

Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

Present:

Mayor Joe Beasley

Councilmember Danny Willis

Vice Mayor Jonathan Hankins

Councilmember Zach Cline

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Glen Keen, Jr.

Councilmember Elisabeth Takach

Absent:

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

BUDGET WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beasley called the work session to order at 6:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers

Manager Regon announced that Attorney Pyott would not be attending the meeting; Eric Whitesell will serve as his substitute. The session commenced with Manager Regon presenting a quote for a fire truck—a thousand-gallon pumper priced at \$1,361,007.00. If pursued, delivery would occur in three years, but commitment is required before June 1st to avoid a 5% price increase (\$68,000). Fire Chief Thomas has emphasized the urgent need for this equipment. Manager Regon stressed the importance of timely action due to the extended wait time for delivery.

Councilmember Hankins inquired about the availability of multiple quotes. Manager Regon clarified that only one quote was obtained because it falls under State Bid and does not necessitate procurement. Councilmember Willis requested data on how many times the truck was used last year; Manager Regon will provide this information. Mayor Beasley noted previous discussions regarding staggered replacement and highlighted the potential aging out of two additional trucks in the coming years, suggesting that beginning the process now may be necessary.

Mayor Beasley also requested additional quotes to facilitate decision-making before June 1st. Manager Regon agreed to obtain these quotes and distribute them to the council by email. Councilmember Cline referenced prior inquiries concerning mutual aid with the County Fire

Department and questioned whether there is a shared asset arrangement similar to that of the Waste Water Treatment facility. Manager Regon is scheduled to discuss this matter with the County in an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Cline further proposed evaluating vehicle needs based on call volume, especially considering the County's future presence in town and potential collaboration opportunities. Police Chief Lampert explained that emergency calls are managed by dispatch, who contact the county if municipal resources are unavailable. Mayor Beasley observed that most calls addressed by the department have been out-of-town, which Manager Regon confirmed, noting a significant increase in call volume since the county's temporary closure. She will compile and forward all requested information to the council.

Councilmember Cline asked about the market for used fire trucks; Manager Regon responded that, while options exist, previous experiences with used vehicles have been unsatisfactory due to reliability issues. Councilmember Cline also inquired about possible grant funding, such as 80/20 grants, and Manager Regon reported that USDA grants are primarily available, though the locality has not qualified due to perceived affluence. Manager Regon will continue to research grant opportunities and update the council accordingly.

Manager Regon reviewed the budget, noting that general fund rates will largely remain the same except for new and existing facility rental fees. Taxes are unchanged. There was an email discussion about removing vehicle fees; however, Manager Regon believes it may be more feasible to consider this change next year rather than in the upcoming budget cycle.

Councilmember Cline noted that, compared with other localities, we rank in the top third. He explained that our budget does not have much flexibility. Councilmember Cline considers this option to be the easiest to implement, even though it would result in an estimated loss of \$65,000. While acknowledging that increased revenue allows for more actions, he suggests this move could demonstrate good faith to our citizens. He understands both perspectives and leaves the matter open for council discussion. He clarified that he is not proposing a return to town decals. Councilmember Fox supports removing the fee, while Councilmember Willis opposes discarding \$65,000 and proposes reducing the vehicle fee from \$20.00 to \$10.00. Manager Regon urges consideration of future impacts like rising minimum wage and inflation.

Councilmember Takach advises either eliminating or keeping the fee unchanged, as lowering it may cause confusion. Mayor Beasley asked the council for their preferences. Councilmember Willis, Vice Mayor Hankins, and Councilmember Keen wanted to cut it in half; Councilmember Cline, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Takach, and Mayor Beasley voted to cut it out completely. Councilmember Takach offered the thought that if we reduced Meals Tax and left this one alone it might gain more traction within our community offering relief. Manager Regon pointed out that the vehicle relief will help our community and a meal tax reduction offers relief to everyone including tourism. If the goal is to offer relief to the citizens, the vehicle fee would be best. Mayor Beasley says cut out the Vehicle Fee completely.

Meals Tax—Councilmember Takach is currently reviewing rate comparisons. Marion maintains lower real estate and property taxes but compensates with higher meals tax rates. This analysis highlights different approaches to taxation, particularly regarding whether to focus more on tourism or residents. Striking an appropriate balance remains a priority. Councilmember Takach

recommends prioritizing taxation on tourism to minimize the impact on citizens and suggests communicating these efforts to the community. She encourages transparency by informing residents that their concerns are being considered, and decisions are being made with the best interests of the community in mind.

Aqua Park has allocated funding that was previously discussed to facilitate the replacement of inflatables. Fire Department Billing represents anticipated revenue, specifically from structure fires where insurance coverage is available. In these cases, the financial responsibility shifts from the homeowner to their insurer. Although this billing procedure was approved several years ago, it has yet to be implemented; once the department obtains the homeowner's insurance information, the insurer will be billed directly. Police Chief Lampert inquired whether the Fire Department could assess charges for accident cleanup. Manager Regon clarified that the original motion specified billing only for structure fires.

Councilmember Cline commented on EMS, expressing interest in whether it's possible to acquire an additional vehicle or maintain another facility. He noted that the county intends to bring in another agency, which could negatively impact their operations. Councilmember Cline asked if they could provide services at cost or better to compete. Manager Regon mentioned that she believes they are already on a transport rotation with other agencies. Councilmember Cline requested further investigation into this matter.

The discussion now turns to Expenses in the General Fund. The budget approach remains consistent with last year. The salary line includes provision for up to a 2.5% raise, mirroring the previous year's adjustment. The increase in PD Vehicle Equipment is attributable to participation in the Fleet program, resulting in the acquisition of three police cruisers, two Durango SUVs, and one truck. This change is also reflected in the Equipment line item. A vehicle rotation plan has been implemented, targeting the sale of older, high-mileage vehicles. The objective is to maximize value through efficient vehicle replacement.

Regarding the Fire Department, contingency funding for a fire truck can be included at their request. Councilmember Fox previously highlighted the need for additional personnel, and a maintenance position has been added to the budget accordingly. The soccer program is now managed internally; consideration is being given to future expansion, appointing the Recreation Director to oversee these programs and assigning maintenance responsibilities to a full-time employee, who will provide year-round service. Councilmember Willis inquired about work expectations, which include mowing, trash collection, equipment replacement, facility maintenance, and improvements.

Youth activity expenses have increased due to higher soccer enrollment. Spring soccer revenue has already surpassed expectations, indicating positive growth.

EMS staffing was discussed, with a current full-time vacancy. Manager Regon recommends filling it now, possibly as part-time, and reconsidering full-time status if revenue increases. Vice Mayor Hankins suggested restructuring instead of removing the position. Mayor Beasley noted that overtime exceedance may be due to transports. EMS Director Saleem could not attend to address these questions, so Manager Regon will gather relevant information and assess the budget.

The Community Development position is budgeted for next year but was not filled this year. The allocation for Mayor/Town Council economic development increased to \$40,000. The Tazewell Today Donation was reduced to \$65,000, based on prior discussions. Councilmember Cline believes these changes are reasonable given ongoing conversations. Tazewell Today has started fundraising and is becoming more self-sufficient.

Mowing was contracted out.

Extensive paving is planned for RT 460. Funding for snow removal, salt, bridge work, and sidewalk maintenance has increased to address urgent community repairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Keen made a motion to enter into 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; Councilmember Takach, aye.

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:08PM.

Certification of Executive Session

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Keen

Resolution Number: ES260414

Motion Seconded by: Hankins

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Real Property, Personnel
Matters, Consultation Legal Council

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;

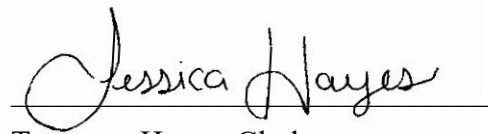
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tazewell Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification resolution applies,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

Nays: none

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



Treasurer Hayes, Clerk

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

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Beasley called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Hankins led the meeting in the invocation prayer.

Special Presentations

A. 2026 THS Project Graduation Support Request

Brandon Matney, FFA Teacher at THS. THS Project Graduation addressed the council to request support for 2026. Councilmember Fox made a motion to donate \$700 to THS Project Graduation. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. Councilmember Cline asked how many are in the graduating class this year. Mr. Matney replied that they have around 135. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

B. Annual Juneteenth Program Support Request

Viv Ferguson requested council support for the Annual Juneteenth Program, which includes a Main St. event, parade to Warhawk Park, community cookout, and a combined church service at Knuckles Hall. The event, now in its seventh year, draws attendees from several nearby towns and colleges, with participation from the hospital and Clinch Valley Community Action. Councilmember Fox motioned for \$3,000, seconded by Councilmember Takach. It is specified that for this event, Tazewell Today is the recipient of the funds. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

C. Rt 16 Rally and Music Festival Event Request and Support Request

Councilmember Takach recused herself from the discussion on event requests and support due to a conflict of interest. She explained that since the issue directly affects two other businesses, she doesn't technically need to recuse herself from discussion but is willing if the council prefers. Councilmember Takach serves as secretary and treasurer of Rt 16 Rally. The council wanted her input for the discussion, given her valuable insight, but suggested that she abstain from voting. Councilmember Keen motioned to approve the event on June 5th-7th. 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, recused.

Chris Meyers and Donna Roberts addressed the council. Mr. Meyers shared that Tazewell was chosen for the Wayfarer event because of its location and his strong connection to the town and community. Their vision focuses on bringing music to the area, responding to the community's enthusiasm for all types of music. Over the past five years, they collaborated

with OTR, but OTR has since withdrawn from involvement. Mr. Meyers emphasized his commitment to honoring agreements and noted that hosting a music festival was part of their initial business plan. Last year's festival attracted between 5,000 and 6,000 people, and despite OTR pulling out, they intend to continue growing the event.

They plan to shift the festival's focus toward embracing music culture and family activities, aiming to become an anchor for the town with a music venue. Examples from other towns show that a robust music venue can boost tourism. They created a four-minute video while working with OTR. Mr. Meyers pointed out that even during severe winter storms, previous shows sold out, confirming the area's appeal as a destination.

Their goal is to promote not only music but all other local attractions and tie these efforts back to the festival. They requested street closure from West St to Hurst Scott Funeral Home. Councilmember Fox agreed that the event is expanding and holds great promise. Councilmember Willis asked about the specifics of road closure starting at 12 p.m. Friday; organizers confirmed this timing to allow vendors to set up and for installation of two large stages and additional street attractions. Councilmember Willis inquired whether town employees were needed for setup. Organizers responded affirmatively but said volunteers and other workers would assist with logistics. The event will be ticketed, and organizers hope it will eventually become sustainable. They expressed appreciation for support from the council this year.

Sponsorship request. Councilmember Willis asked what this would be used for. Mrs. Roberts said it would be for advertising, marketing, stages, and additional PA system would be needed for the smaller stage, light shows, and engineers for sound. Councilmember Willis mentioned that there will be additional parking available near the baseball fields. He is concerned regarding operating businesses at the lower end of the street that do not want to lose business. Councilmember Cline asked what the cost of the ticket would be because we had hoped that our community would have a free event. She said they had discussed possibility of locals entering free or something similar that way they do not leave our citizens out. At the last meeting he discussed that this event has the potential to have ripple events bringing more people into our community. He likes that there is an effort to be self-sustaining. He thinks we need to look at as an experiment and witness that this is a positive step towards and helps us become more of a destination. He thinks that partnerships is how we grow in the economy and our community. He loves that this is a non-profit for locals by locals. Councilmember Cline motioned that they would make a \$10,000 sponsorship for this event this year. Vice Mayor Hankins seconded the motion. Councilmember Fox needed clarification that this would go to a non-profit that funds the festival, not one business. On vote, Councilmember Willis, abstained; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, nay; Councilmember Takach, recused. Motion carried.

D. National Police Week Support Request from Ashley Fisher

Manager Regon noted that each year during Police Week, Fisher and Company recognizes Law Enforcement Officers with special gestures of appreciation, supplying a meal them. The organization aims to ensure every officer receives something meaningful. In the previous year, \$200 in donations were approved and 120 local law enforcement personnel were provided with meals. Councilmember Willis motioned to donate \$200, Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Hankins abstained because he is a law enforcement officer. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, abstained; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

Local Business Recognition

A. Welcome Back Kolleables

Larry Hayes and Freddie Smith. Celebrated their 10-year anniversary. He started this in North Carolina and moved here. He said he wouldn't want to have the business anywhere else but Tazewell. They have received such strong support here. Mr. Smith added that Welcome Back Kolleables offers sponsorships for local youth teams. He also has a rewards program for good report cards for store discount or credit.

B. Crowned by Beauty – Hair by Vanessa

Vanessa Pridgen has started a new business after graduating from cosmetology school. She serves all hair types and aims to make her clients feel comfortable, encouraging them to love themselves and their hair. Being passionate about her hometown, she wants her salon to be a special place in the community, offering services in multiple ways and growing together with local residents. The salon is located at 2749 Fincastle Turnpike. Councilmember Fox asked whether the Manager would inform the council of these new businesses; the Manager replied that the Chamber of Commerce sends out such notices. She will ensure everyone receives the emails, if they aren't already doing so. Vanessa told the council that she is open to any guidance or support as she launches her business and organization, "It Takes a Village."

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Fox made a motion to approve minutes from the March 10th Council Meeting. Councilmember 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.

Approval of Financial Statements & Financial Report

Councilmember Keen made a motion to approve financial statements and financial reports for March 2026. Takach seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor

Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

Committee/Conference Updates

A. Planning Commission Committee

Building and Zoning Official Hurley reported that at their April 6th meeting. There were two items on the agenda. A new restaurant in the four-way section of town and stipulations for the Tazewell County Fire Department Site Plan. These items will be voted on later in this meeting.

B. Tazewell Today

Director Emily Davis reported the receipt of recent reinvestment statistics, which she provided to the council. The organization has been accredited for another year by Virginia Main Street. Financial statements are available for review, and the new budget year will commence in January. Last year, 11 Town events, 6 fundraisers, and 1 workshop were held. There are plans to host a series of workshops in the future. The Main Street District extends from Miller's Antiques to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office. Numerous jobs have been added along Main Street, alongside \$58,000 in private investment in this district.

For 2026, 21 events are scheduled. Director Davis also discussed the design committee project regarding bottle tops it is currently underway.

C. Comprehensive Plan Review Sub-Committee

Councilmember Cline shared that the team is currently establishing the town's goals and objectives. They are getting ready to begin drafting these plans and are looking for external contractor support to help refine and design the document.

Unfinished Business

A. Ratify Vote Regarding the Purchase of Four Vehicles for Public Works Department Fleet using the LGIP Account.

Councilmember Keen made a motion to allow the use of the LGIP account to purchase four vehicles for Public Works Department. 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.

New Business

A. Review and Approve County Fire Department Site Recommendation from Planning Commission

Building and Zoning Official Hurley presented the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the County Fire Department Site. The Committee proposed adding a flashing light to signal when a siren is active, helping to alert drivers. Since the site is in the overlay district, a vote is required. Councilmember Fox motioned to accept

the site plan with the recommendation of installing a traffic signal to alert traffic of emergency vehicles entering and exiting the area. Councilmember Takach seconded the motion. On vote, Councilmember Willis, aye; Vice Mayor Hankins, aye; Councilmember Cline, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Keen, aye; Councilmember Takach, aye.

B. Review and Approve Market Street Property Recommendation from Planning Commission

Building and Zoning Official Hurley presented the site plan for the Market Street Property. Councilmember Willis requested information regarding the project timeline. The business anticipates opening by the fall, with construction scheduled to commence this summer. Councilmember Fox motioned to approve the site plan. Councilmember Willis 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. Town Council Representative for the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

Manager Regon stated that our former Mayor was on this committee. There is now a vacant position available. They meet quarterly and the location changes each meeting. She asked them to thank about this and keep this in mind as a council member needs to serve on this board.

D. Budget Amendments

Treasurer Hayes presented the budget amendment recommendations to the council for review and approval. Councilmember Cline made a motion to approve the budget amendments. 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. Resolution of Support for Tazewell County Airport Authority Miscellaneous

The Airport has changed their charter they are asking us to support their Amended Charter. Mayor Beasley resolution. Vice Mayor Hankins made a motion to approve the resolution of support for the Amended Charter for the Tazewell County Airport Authority. 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.

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 211 CENTRAL AVENUE, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651, ON THE 14 DAY OF APRIL 2026, THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING A MOTION, AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: 2026-04-01

Date: APRIL 14, 2026

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
CHARTER OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Airport Authority was created on or about July 12, 1978 by way of the Agreement for the Creation of the Tazewell County Airport Authority and by the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated July 12, 1978;

WHEREAS, the original Charter for the Tazewell County Airport Authority was amended by way of the Agreement to the Amendment of the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated May 28, 1996;

WHEREAS, the Charter, and its subsequent amendments, provide a comprehensive and updated framework for governance, operations, and management of the Tazewell County Airport Authority and the Tazewell County Airport facility;

WHEREAS, the Board Members of the Tazewell County Airport Authority, upon public notice, a quorum to conduct official business, and the commencement of a public meeting held on March 19, 2026 at the Tazewell County Airport facility located at 2200 Airport Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609, voted unanimously and approved certain amendments to its Charter;

WHEREAS, the representative members of the Tazewell County Airport Authority include one member from Russell County, one member from Buchanan County, and six members from Tazewell County;

WHEREAS, amendments to the Tazewell County Airport Authority require authorization and acceptance of the same from the various local government or municipality members as referenced herein;

WHEREAS, the amendments to its Charter are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and most appropriate to authorize and accept the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of April, 2026, The Tazewell Town Council, accepts and ratifies the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated the 19th of March, 2026.

It is so **RESOLVED, AFFIRMED, and RECORDED** this 14th day of APRIL, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

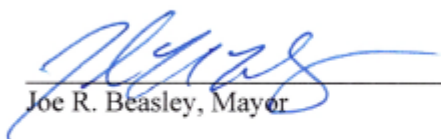
AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

*Mayor Joe Beasley,
David Fox, Glen Keen, Elizabeth Takach,
Danny Willis, Jonathan Hankins, Zach Cline,*
None
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None

ATTEST:


Joe R. Beasley, Mayor


Jessica A. Hayes, Clerk

Manager Regon informed the Council that there are more items that are now eligible for auction. A golf cart, 2005 Ford F150 Dump truck, 2008 Ford F250, 2008 Ford F250 and a 2006 Ford Explorer.

Councilmember Keen made a motion to approve the items for auction. 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.

G. Town Manager Project Updates

Rt 460- Last week work began again. We have cut asphalt in preparation. We are spraying the road to mitigate dust. The proposed paving date would be the end of May. Hardees to Peery Street.

Clinch River Pavilion & Farmers Market- Asphalt is being laid. The concrete for river walk is completed. Mural is in progress. Electrical is in progress. She invites the council to attend ribbon cutting in May.

Mountain Biking Project- easements are still in process. She did get a response from one the property owners. There is progress on that front.

Ramey Lot- Proposed soccer fields. They met with Kevin Jones teacher and architect at Virginia Tech. He anticipates having the design work by the end of June at a very discounted rate. Councilmember Cline asked if there were any discussions on the area and how close it is to the road. Barriers were discussed and also lighting.

Youth Soccer League- This idea was born a few months ago that we take back managing youth soccer in house. This spring 182 children signed up for that youth sport. There are 17 teams, games begin this Saturday. The Well on Wheels will be set up for opening day. Mayor Beasley thanked the team for stepping into this and making it happen.

Sewer Line on Lowe's Property

The Town and Thompson & Litton met with the property owner. Councilmember Willis believes we should not be paying an engineer to explore alternatives if the originally suggested pump could work. The owner, however, wants to see another option. Manager Regon has been in frequent communication with both parties. Council is concerned that the plans are now changing and that additional engineering costs are significant. Manager Regon is currently gathering more options and updated cost estimates.

Mowing Services- Several areas in town have been bid out for seasonal mowing this year. The bid winners were selected and the mowing season has begun. Riverside Drive section was awarded to Black Rock Excavation. Fairground Road was awarded to Adam Land Improvement. Fincastle Turnpike was awarded to General Resources and Lincolnshire Lake was awarded to Williams Tree Service.

H. Buskill Subdivision and Crockett Drive Concerns

This issue was already addressed; it had to do with snow removal- it is off Richardson Dr. It is not a Town maintained street but we agree that we will do snow removal on that street.

I. Miscellaneous

Councilmember Fox asked about the Street Sweeper and if there were issues with it. Manager Regon said that there were several complaints regarding gravel left in the middle of the road but the issue was that the crew was preparing to do another pass. They just hadn't completed it at the time. The Street Sweeper is a rental was only here for two weeks. We had a very limited time to address the streets in Town. Her team worked diligently to do so in the time frame allotted.

Councilmember Fox also brought up a question regarding property on Secretary Lane and College Hill. There are several property owners that would like to develop those lots but they are waiting for an elevation study. Manager Regon responded that he Property owner spoke with Building and Zoning Official Hurley and herself. It was going to be a base flood elevation study. It was a very expensive study and the property owner wanted the Town to do it for them but because it is private it is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town did offer instructions and guidance to the owner so that they could get the study done themselves. She will be happy to reissue the information to them.

Public Comment

Justin Takach- 279 Richardson Dr. Is in support of local government working cohesively with local businesses. He appreciates their willingness to serve on this board. He wants us to continue to cooperate with businesses in town. He wants us to keep that momentum. He did want to drive one point home. For clarification- in regards to last month's meeting. He said that it was never one business asking for that donation (OTR event donation request). It was not for a business on Main Street it was for the event. He just wanted to clarify. He looks forward to the partnership with the council.

Erica Galloway- 162 Sunnyside Drive. She works on Main Street at the Library. She has a great commute to work and often walks to and from work. She has concerns regarding the sidewalk and believes it needs to be extended around the curb of Marion Avenue. It is very tight and dangerous for a pedestrian in that area. She would like to have that put in if possible. Councilmember Takach suggested a pedestrian light or signal to alert traffic if there is not enough room to add a sidewalk. Something to alert traffic to pedestrians. Building and Zoning Official Hurley added that there used to be a sidewalk and they removed it because the road isn't wide enough. Manager Regon will look into it to see if there is anything they can do.

Council Comments-

Mayor Beasley thanked the Town Staff for all of their work and efforts.

Councilmember Willis asked if we are fully staffed for the summer. Manager Regon responded that there are several positions still available. We are currently advertising for seasonal staff at the Park, lifeguards and facility team members. We are seeding an electrician and a full time general maintenance for street crew.

Adjournment

Councilmember Keen motioned to adjourn. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm