

Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

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

Present:

Mayor Michael Hoops

Vice Mayor Terry Mullins

Councilmember Joe Beasley

Councilmember Glenn Catron

Councilmember Chris Brown

Councilmember David Fox

Absent:

Councilmember Emily Davis

Staff present were: Town Manager, Todd Day; Executive Assistant, Robin Brewster; Town Attorney, Brad Pyott; Clerk/Treasurer, Leeanne Regon; Property Maintenance Official, Chris Hurley; Assistant Police Chief, Stanley Lampert.

CALL TO ORDER

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

NEW BUSINESS RECOGNITION

T-TOWN FLORIST

Laynett Morgan with T-Town Florist came before council to introduce herself and talk about her business. She stated that she moved here from Florida and had been here for a year. She said that she is all for the community and what we stand for. She wants to contribute and be a part of our community. She stated that she does real and artificial flowers. She does birthday, anniversary, wedding and funeral floral arrangements. Mayor Hoops welcomed her and presented her with a small gift from the Town. He thanked her for opening her business here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Mullins, seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Catron and seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the financial statements for September 2022. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye;

Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

It was stated that the Planning Commission did not meet this month.

UPDATE ON VDOT PRIMARY EXTENSION

Manager Day stated that we had been awarded a grant for paving. The paving is supposed to take place within the next few weeks. This will be from around the entrance of the hospital to around the intersection of Hardee's. The Commonwealth of Virginia will pay 100% of this.

UPDATE ON REVENUE SHARING

Manager Day stated that we had applied for \$3.9 million dollars in revenue sharing funds to VDOT for the overlay water line project from Italian Village to the west bound exit. This is a 50/50 grant and probably would not occur for another three years.

QUOTE TO REPLACE FENCING AT TAZEWELL LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD

Manager Day stated that he had received a letter from the Little League to remove the block wall. He has a quote to do that \$13,095.00. We would tear the wall down in-house and we could leave the footers. The new fence put up would be a chain link fence. Councilmember Brown asked if it was a sanctioned field now. It was answered yes, it was. Councilmember Brown also asked if Back of the Dragon was still interested in the property. It was answered not right now. Motion was made by Councilmember Fox and seconded by Councilmember Beasley to allow spending up to \$25,000.00 of revenue replacement funds to replace the fence at the Little League field. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS QUOTE

Manager Day stated we have a quote for new body cameras for the police department. The quote is for \$56,415.00 and this is a five-year contract. Councilmember Brown stated that they definitely need them for their jobs this day and time. Assistant Chief Lampert stated that the current cameras they have are Kustom cameras and the warranty has been out on them for about three years. The cameras have good video quality but poor camera quality. They have to send back about one per month and have replaced. He discussed some of the features of the new cameras. Tazewell Police Department would be the first in Virginia to use this brand of cameras but they have spoke with other agencies that use them and they are satisfied with them. With this new company if they send a camera back, the company sends a new camera at no charge. At the end of the contract, they would revisit another contract. Councilmember Fox stated that it would be good coverage for our guys. Motion was made by Councilmember Fox to approve the purchase of body cameras. Councilmember Beasley asked how they would transfer the data; it

was answered it was cloud based. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. On vote, Councilmember Catron, aye; Councilmember Brown, aye; Vice Mayor Mullins, aye; Councilmember Fox, aye; Councilmember Beasley, aye.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Manager Day stated that in the packet there is a list of upcoming holidays that will be observed by the Town of Tazewell and the offices will be closed those days. Councilmember Brown stated that it was well deserved time off.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE DISCUSSION

It was stated that the November council meeting falls on the same day as election day. It was asked what the council would want to do about their meeting that evening since some of them were running in this election. Mayor Hoops stated that he would like it if we could move it to the day after, Wednesday, November 9th. Everyone agreed to move the day of the meeting. Manager Day stated that we would post the information and meet FOIA guidelines.

MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Day stated that last month council voted unanimously to approve the ice-skating rink. He said if the number of people come out that says they are going to, it will be a home run. Mayor Hoops stated that the post for the ice rink had 37,000 views. Councilmember Brown stated that Lincolnshire Park looks amazing for the number of employees that we have out there.

Manager Day said that he wanted to thank each one of them for their support and said at last meeting Councilmember Fox had stated that when the ice rink was done in the past it was successful. Manager Day said that we are looking forward to it being successful this year also.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brown asked when the bridges are going to be worked on. Manager Day stated that there are two bridges, one at Hardees and one at Hubble Hill. He has webinars for these in the next two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.