

Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

The Tazewell Town Council met for a special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Councilmember Chris Brown

Councilmember Emily Davis

Councilmember David Fox

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

Absent:

Councilmember Glenn Catron

DISCUSS UPCOMING BUDGET

Manager Day stated that inflation has hit its highest point that we've had so far. He discussed areas such as food, oil/natural gas, lumber, coffee and the price increase that we've seen. He feels that the Town is doing fairly well this year.

Water Fund

He is currently not recommending any changes other than the rate increase program that council has already approved previously. In the upcoming budget he has a three percent raise for salaries. He stated that the YMCA rates are going up. He stated that the rate PSA bills at went from 1.19 to 1.3838. This is mainly because of the lead and copper issues we've had. VDH has regulated how we have to address the issues. We had to add chemicals to coat pipes and fix the lead and copper issues. This ended up causing the rate of billing increase. He recommends increasing that line item by \$62,000. He discussed the line item for water lines. He stated that the water line replacement project that is suppose to take place, he feels like that project will likely be pushed back due to the inability to get supplies. He also discussed transferring \$13,000 to an LGIP in order to prepare for a debt service on the water line project.

Sewer Fund

The Town of Tazewell sold Tazewell County PSA 40% of the sewer plant. They repay us part of that. It is in the revenues. PSA will be paying 40% of the bond payments for the sewer plant upgrade. As of now there are no rate changes presented to the sewer fund. Councilmember Brown asked if the town has come to an agreement with the county on leachate. He stated that

they have not met on that yet. They will discuss it at an upcoming meeting. He stated that about 18,000 gallons a day is about the max we can take at the plant. They discussed the LGIP for the sewer plant project. He stated that we have been putting money into an LGIP for the last few years so we will be ready for debt service payment.

He stated that he would be working on the general fund budget over the next week or so and he hopes to be ready for a work session by the next council meeting.

APPROVE EASTERN SPORTS MANAGEMENT TAZEVELL FIELD HOUSE PPEA SUBMISSION

Manager Day stated that we had received an unsolicited proposal. We will now have to run an ad to request proposals. Then if we get any, we would have to select one. If there is a vote tonight, he will take it before the IEDA. This is their project. He also stated that there are funders for this project already and there are agencies that will give the IEDA money more so than the Town. Motion to accept and move forward was made by Councilmember Beasley. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. It was stated that this does not lock us into anything, it just says to move on to the next step. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

REVIEW PPEA AD

We will run an ad in the paper for 45 days. It will be in a publication of general circulation (local paper) but we will also post it online, our website and Virginia Business Opportunity (or comparable state wide circulation magazine).

APPROVE TRANSFERRING \$100,000 OF ARPA FUNDS TO THE I/EDA FOR OLD RAMEY BUILDINGS DEMOLITION

Manager Day stated that the low bid was \$97,000 and that was Empire Salvage. In the general fund, there is an expense for \$1.6 million and he would like approval to transfer \$100,000 to the IEDA for demo. Motion to approve transfer was made by Councilmember Davis. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fox. On vote, Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Davis, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

Councilmember Beasley asked when are they going to start. Manager Day stated that he was not sure but they have been calling almost every day. We are waiting on the go ahead from Thompson and Litton.

Manager Day stated that for the next budget work session, he will try to be ready for the March meeting, it may be the April meeting but he will try to be ready in March.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.