

Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

The Tazewell Town Council met in an executive session at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Staff present were: Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Clerk/Treasurer, Leanne Regon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Brown. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Brown

Resolution Number: ES210713

Motion Seconded by: Catron

Meeting Date: 21 July 13

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters, Award of Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds 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

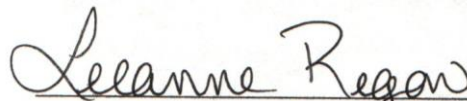
Ayes: Catron, Brown, Davis, Mullins, Fox, Beasley

Nays: none

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

Absent during vote:

Absent during meeting:



Leeanne Regon, Clerk

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Councilmember Beasley and seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

Mayor Hoops stated the reason they went into executive session was for Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters, Award of Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds Personnel Matters. He then read the resolution for Certification of Executive Session. On a roll call vote Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye.

Mayor Hoops adjourned the executive session.

The Tazewell Town Council met in a work session at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Staff present were: Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Clerk/Treasurer, Leanne Regon; Zoning, Building, Property Official, Chris Hurley; Police Chief, David Mills; Fire Chief, Jason Hodge; Recreation Director, Richard Smith.

FINANCIAL POLICY DISCUSSION

Manager Day stated that we have received a letter from VRA in reference to the sewer plant upgrade, that they wanted us to have financial policy in place. VML VACO has been looking at our rates and they have found that the newly raised rates will be sufficient and they have not recommended any other rate hikes that we have not addressed. VRA is recommending that we have a financial policy, so we have reviewed other localities policies and created a policy using them and VML VACO's comments and suggestions. VRA does not want us to have any more intermingling of funds. The highlighted area in the policy is from VML VACO's recommendations. He would like for council to review this policy and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DISCUSSION

Manager Day stated that in the packet they will find documents that state we will received \$4.2 million and we have already received half, \$2.1 million. Several members asked what we were going to spend the funds on. Manager Day stated that Executive Assistant Brewster will be over the committee and Treasurer Regon will be helping with the committee as well. He would like them to read the information in the packet and come back the next meeting and have ideas of projects and areas that we can spend the funds. We will set a meeting to go over the ideas.

The Tazewell Town Council met in a work session at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoops called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. Invocation by Manager Day.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REQUEST(S)

REQUEST FROM CLINCH MOUNTAIN MOTOR WORKS TO OBTAIN BANQUET LICENSE TO SERVE ALCOHOL

Manny Elswick thanked the council and said that he was glad to have the opportunity to operate a business in town. He stated that he works with Project 13. They would like to hold an event and serve alcohol. They would like to request a banquet permit for ABC at Clinch Mountain Motor Works which the property is owned by the IEDA. Manager Day stated that the IEDA will also have a voice. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Catron. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. Councilmember Fox asked who will be out there to oversee the alcohol. Mr. Elswick stated that at their last event the town police department was around and they did a great job. Chief Mills stated that the police department staged at one of the other locations on the property. Mr. Elswick stated that he does have paperwork from John Gunter with ABC. Vice Mayor Mullins asked what building on Main Street Project 13 is working on. Mr. Elswick stated that it was Steve Arey's building. They are working on the upstairs. He stated that he works in the jails one or two days a week to try and help reform them and they want to offer a place for them to go when they are released from jail so that they can go change clothes, wait on a ride, etc. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

UPDATE ON TRIATHLON

Manager Day stated that a triathlon was planned when the previous recreation director was still with us. Executive Assistant Brewster stated that there are 17 people registered so far. The event is August 14th at 9:00am. People are coming from out of the area to participate in this. Charity Hurst and Andy Sawyers are working on the event and seem to have a good handle on it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beasley to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021 and the executive session minutes of June 16, 2021. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Catron to approve the financial statements for June 2021. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Davis stated that the Planning Commission met and discussed a special exception permit from Kinder Family Properties. They would like to have an Air B&B in Dial Rock. One of the owners lives right behind the house. Also, the new owners of Donut Diva have requested a special exception permit. Zoning, Building, Property Official, Chris Hurley stated that her received their application today and that they will be requesting a public hearing at the next meeting.

BRIDGE DISCUSSION

Manager Day stated that VDOT will be working on the bridge by Kelly Kidd. They have discussed having a one lane closure versus having both lanes closed. It will begin in May 2022. By shutting down both lanes, the work will take about 11 months. If we had a one lane closure it would take longer. There has been nine million dollars of free money awarded for bridge repair. Fairground Road bridge is on the list also.

RATIFY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CPROP FUNDING

Manager Day stated that council has already voted by email on this matter however he wanted it to be reflected in open forum. Motion to ratify resolution of support for CPROP funding was made by Councilmember Catron. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

FINANCIAL POLICY APPROVAL

Manager Day stated that they did not have enough time in the work session to fully discuss the financial policy so he would like to hold off on the vote and give council a better opportunity to review and discuss.

UPDATE ON EMS

Rescue Squad Administrator Syndee Saleem, gave an EMS Update to council. She stated that they have come through Covid and have done well. She is thankful for her employees. The cost of supplies have went up a lot more since Covid hit. At June 30th EMS showed that they finished in the black. She states that transfers are a big part of their calls. At the next meeting she would like to discuss updating the cost of transports. This has not been done in four years. Manager Day asked what was the overage in the black and she answered \$37,000.00 to the good.

DONATION REQUEST FROM TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

Manager Day stated that we have received a letter from the band boosters requesting a donation. It was stated that the band will be holding their band camp here and not at Emory and Henry and this donation would go toward it. It was also stated that there are about 60-70 kids involved. Councilmember Brown made a motion to donate \$400.00 to the band. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

Councilmember Brown stated that Town Attorney Pyott's son had just received a recognition recently. He will be the field commander for this marching season.

APPROVE USDA RESOLUTION

Manager Day stated that in order for us to apply for grants and receive them from USDA there needed to be a resolution passed. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Councilmember Davis. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

UPDATE OF RECREATION REVENUES

Park Director, Richard Smith came before council with an update on the summer season. He stated that the pool is doing decent and the Aqua Park is doing decent. He also stated that concessions are doing good. Councilmember Brown asked about the \$5.00 fee. He asked how do we know which place (pool or Aqua Park) they go to. Treasurer Regon stated that the \$5.00 fee is based on where they pay. If they pay at the Aqua Park, it gets counted as Aqua Park. If they pay at the pool, it gets counted as pool admission.

Councilmember Brown stated that the park looks awesome. Councilmember Fox stated that the Kidzone area needs mulch. Park Director Smith stated that they will be starting swimming lessons this year. He also stated that they would be having softball tournaments. Councilmember Brown stated that he needed to talk to the town manager about stocking fish. Park Director Smith stated that the last three years they have stocked catfish. They discussed night fishing. They also discussed fall soccer. Park Director Smith stated that he is working with the YMCA to try and repair the relationship with them. He also stated that with the Mayor's help they were able to hold spring soccer and stated that they are looking at fall soccer. He also said we would be

looking into holding cornhole tournaments. He gave an update on the trail and stated that they were pouring concrete at the bridge at the end of the lake. He also handed out a description of all the responsibilities he does. Councilmember Brown stated that he was doing a good job. Councilmember Fox told him to keep it up.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL EXECPTION PERMIT FOR 294 DIAL ROCK ROAD FOR AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 7:15PM

Zoning, Building, Property Official, Chris Hurley stated that representatives from Kinder Family Property came before Planning Commission at last nights meeting and requested a special exception permit. They would like to open and Air B&B on Dial Rock Road. Council then reviewed the area on the map. Motion to set a public hearing at the next meeting was made by Councilmember Brown. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Beasley. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Fox and seconded by Councilmember Catron. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.