

**TOWN OF TRYON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 17, 2015 7:00 P.M.**  
**TRYON FIRE STATION**

Present: Mayor Jim Wright, Mayor Pro Tempore Roy Miller

Commissioners: George Baker, Bill Ingham, Happy McLeod

Staff Present: Town Manager Joey Davis

Town Clerk Susan Bell

Public Works Director Gary Walker

Town Attorney Bailey Nager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order. Commissioner McLeod led the invocation. Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Wright presented Ruth Richardson and Kim Wilson with the Department of Social Services with a Proclamation for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention proclaiming April 2015 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Wright asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Town Manager Davis stated that he would like to add item 7b. Inspections on Lake Lanier. Mayor Wright entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Wright asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda, which contains minutes from the previous meetings and tax releases on James Bond (\$3.55), James Bond (\$17.25), and First State Investors (\$103.74). Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**FARMER'S MARKET**

Town Manager Davis stated that once the definite location is decided on, then he will come back and let you know. It appears that it will be in the same location as last year. Mayor Wright suggested that they delegate the power to Davis to make the decision. Everyone agreed. Dawn, representative of the Farmer's Market came in at a later time and stated that they liked the Palmer Street location. People appreciated the easy access. She wanted to thank the town for their support. Baker stated that she needs to coordinate with Travel and Tourism to advertise on their website. She will take to her board.

### **INSPECTIONS ON LAKE LANIER**

Town Manager Davis stated that Allen Smith of Lake Lanier requests that the Town direct staff to do inspections when Lake Lanier encroachment permits are issued. Inspections are done at the discretion of Greenville County Building Inspections. Commissioner Baker stated that historically that the Town has had problems with Lake Lanier. He and Mr. Smith have been talking. He suggested the Town do inspections and place another \$150 onto the permit for inspections. Commissioner Ingham asked why we would do inspections. Baker stated to make sure that the person is doing what they received the permit for. He just doesn't want any more surprises. Commissioner McLeod asked if any permits had been issued this year. Davis stated no. Baker stated that the Town needs to stop problems before they begin. It shouldn't take the person doing the inspections more than 30 minutes. The Lake Lanier Association will probably send a representative to next month's meeting. McLeod asked if the Town was over the land or water. Davis stated water only. Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that if things weren't being done like the permit stated, then Davis could contact Greenville County. Attorney Nager stated that this would help protect the Town. Miller stated that there has been four or five incidents on the lake. Baker stated that it will save the Town money. Nager stated that the schedule of fees would need to be changed. Baker suggested moving this to next month so that the property owners could see what the board is doing. Everyone agreed.

### **RESOLUTION FINANCING OF BACKHOE**

Town Manager Davis stated that Public Works Director Walker came to us asking for a new backhoe. The 1996 backhoe is costing the town a lot of money in repairs. Walker stated that when the transmission is out then the backhoe is down for one and a half weeks. The stress fracture caused the machine to be down for two days. They used it two days ago and found a puddle of oil in the floor.

Baker stated that his only concern is with the deal that the Town is getting. It's overpriced by \$10,000. There shouldn't be a charge for the warranty. He is okay with the purchase but feels Davis should try to get a better deal. Davis will ask them to bring it here for us to look at and he will see about a final price.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Davis stated that Super Saturday will be March 21. Next Thursday through Sunday is Heritage Days at Harmon Field. The April Fools celebration will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. TDDA is running this and the ties will go up next week. There will be a budget workshop in April after the sales tax revenue projections come in.

### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner McLeod stated that she is thankful for seeing the sun. Things are in good shape. Davis stated that the bump out on Maple Street is going to be taken out. The snow plow and fire trucks can't get turned to go down the road. He is going to look at different options. Commissioner Baker stated that if it is a problem for our personnel then something needs to be done.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller had nothing. Commissioner Ingham stated that he is getting complaints about the bump out. Need something, maybe smaller.

Commissioner Baker thanked everyone for being here. Interesting point came from his "Corner the Commissioner" meeting. Sidewalk repairs came up. He proposed forming a committee of concerned

citizens and let them inventory the sidewalks that need to be fixed. This committee would have a council liaison. The lady working on Ms. Whitmire's place is very good at grants. Tell your friends to come to the "Corner the Commissioner" meetings.

Mayor Wright suggested a commissioner, TDDA representative, TTDA representative and Town staff as members of the sidewalk committee along with citizens. He suggested some type of town meeting to discuss the water issues. Davis stated that it could be done either way.

Commissioner Baker asked where things stood with the ABC building appraisal. Davis stated that it should be done any day now.

Commissioner McLeod suggested meeting at 6:00 and then have the regular meeting. Mayor Wright stated it could be at either the April or May meeting.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baker so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim T. Wright, Mayor

Attest:

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk