

Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

The Tazewell Town Council met in a budget work session at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Absent:

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

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

WWTP UPGRADE UPDATED COST ESTIMATE AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

Manager Day stated that this discussion is mainly about inflation. Today as you all know we have experienced an issue with gasoline. Departments were told to fill up everything we have. He has spoken with Eric Young and they had a phone call with Homeland Security. They did not have a set idea of when this would end. According to news outlets they say that it should be fixed by the weekend.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

Manager Day stated that we have received new information from Thompson and Litton that construction costs have now increased \$2.4 million. There have been a couple other counties that have capital improvement projects going on that have stopped those projects for the time being because of increases such as this. Part of the issue is pipe prices. Plants have had to shut down because of unemployment. There are no employees to run the plants to make the equipment. We still do not have a set amount of what relief we will get. Manager Day recommends to proceed with the WWTP engineering and when it comes time to bid out we can reevaluate if materials are still at the high rate. Mayor Hoops asked if push comes to shove which project would need to be done first, the WWTP or the 460 water line. Manager Day stated the 460 water line because of the tank. He stated that we are having to push our Pine Street pump station hard. He stated that he has reached out to other lending agencies and they are still on board. He has reached out to other agencies asking for more funding and assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Davis

Resolution Number: ES210511

Motion Seconded by: Beasley

Meeting Date: 21 May 11

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Award of Public Contract
Involving the Expenditure of Public
Funds, Prospective Business, 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

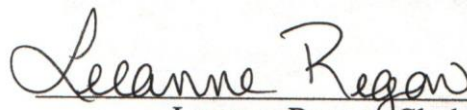
Ayes: Davis, Mullins, Fox, Beasley

Nays: none

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

Absent during vote: Catron, Brown

Absent during meeting: Catron, Brown



Leeanne Regan, Clerk

Mayor Hoops stated the reason they went into executive session was for Award of Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds, Prospective Business, and Personnel Matters. He then read the resolution for Certification of Executive Session. On a roll call vote Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye.

Mayor Hoops adjourned the executive session.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hoops called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. The Town of Tazewell held a public hearing for the first reading of the proposed 2021/2022 budget. He read the notice of public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this matter. With no comments, Mayor Hoops closed the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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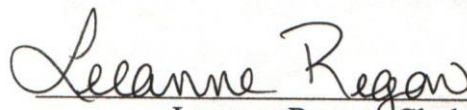
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Nays: none

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Mayor Hoops adjourned the executive session.

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

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Absent:

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Staff present were: Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Clerk/Treasurer, Lianne Regon; Zoning, Building, Property Official, Chris Hurley; Police Chief, David Mills.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REQUEST(S)

TAZEWELL TORPEDOS DONATION & EVENT REQUEST

Lianne Thomas, Treasurer of the Tazewell Torpedo's came before to request a donation. She stated that the swim team wants to keep their fees low so everyone has a chance to participate. They run on volunteers and all the funds go to the kids. On average they have 50-80 kids swim. They need funds to hold meets, purchase new equipment, etc.

Motion was made by Councilmember Davis to donate \$400.00 to the swim team. Councilmember Fox commented that we should donate \$500.00. Councilmember Davis amended her motion, and now makes a motion to donate \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye.

Vice Mayor Mullins stated that they need to revisit the request chart that they have to go by.

Ms. Thomas thanked them. She also stated that they would like to hold a 5k at the park on June 9th at 9:00am. She would like council's approval and support. Council all agreed and wished them well. They told her that she would need to speak to Richard at the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Beasley to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Beasley, seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the financial statements for April 2021. On vote, 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 revising the ordinance for flea markets, peddlers and itinerant merchants. They discussed the fees, etc. Attorney Pyott suggested that we look at Chapter 15 of our code because some areas are out dated and need to be updated. The flea market operator from Bargain Bob's came before council and asked for leniency for the vendors that may only want to set up a couple of times. The Planning Commission is bringing a recommendation to the council in the meeting tonight.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 15 LICENSES, PERMITS, AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS ORDINANCE -1ST READING

Attorney Pyott stated that we have found areas in Chapter 15 that did not work well together. They were updated at different times and need to be revised to work better. The Planning Commission has proposed the following changes for flea market/peddlers/itinerant merchants: \$20.00 for the issuance of a license and then \$20.00 per month for operation or \$200.00 for a yearly license. The flea market operator must notify any vendors that they are to secure a license with the town treasurer before they are able to operate. Mayor Hoops asked if we needed to set a public hearing for this. Attorney Pyott stated that we already have the requirements in the code and this is just a revision. Attorney Pyott also stated that he recommends this as the first reading. Motion was made by Councilmember Fox to approve the first reading of the revision.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

Motion to waive the second reading and adopt this as an emergency ordinance was made by Councilmember Beasley and seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 16 MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE -1ST READING

Attorney Pyott was asked to revise the ordinance regarding two hour parking fees and penalties. The revised ordinance includes an increase of parking fees for the first and second offenses. Attorney Pyott read the revisions. There currently is a fee of \$10.00 it will be increased to \$25.00

and the second offense will be \$50.00. The second offense is two tickets from a subsequent two-hour period.

Councilmember Davis asked if the time period of 24 hours to pay should be changed or left as is. It was discussed in last months minutes to give 10 days. They then discussed the length of time to pay. Chief Mills stated that the more time you are given to pay the more it would be to keep up with administratively. Chief stated that it is not fair for the business owners to have the same people parking on Main Street taking away customers from their businesses. Councilmember Davis would like to see the wording that the offender has 10 days to pay or a summons will/could be issued. Manager Day suggested that we get another draft prepared adding the 10 days to the time period and he will send it out when he gets it. The second reading will be at next months meeting. Councilmember Beasley stated that he would be ok with either time period they decide on.

TWIN DEPOT COMMEMORATIVE NAMING -RT 61

Mayor Hoops read the resolution to name part of Rt 61 for the recognition of the Twin Depots. Motion to pass the resolution of name change was made by Vice Mayor Mullins and seconded by Councilmember Beasley. Manager Day stated that they had to make a change and change it to Twin Depot Parkway. He also stated that this does not change any addresses. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Treasurer Regon discussed transactions that had to take place for the IEDA to purchase the Sunny Side Properties. There had to be transfers from the General Fund to the IEDA Fund that were not originally budgeted and also we received grants to cover the purchase price and that was not originally budgeted. Council reviewed the amendment and she went over it with them. She asked if there were any questions. Motion was made by Councilmember Davis to approve the budge amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. Manager Day stated that the closing fee is the only funds that the Town was required to pay for. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Manager Day stated that he had received a leak adjustment request. He stated that we have already given the customer a leak adjustment because a leak was fixed. She has been out of town for medical reasons and a leak occurred and it has not been fixed yet but she is wanting another adjustment. He asked if council would like to approve another adjustment. No motion was made.

UPDATE OF EMPLOYMENT

Manager Day stated that we have been struggling to get summer part time workers. We have full time employees cutting grass because we don't have any applicants. Also, EMS has implemented an increase in pay to entice people to want to work there. We will also be doing a bonus for transport trips so it will be more appealing for employees and applicants. Councilmember Fox stated that the grass is getting high on Tower Street and View Hill.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is a vacant seat on the Historical Review Board and Claudine Marshall has been nominated to fill that seat. Motion to approve Claudine Marshall to fill the vacant seat on the Historical Review Board was made by Councilmember Davis. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Beasley. On vote, Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis stated that an individual had approached her and asked if we could get another dumpster at the recycling center and could it be opened on Sundays. Mayor Hoops asked if it were opened on Sundays, would the Town have to have an employee out. It was answered yes because the dumpsters would have to be emptied. Manager Day stated that if the council would like to discuss this, we could add it to next months agenda. Councilmember Fox stated he would like to discuss it next month.

Councilmember Fox stated that he is concerned about box trucks parking on Main Street at the space right before Marion Avenue. He seen a vehicle almost hit a motorcycle because they could not see due to the box truck.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.