

Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

The Tazewell Town Council met in a special called joint meeting with the IEDA at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops
Vice Mayor Terry Mullins (Zoom)
Councilmember David Fox (Zoom)
Councilmember Emily Davis
Councilmember Joe Beasley (Zoom)
Councilmember Glenn Catron
Councilmember Chris Brown
IEDA Chair Kim Santolla
IEDA Member Derek Pridgen
IEDA Member Nancy Brooks
IEDA Member Chris Wearmouth
IEDA Member Zach Cline (Zoom)
IEDA Member Zach Hash (Zoom)

Absent:

IEDA Member Shawn McReynolds

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

Mayor Hoops opened the meeting for the Town of Tazewell Town Council.

IEDA Chair Santolla opened the meeting for the Town of Tazewell IEDA.

ARPA EXPENSES

Manager Day stated that there has been much discussion on what to spend the ARPA funds on. Council has agreed and wants to spend \$500,000 of the \$2.1 million that we have received thus far on recreation and emergency services. For the recreation department, they would like to redo the playground and put in new equipment that would be much safer and be able to appeal to people of all ages. They would also like to install a splash pad at the park.

The estimation that we have for Kidzown is \$300,000. A portion of the estimate includes fitness equipment. When we started Barnes Trial, there was a fitness area added to it as well. We have

spent \$9,000 on fitness equipment for that trail. Manager Day wonders should we have it on the trail and in Kidzown too? We could encourage use of the fitness equipment on the trail. He also stated that the grand opening for Barnes Trail is on October 30, 2021.

Manager Day showed a layout of the playground. On the first plan he has marked off a few areas, such as the table and umbrella area and said that we could have corn hole or horse shoe or something else in that area. The new estimate that we have is \$209,040. This does include install but not demo.

Originally the splash pad was set to be on a sidewalk area. Now there has been some thought to take out the kiddie pool and make it into a splash pad. A demo of the splash pad was shown. The proposed lay out of supply lines and filter system was shown. It was stated that it was about \$22,000 in equipment for the filter system. We could remove the filter system and do a water to waste system. This means it would go right to the drain. The estimate without a filtration system is \$102,000. The estimate with a filtration system is \$120,000.

It was discussed that we would run the splash pad from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The system will have a button to turn it on and it will run for a specific number of minutes. We will have to pay for the water that this system uses. We are estimating \$22,000 for water expense for one year. We are estimating \$7,000 for upkeep and maintenance a year. We could put the filtration system in with our crew but water to waste may be a better way to go. It would be about \$102,000.

The price we have right now is a special deal. An estimated expense where we are right now with these projects would be \$333,000. Councilmember Brown asked how the pump is for the pool. He asked could we get one pump that does both the pool and splash pad. Manager Day stated that the pump needs to be replaced and he is not sure if we can have one pump for both but we can check into that and find out.

Manager Day began discussing emergency services. He stated that this year was the first time that we had closed in the black since he has been here. It has been discussed to purchase a van ambulance to do transports. This would be gas instead of diesel and would be a better option for running transports. It is estimated that the van ambulance and equipment would be \$135,000. We would have \$33,000 remaining out of the \$500,000 that has been designated for recreation and emergency services.

Discussion then went back to the splash pad. They discussed a filtration system vs. a water to waste system. Councilmember Davis asked if it was environmentally safe to have (either way). Manager Day stated that it would be. The filtration system would be just like the pool does now, it would go through a filter. She stated that she agrees with Councilmember Brown, that maybe we could have one pump and it handle the pool and splash pad. Manager Day stated that he will get that answer and it would be available for the meeting on Tuesday night. Councilmember Brown stated that after that answer is found out, he would like to know Manager Day's recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Day stated that there needed to be a public hearing and discussion added to the agenda for the next council meeting. It would be for the grant regarding the sidewalk from Barnes Trail to the Park. There will have to be a public information meeting before October 1st. We are

applying for a grant and have to do this before it is submitted. We will hold a public information meeting on Friday, September 24th at 2:00pm. Motion to approve the addition of a public hearing and discussion was made by Councilmember Brown. 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.

Mayor Hoops stated that we would take a five-minute break and then begin the executive session portion of the meeting.

IEDA EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by IEDA Member Wearmouth to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Brooks. On vote, IEDA Chair Santolla, aye; IEDA Member Wearmouth, aye; IEDA Member Brooks, aye; IEDA Member Pridgen, aye; IEDA Member Hash, aye; IEDA Member Cline, aye.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made to go into executive session 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.

RESOLUTION

Motion made by: Catron

Resolution Number: ES210909

Motion Seconded by: Davis

Meeting Date: 21 September 09

Vote: All voted Aye

Purpose: Award of a Contract Involving
the Expenditure of Public Funds

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

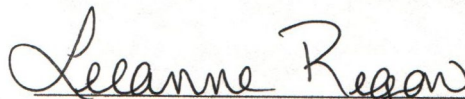
Ayes: Catron, Brown, Davis, Mullins, Fox, Beasley

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 IEDA Member Wearmouth. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Brooks. On vote, IEDA Chair Santolla, aye; IEDA Member Wearmouth, aye; IEDA Member Brooks, aye; IEDA Member Pridgen, aye; IEDA Member Hash, aye; IEDA Member Cline, aye.

Motion to come out of executive session 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.

Mayor Hoops stated the reason they went into executive session was for the Award of a Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds. 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.

Motion was made by Councilmember Davis to move up to but not exceed \$100,000 of recovery funds from the general fund to the IEDA fund for the purpose of scope of work and MOU from Thompson and Litton. Motion was 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.

Motion was made by IEDA Member Pridgen to accept funds up to but not to exceed \$100,000 from the town council for the purpose of scope of work and MOU from Thompson and Litton. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Brooks. On vote, IEDA Chair Santolla, aye; IEDA Member Wearmouth, aye; IEDA Member Brooks, aye; IEDA Member Pridgen, aye; IEDA Member Cline, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by IEDA Member Brooks and seconded by IEDA Member Wearmouth. On vote, IEDA Chair Santolla, aye; IEDA Member Wearmouth, aye; IEDA Member Brooks, aye; IEDA Member Pridgen, aye; IEDA Member Cline, aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Catron and 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.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.