

IEDA MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2025

Present:

IEDA Chair-Cara Spivey
IEDA Member- Susan Whittaker
IEDA Member-Justin Takach
IEDA Member-Lucie D'Amato
IEDA Member-Alicia Bales

Absent:

IEDA Member-Tammy Smith

Staff members present were Town Manager Leeanne Regon.

CALL TO ORDER

IEDA Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

MINUTES

Minutes for the November session will be approved during the January 5th 2026 meeting.

ONGOING PROJECTS UPDATE

Sharon Thomas presented a brief update regarding the Movie Theater project. To date the walls have been sheet rocked, all the wiring has been finished and the meter boxes replaced. 3 new heat pumps installed. A French drain had to be installed to deal with the natural water flow with a retainer wall to prevent future flooding.

There will be 3 cinemas, 2 will show traditional movies while the 3rd will be set up to show live performances as well as traditional movies. Theaters 1 and 2 will have 63 recliner seats. Theater 3 will have Rocker seats.

Bobby Franklin is expected to come in January to see what has been done and give guidance on what more needs addressed. Once he comes, they can start on each theater and that typically take 6-9 weeks per cinema.

The name will remain Tazewell Cinema and the sign is ready to install when the theater is complete. Sharon projects that there will be at least 2 fulltime employees and 6 part time. Projected opening month will be April or May 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS

IEDA Chair Spivey: It has just come to my attention that this will be IEDA Member Whittaker's last IEDA meeting as her term is up. I would like to thank her for her service and let her know how much we have all enjoyed working with Susan and I personally have learned a lot working beside you.

ADJOURNMENT

IEDA Member Takach made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 pm. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member D'Amato. On vote IEDA Member Bales, aye: IEDA Member Whittaker, aye: IEDA Chair Spivey, aye