

Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

The Tazewell Town Council met in executive session at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Davis. 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: Davis

Resolution Number: ES210112

Motion Seconded by: Catron

Meeting Date: 21 January 12

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Privacy of Individuals
Unrelated to Public Business and
Personnel

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

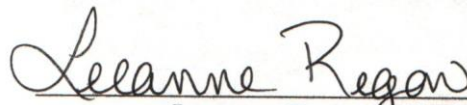
Ayes: Catron, Brown, Davis, Mullins, Fox, Beasley

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 Regan, Clerk

Motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilmember Davis and 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.

Mayor Hoops stated the reason they went into executive session was for Privacy of Individuals Unrelated to Public Business and Personnel. 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.

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

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020 and January 7, 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 December 2020. 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 gave an update. She stated that there has been a request to rezone five parcels of land, three landowners, on Main Street. It is on the agenda later in the evening to ask to set a public hearing.

SPORTS COMPLEX DISCUSSION

Manager Day has been working with engineering companies to get interest in this project. Synergy Sports contacted him. They were talking with Thompson and Litton. He stated that he received some documents today but he has not reviewed them yet. He would like to give everyone a chance to review them. He suggested that council review the documents as well and if anyone has questions to please let him know by Friday. He did ask for an itemized list so we can see the costs better. If everyone will send questions or comments to him by Friday he will contact Jason with Synergy Sports. Once questions are answered, he will ask each member by email, to vote.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to allow Manager Day to do due diligence and if all the questions are answered, allow him to move forward. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mullins. 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 his daughter and the Mayor's daughter did travel sports together and they spent money while in those other localities they were in. He is excited for this project. If we can get this facility, think of what it could bring. The busy time for it would be fall to spring. Then you have Back of the Dragon that brings people here from the spring to the fall. They compliment each other really well. He is concerned about how much our tax payers have to pay and if we can get those tax dollars from out of town it would be easier on our local tax payers.

Vice Mayor Mullins stated that he has also seen this as he has traveled with his grandson for wrestling. It would provide an opportunity for our town. He also stated that he is thankful for a progressive council.

Councilmember Catron stated that he also did this with his children and when they held a tournament here, they would have to use all the gyms in town and it would be great to have a facility to host these teams and welcome in other people to our town.

REAPPOINT CLERK LEEANNE REGON

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Fox to reappoint Leeanne Regon as Clerk. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

REAPPOINT FIRE CHIEF JASON HODGE

Motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Vice Mayor Mullins to reappoint Jason Hodge as Fire Chief. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

REAPPOINT TOWN ATTORNEY BRAD PYOTT

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron and seconded by Councilmember Brown to reappoint Brad Pyott as Town Attorney. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

FILL TWO VACANCIES, DISCUSS & APPROVE I/EDA REAPPOINTMENTS

Manager Day stated that there are currently two open spaces on our IEDA Board. We currently have one member that needs to be reappointed and that is Zach Cline. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Mullins and seconded by Councilmember Beasley to reappoint Zach Cline to the IEDA Board. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Manager Day stated that members that needed to be reappointed are Benny Moore, Richard Taylor, Larry Lutz, and Susan Reeves. Motion was made by Councilmember Fox and seconded by Councilmember Davis to reappoint all to the Planning Commission. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REAPPOINTMENTS

Manager Day stated that all members of the Board of Zoning Appeals needed to be reappointed. Members include Benny Moore, Joe Bowen, Bill Weeks, Anthony Brewster, and Daniel Ingram.

Motion was made by Councilmember Beasley and seconded by Councilmember Catron to reappoint all members of the Board of Zoning Appeals. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Manager Day stated that Zach Hash and Diane Roberts were the members that needed to be reappointed. Motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Beasley to reappoint Zach Hash and Diane Roberts. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

REAPPOINT TOWN MANAGER TODD DAY

Motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Catron to reappoint Todd Day as Town Manager. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING REQUEST FOR 499 MAIN STREET AND 523 MAIN STREET

Zoning, Building, Property Official, Chris Hurley stated that these addresses are on the same side of the street. It is the properties between the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Fire Department. There is a request for rezoning and there is also an overlay for that district as well that would need to carry forward. Motion to set a joint public hearing for rezoning and notification to surrounding land owners was made by Councilmember Davis and 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.

Councilmember Brown asked about rezoning the other side of the street to match. Manager Day stated that there had not been a request made to do that, but we can look into it.

PPEA RESOLUTION & MODEL GUIDELINES DISCUSSION

Attorney Pyott stated that these guidelines would need to be adopted so the Town can enter into a PPP-Public Private Partnership. Mayor Hoops read the resolution to adopt PPEA. Vice Mayor Mullins made a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Catron. On a roll call vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye. Attorney Pyott stated it would be in effect in 30 days.

TAZEWELL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hoops read the proclamation and stated that January 24th -January 31st will be school choice week. Motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye. Councilmember Fox, aye, Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

DISCUSS EXTENDING RECYCLING CENTER DAYS AND HOURS

Manager Day stated that he has had a request to extend the hours of the recycling center. Councilmember Davis stated that at first, we had it staffed and now we don't. It is open dusk til dark on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and cameras are in place. They held discussion and discussed having it open seven days a week. Councilmember Beasley asked about having to empty the bins on Sunday. Manager Day stated that they would make sure they were emptied on Saturday so no one would have to come out on a Sunday to do that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Hoops with Tazewell Today came before council to give an update. She first welcomed Councilmember Beasley. She discussed the amphitheater project on Main Street. They applied for the CPROP grant but didn't get it because there were no engineering drawings. The cost for the drawings is about \$25,000. They applied for a grant through DHCD to get the drawings done and were awarded \$9,000 because we have a Main Street Designation. She also stated the bricks are cleaned up from this area.

She then discussed the Mini Park. She stated that Pocahontas Prison built a phone booth for a mini visitors center and it will be in place by January 21st. This would be a good opportunity for a photo op for council and the warden from the prison would like to do so as well. They have an extension for the mural on the wall because of water issues. The extension is good through May 31st.

They have received a grant of \$10,000 from Dominion Power. This will go toward making a kayak access point on Riverside Drive and a picnic shelter. They are speaking to the property owner for that. The boy scouts will hold meeting there as well. There has to be an educational tie for this and that will be discussing how diverse the Clinch River is with the mussels and other species.

She also announced that there would be a drive in valentine movie on February 13th at the Ramey lot.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hoops welcomed Councilmember Beasley. He stated that he received a thank you note. There was a couple visiting at Christmas and they got stuck in the snow and our town crew helped dig them out and make a path for them to Fairground Road.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.