Reference: Virginia Code §15.2-2280

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C. Fireworks Discussions

Manager Regon continued the discussion from the last meeting, noting that Police Chief Lampert had contacted the Fire Marshall. There are six steps required to obtain certification, and the timeline is tight if the goal is to complete them this year. The council needs to decide how many people should be certified, at a cost of \$280 per person. Liability costs remain a concern when considering if pursuing certification is worthwhile.

Councilmember Fox inquired about the potential liability cost if our fire department were involved; she has not yet received information from VRSA regarding whether this would increase liability. Councilmember Fox requested Manager Regon to gather relevant data for further consideration.

Councilmember Willis expressed doubt about the value of certification for only hosting a single annual event. Councilmember Cline suggested it might become a revenue source if our certified firefighters can work at other events in nearby areas, and he volunteered to contact those interested in getting certified. He also proposed that, since Dollywood hosts shows nearly every night in spring, we could send our team there for a week to gain experience.

Mayor Beasley agreed to investigate insurance implications, especially since expanding into new events could create additional revenue for the town. Mayor Beasley also raised a concern about paying for certifications only to have individuals leave and use their credentials elsewhere, which would necessitate certifying replacements. Manager Regon will reach out to the insurance carrier, asking whether the information should be sent by email to help the council prepare for a decision.

New Business

A. Councilmember Appointment for seat vacated by Councilmember Beasley's

transition to Mayor, and Swearing In by Tazewell County Clerk of Court, Charity Hurst. Mayor Beasley said that they had a public hearing to announce the applicants. Councilmember Fox made a motion for Beth Takach to fill the vacant seat. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion and stated that Takach's experience and history with the town made her the most qualified candidate. Although other applicants were considered, Beth Takach was ultimately chosen. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye.

Tazewell County Clerk of Court Charity Hurst swore in Councilmember Beth Takach for term beginning January 13, 2026 to November 3, 2026.

B. Reappointment of Clerk Jessica Hayes

Councilmember Cline made a motion to reappoint Jessica Hayes as Clerk. Councilmember Fox seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

C. Reappointment of Fire Chief John Thomas

Councilmember Fox made a motion to reappoint John Thomas as Fire Chief. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

D. Reappointment Town Attorney Brad Pyott

Councilmember Keen made a motion re appoint Town Attorney Brad Pyott. Vice Mayor Hankins seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

E. Reappoint Town Manager Leeanne Regon

Councilmember Keen made a motion to reappoint Town Manager Leeanne Regon. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

F. 1st Reading of Ordinance for Closure of Portion of Bishop Street

Attorney Pyott presented the ordinance for its first reading. There is a 60-day period after its approval during which appeals can be made. It is advisable to wait until this appeal period has ended before officially recording the ordinance. Additionally, we are awaiting an updated plat, which will be submitted as part of the process.

ORDINANCE OF VACATION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Tazewell, Virginia, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2006, et seq. (Repl. Vol. 2025), that it hereby enacts the following Ordinance of Vacation regarding a portion of Bishop Street which runs in an east/west direction and is specifically located west of existing Broadway Street in the Town of Tazewell (formerly known as North Tazewell), the affected portion of which street is more specifically shown as highlighted in yellow on that certain Plat entitled "PLAT Showing Survey for Kahalid A fouis, Being Re-division of Lots 40-45 Map of the Peninsula - Tazewell, Virginia," a copy of which map is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The original of said map is found of record in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Tazewell County in Deed Book _____, at page _____.

It is hereby established that pursuant to the criteria set forth in Virginia Code §15.2-2006 (Repl. Vol. 2025), a public hearing was duly held before the Council for the Town of Tazewell at 7:15 p.m. on January 13, 2026, with notice of said hearing published twice in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, and with notice being provided to the affected adjoining landowners. Following the offer of public comment by those in favor of and those against vacation of the portion of said street, and none being offered, the public hearing was closed.

It is hereby further established that during the course of the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting of the Council on January 13, 2026, upon motion made and duly seconded, it was the consensus of the Council to vacate, discontinue and close the portion of said street as identified and identified by the yellow highlighted portion on said Plat, a copy of which is attached hereto, to all vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, and traffic of any other kind, on the following conditions:

1. That in accord with Virginia Code §15.2-2008, the adjoining owner whose property immediately abuts the vacated portion of said street/road to the east shall be responsible for paying to the Town the assessed on the value for the vacated portion in question, that value being determined by the Commissioner of Revenue to be identified and designated as follows:

TMP No. 094A704 _____ \$3,000.00

2. That in accord with the Town's subdivision ordinance (Town Code §24-1, et seq.), the vacated portion of the street will merge with the existing abutting property of that owner into one new and larger boundary (identified by two separate tax parcels), such that the newly acquired fractional portion cannot be sold, transferred, or subdivided and sold or transferred separate from the original boundary of the new owner; and
3. That the fractional portion acquired by the new owner shall be subject to any and all existing utility easements presently existing therein, and to the parcel's future availability for the construction, installation and maintenance of utilities necessary for the Town of Tazewell.

It is hereby further established and acknowledged by the Council for the Town that Kahalid Ofouis, his wife, the owners whose property abuts the vacated portion of Bishop Street to the north and south, has caused to be paid to the Town the assessed value associated with the fractional portion of said street which abuts said owner's existing property in the amount as set forth hereinabove.

By his signature hereinbelow, the Mayor for the Town of Tazewell hereby acknowledges and affirms the Tazewell Town Council's adoption of this Ordinance of Vacation, and the Council's further direction that a certified copy hereof be recorded as deeds are recorded and indexed in the name of the Town of Tazewell, and the individual Grantees as set forth below:

TMP No. 094A704

Kahalid Afouis

husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing *Ordinance of Vacation* was duly adopted by a _____ vote of the Tazewell Town Council present at its regular meeting on January 13, 2026.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2026.

TOWN OF TAZEWell

Joe R. Beasley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF TAZEWell, to-wit:

The foregoing *Ordinance of Vacation* was acknowledged before me by Joe R. Beasley, Mayor of the Town of Tazewell, on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

My commission expires _____.

Notary Public

G. Mountain Biding Project Update

Manager Regon identified a matching grant for trail design that opens on Thursday, January 15th. We already have funds allocated and expect to receive additional support from the county. Councilmember Cline asked if there are any prerequisites required for applying and offered assistance if needed, noting that he may have some of the necessary documents. Councilmember Cline moved to all Manager Regon to apply for the grant, and Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. Councilmember Fox expressed a preference for pursuing a grant that covers the full cost. In response, Councilmember Cline explained that the county's contribution could be used to match the grant, ensuring that the majority of expenses would be covered. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

H. Recreation Department Update

Recreation Director Hicks provided an update on progress at the recreation department. As a certified pool operator, he is actively reaching out to recreation teams and making use of the gym. He is organizing adult coed volleyball and basketball at the Old Junior Highs Gym and reported that Fish Day was very successful. Recreation Director Hicks is enthusiastic about these events and initiatives. He noted that by May 4th, inflatables will be installed at the lake, with budget allocations made for additional upgrades. He is also working on upgrading site grills and has requested further improvements for the fields.

He mentioned that hosting travel baseball, soccer, and softball would be possible with these enhancements, which could revive these events which would bring revenue into our town. Weekend rental costs typically range from \$150 to \$350, with adult events costing between \$200 and \$300. Additional fees apply to spectators. With these upgrades, Recreation Director Hicks believes the park can host more activities and fully utilize amenities like shelters, pools, fishing, and the aqua park, generating substantial revenue.

Recreation Director Hicks is committed to growing his department and the recreation program. Councilmember Fox inquired about parking congestion during events, and Recreation Director Hicks responded that parking issues will be addressed in the planned upgrades. He noted that travel ball is currently very popular and profitable. Discussions have taken place with Sharon Thomas about using bridge access for overflow parking, while Councilmember Fox suggested designated fishing-only parking, though enforcement may be challenging. Manager Regon offered to reach out regarding previous overflow parking solutions used when the lot opened.

Regarding field upgrades; according to a 2024 quote, the infield requires the most work, estimated at \$66,000. Councilmember Keen asked about the condition of the field closest to the parking lot; Recreation Director Hicks replied it's not in poor shape but acknowledged all fields need attention. Mayor Beasley remarked on the complexity of these improvement projects and emphasized that establishing a subcommittee focused on developing recreation and facility use is important. There have also been talks about building multi-use fields. Having a second location could relieve pressure on existing park fields and create more programming opportunities. Recreation Director Hicks concluded by thanking everyone for their support during the successful Fish Day event.

I. Recreation Discussion

Councilmember Cline expressed appreciation to the speaker for addressing the need to upgrade recreational facilities. Warhawk Park and the Ramey lot were mentioned as possible alternatives for a multi-use facility. He proposed transferring management of youth soccer during both the season and fall from YMCA oversight to the town's recreation department, while maintaining annual support for the YMCA through a \$25,000 contribution from cigarette tax revenue. Councilmember Fox inquired about the number of employees assisting with these programs and requested consideration for additional staff. Councilmember Cline made the motion transferring management of

youth soccer during both the season and fall from YMCA oversight to the town's recreation department, while maintaining annual support for the YMCA. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. Mayor Beasley commented that partnership between the YMCA and the Town could be improved and suggested better coordination. Councilmember Willis agreed, emphasizing that there is no need to dissolve the relationship; however, he believes bringing sports programs back under town administration would ensure they receive appropriate attention currently lacking in the existing arrangement. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

J. Allocation of Funds for Future Projects

Councilmember Cline expressed interest in discussing the possibility of reallocating funds, noting that there is approximately \$1.6 million in the sports complex fund. He suggested aligning their efforts to facilitate these projects, especially in conjunction with work on the comprehensive plan. He recommended that funds be directed toward projects receiving actual focus. Councilmember Cline made a motion to allocate \$30,000 from these funds for design and planning of a multi-use athletic park. The second proposal was to allocate \$30,000 toward renovations for the property at 1616 Riverside Drive, with the goal of improving and encouraging economic development in that area; this allocation would also be for planning purposes. The intent is to initiate revitalization in North Tazewell. Councilmember Keen seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, nay; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

K. Rt. 460 Waterline Project Discussion

Manager Regon reported on the successful completion of the pressure reducing vault project, which was a major effort. She thanked Gardner Equipment for providing larger equipment that assisted with the task. The team connected the vault to the distribution system without any issues. Additionally, Manager Regon revisited previous discussions about potential rebates and asked if the council would like her to pursue any of the suggestions she has provided. The council is still considering the suggestions provided. Councilmember Cline pointed out that we are to begin paving on this project in Spring and that they should consider the time frame of the work. He suggested tabling it until the next meeting.

L. Town Charter and Code Update Discussion

Councilmember Cline suggested that we should review the Town Charter and make updates to it as needed. He said that his goes hand in hand with updating the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Cline stated that our Charter is out of date because of state laws changing. He said that it needs to be done comprehensively. Councilmember Cline also suggested reforming how the council is established. Currently it is made up of 6 councilmembers and a non-voting Mayor and he suggested consideration of it going to

4 councilmembers and one voting Mayor. He noted that with a change like this it could allow for a pay increase for councilmembers moving up from \$300. Debate between Councilmember Willis and Councilmember Cline between the ability of a smaller council to be as successful and varietal to serve the Town efficiently. Attorney Pyott added that with a smaller council there is greater risk of not meeting quorums if anyone should miss a meeting and delaying actions. He suggested that if you look around the state at other localities that most councils have at least 6 very few is less than. Councilmember Fox believes it should remain at 6 councilmembers. Mayor Beasley agreed that there were conflicting lines within the charter that need to be addressed. He suggests that they want to look at the charter in its whole for items that need to be updated. Councilmember Cline suggests working on it actively to meet deadlines for it to go before the General Assembly. Mayor Beasley suggested that the council review the charter and note any issues they find then present them for consideration to change.

M. Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Public Comment

Council Comments

Adjournment

Councilmember Willis motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Fox seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, nay; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm