

Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Councilmember David Fox

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Absent:

Staff present were: Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Clerk/Treasurer, Leeanne Regon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Davis

Resolution Number: ES210309

Motion Seconded by: Beasley

Meeting Date: 21 March 09

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: 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 Regan, Clerk

Motion was made to come out of executive session 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.

Mayor Hoops stated the reason they went into executive session was for Award of Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds and 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 regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops
Vice Mayor Terry Mullins
Councilmember Glenn Catron
Councilmember Chris Brown
Councilmember David Fox
Councilmember Emily Davis
Councilmember Joe Beasley

Absent:

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; Recreation Director, Ben Rosado

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REQUEST(S)

SPPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSH HERNDON

Mayor Hoops called Josh Herndon and Coach Deacon Young up front and read a resolution of recognition and presented it to them. Josh won the state championship for wrestling and it was the first win for the school for the state championship in wrestling. Mayor Hoops congratulated Josh and Coach Young on a great season and said what a great job they had done. He presented them with a token from the Town.

Mr. Herndon, Josh's father, spoke about how proud he was. He stated that he was proud of his son for the championship but also the hard work and preparation it took to prepare himself. He talked about the hard work and dedication it took for Josh to make his weight class. He said at one point he almost gave up but the encouragement that everyone gave him helped him reach his goal for the weight class.

APPALACHIAN AGENCY TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Regina Sayers with Appalachian Agency congratulated Josh Herndon on his victory. She then stated that Appalachian Agency has been awarded a grant to provide non-emergency transportation for medical appointments. It is a pilot project and will end in May. This is a service for seniors citizens. They have been doing this since December. It is mostly dialysis and cancer treatment appointments but have been done for surgeries too. There has been a total of 124 trips. She discussed the new adult day care facility in Falls Mills and stated that it is 99% complete. She stated that it was a very nice facility. She also discussed the PACE program. She stated that the program will now be expanding to more counties in southwest Virginia. She stated that there are grants available through AARP to make areas more accessible. Such as our park, they could help provide more benches or lighting, etc.

EVENT REQUEST

Amanda Hoops came before council do discuss First Friday events. She stated that this draws a different crowd than the cruise in's. They have a different style of music. She stated that last year they had a beer truck that sat up at the event. This year she would like to request an ABC permit, a retail license, that would allow them to have 16 events per year. She would not be doing a food truck but would be allowing those that attend to go into a restaurant, purchase a drink, and bring it back out to the street for the event. The events will be scheduled for May, June, July and August. Motion was made by Councilmember Brown to approve the events. 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.

She also announced that they have set a date of May 22 for the prom on Main Street for Tazewell High School.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Recreation Director, Ben Rosado came before council to discuss an update on the Lincolnshire playground project. He has supplied each member with a sponsorship package. He stated that this packet will be sent to businesses and organizations. He explained how the sponsorships would work. He will be networking with other areas to gather information and more possible donations. He has a possible donation from Subway right now. He will be doing fundraiser events to earn money for this project. Councilmember Catron asked what the goal was. He answered \$350,000.00. The playground will be \$300,000 and then \$50,000 for upkeep and maintenance. He also discussed a splash pad and stated that it was a possibility but it was not included in the cost but it could be something we work toward in the future.

Councilmember Fox asked if everything was going ok with the handicap accessibility at the lake. He stated that they have put in a deck/dock at the front of the lake and they also have park employees that take people to the back of the lake to fish and they will go back there and check on them periodically.

Vice Mayor Mullins asked about adult physical activity in the new playground area. He stated that it will have equipment for seniors/adults to work with their hands and their legs and feet.

Vice Mayor Mullins stated that it would be good to discuss this part of it with Regina Sayers from Appalachian Agency to see if it would work for a grant through AARP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Beasley to approve the minutes of February 9, 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 Davis, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statements for February 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 did not meet.

APPROVE ORDINANCE OF STREET VACATION -KINGSTON STREET

Attorney Pyott stated in the December council meeting they discussed this property and voted to close part of the street. There was a public hearing held and there was no public comment. There were certified letters mailed to adjoining land owners. The property is currently owned by the District of the United Methodist Church. They requested full access of the plat. The survey that was completed by Jim Ribble shortened the distance 10 feet. The neighboring land owner, Childress, will still be able to access her property from Kingston Street. There must now be an ordinance of vacation recorded, it will include right of ways for public utilities.

Motion to waive the reading of the ordinance was made by Councilmember Davis 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.

Motion to approve ordinance of vacation was made by Councilmember Davis and 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.

FUEL UPDATE

Manager Day stated that he has received a letter from the county to all users of their gas tanks at the county fairgrounds. They are doing away with the ability to use those. He has spoken to Mr. Mitchem and Mr. Peery about working out an arrangement with them. He is trying to address the

town paying tax on gas and how we can be sure that we will get that back. It was asked what the county was doing. He stated that they were going to be using a card more like a fleet card, maybe Exxon or Shell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fox thanked Chief Mills for bringing in the heavy equipment into the Town for us to use.

Manager day stated that the bulldozer will now allow us to use it instead of having to rent one for the trail.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Fox and 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.