

TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 17, 2015 7:00 P.M.
TRYON TOWN HALL-MCCOWN ROOM

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Roy Miller

Commissioners Present: George Baker, Bill Ingham

Staff Present: Town Manager Joey Davis Town Clerk Susan Bell

Community Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

Absent: Town Attorney Bailey Nager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Miller called the meeting to order. Commissioner Baker led the invocation. Commissioner Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Baker asked that Item 10 Honorarium be removed. Town Manager Davis asked to make Item 8a Polk County Transportation Authority Presentation, and add 8b Set Public Hearing for December 15 and 8c Board of Planning & Adjustment Appointments. Commissioner Baker made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda. Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which includes the Board's minutes from the previous meeting and tax releases for DD Bradly(\$257.85), James Bryan Jr.(\$6.06), Hattie Caldwell(\$53.22), RW Early(\$49.66, \$38.08, \$31.45), Archie Frink(\$34.93), Homer Frye(\$42.96), Nannie Henderson(\$82.92), Romey Johnson(\$59.18), Will King(\$50.76), Mildred McCarroll(\$241.85), Ethel McDowell(\$260.84), Rhea's Mediterranean(\$262.38), Troy Investments(\$46.96, \$21.72, \$20.19), Leroy White(\$66.76), Ella Williams(\$72.14) and RL Wood(\$75.97). Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COMMISSIONER

Town Manager Davis stated that the Board has the right to replace Happy McLeod (Commissioner that recently resigned) or defer it to the new board in December. Commissioners Baker and Ingham stated they would like to go ahead and appoint a replacement. Ingham stated that Mr. Crowell is a tireless worker for the town. He helps at every festival and whatever he can help with. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to appoint Bill Crowell as Commissioner. The motion carried 2-1(Miller). Town Clerk Bell swore Bill Crowell in as Commissioner.

JERVEY PALMER UPDATE

Community Development Director Kempton gave an update on the progress at the Jervey Palmer building. She stated that she, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Jerry Thomas met at his location. Mr. Thomas is going to clean up the property. He has to separate the debris. He is going to bring in a wood chipper and the Town is going to help with the part that we can. Miller stated he left feeling a little better about everything. The debris has been removed from Carolina Drive. Lewis McRae asked about a timeline. Miller stated hopefully within 30 days. Kempton stated that he is trying to remove the debris and he has agreed to donate the wood. She will keep getting updates and meeting with him on a regular basis. McRae asked if he would be done by the end of the month. Miller stated that there has been a big rain recently and Mr. Thomas is actively working on this.

POLK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PRESENTATION

Town Manager Davis introduced Diane Timberlake, Director of Polk County Transportation. Ms. Timberlake stated that the transportation is here to serve residents and visitors of Polk County. She went over the services that they offer. The Demand Response and Subscription Service, which requires reservation and they will pick you up at your door. This service is grant funded and includes travel for work, college, elderly and disabled. They support Human Service agencies such as PVS, Steps to Hope and The Meeting Place. They have an airport service and a Hendersonville shopping shuttle. The newest service is the Foothills Express Deviated Fixed Route Service that runs between Tryon and Mill Spring. The fare is \$1 each time you get on the bus. Commissioner Ingham asked when the deviated fixed route began. Timberlake stated November 9th. Commissioner Baker asked about the passes. Timberlake stated that passes are available. She thanked the board for listening and invited everyone to ride Polk County Transportation.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 15TH, 2015

Town Manager Davis requested that a public hearing be set for the December 15th meeting. A potential change for Chapter 154 under signage is coming before you. The Planning Board has come up with some language for signage around Morris. Commissioner Baker made a motion to set the public hearing for December 15. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE BOARD OF PLANNING AND ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if the Board wanted to appoint members now or wait until the new Board is sworn in next month. Davis stated that you have two appointments. John Walter's position expires in a couple of days and he has filed an application, Fred Fuchs position also expires in a couple of days and he has not returned his application. Mary Prioleau has filed an application to be appointed to a regular member instead of an alternate. Commissioner Baker made a motion to re-appoint John Walters and appoint Mary Prioleau to the Board of Planning and Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Davis stated that Town Hall will be closed next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The employee luncheon will be this Thursday at 12:00, he invited the Board to attend. The Polk County Toy Run will be next Saturday, November 28th. There will be a lot of bikers in town around 2:00. Santa will be there. The TDDA Christmas Stroll is December 5th, 4:00-8:00 and the Christmas Parade is

December 9th at 5:00 with a rain date December 16th. Trade Street will be closed from New Market to Howard Street from 5:00-5:45. The line-up will be on Godshaw Hill and the crews will be doing extra leaf pickup in that area that week.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Ingham welcomed Bill Crowell to the Board, the nice crowd and welcomed Crys Armbrust and Alan Peoples to the meeting. The Eastside Citizens Advisory meeting went well. Kempton received kudos that night, along with PWD Walker. They gave an excellent report and Dr. Carson told him that was the best meeting that they have had in a very, very long time. Good reports were also given from Alan Bathchelder, John Salmon and Police Officer Cody Allen. He thanked all of them.

Commissioner Crowell thanked Bill, George and Roy for bringing him on Board. He has been a citizen for 33.5 years. He is going to give it his best for the citizens. It will be a learning curve, but he will figure it out.

Commissioner Baker also welcomed Commissioner Crowell. He thanked all that voted in the last election. Advice for incoming Council, ladies and gentlemen there are only two people that work for this council. They are the Town Clerk, Mrs. Bell and Town Manager Joey Davis. The rest of the employees do not work for the council. Keep away from them if you can. They know their jobs far better than you. A problem he always had with a new plant manager, they always wanted to stick their finger in the jobs of the employees that had been doing their work for 20 years. Stay away from them, they don't work for you, they work for the Town Manager. Do what you to the Town Manager and Town Clerk, they work for you and both are able to take care of themselves. He knows you want take it, but this is his advice. He has enjoyed serving. He thanked everyone for their help and support. God Bless you all.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if the Board would back up a minute, Wanda May of the TDDA has a request. Wanda May stated that when Happy McLeod resigned from your board, she was this board's liaison to the Tryon Downtown Development Association. She had a seat, but no vote and attended all meetings. She would like the board to appoint a replacement for Ms. McLeod and the requested appointment is Roy Miller. Miller asked what the pleasure of the board is. Commissioner Ingham made the motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Miller as the replacement liaison to the TDDA Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for voting. It has been a hard couple of weeks as you know we are without Commissioner Happy McLeod and Mayor Jim Wright, who resigned today. He hopes the new board will work effectively for the citizens of Tryon. He has worked with Mr. Peoples for many years. He thinks given the circumstances, there needs to be some healing and apologies to the citizens. The Board is elected by the citizens to serve them. The process if this happens again, he would like the nominations to be put before the board in the future. He then thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve. He doesn't know if he will make it another four years, but he will not quit. He looks forward to working with TDDA and each and every one of you. He thanked Commissioner Ingham for his report on the Eastside. Kempton has come in and done a phenomenal job. Not just with the Eastside, but all over town. Kempton is very smart and a lady of integrity. He then welcomed Commissioner Crowell.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Joyce Kimpton stated that she has had a problem for about fifteen years. She has called Town Hall and asked for the leaf pickup schedule and there's not one. No one can tell her when they will be in her area. She feels the department heads should be at the meeting so questions can be answered. She has asked repeatedly of this Town and of Norfolk Southern to fill in the potholes, pull up signs that have fallen and the kudzu is creeping back on to her property. Somebody needs to come out and do something. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if there was a leaf schedule. Town Manager Davis stated no not to his knowledge. Commissioner Ingham stated that the last time he talked with PWD Walker, he told him they would do more on an as needed basis. Ms. Kimpton stated that it's needed on Godshaw Hill. The crews are driving by several times a day through the leaves. Ingham stated that they would see what they could do.

Anne Day asked if there was an update on the painting of the lines on New Market. Davis stated that he wanted this done prior to the Christmas parade, so he would check on it.

Jamie Carpenter, with TDDA wanted to update the Town on the Tryon Beerfest which had about 600 attendees. The event does bring people to Tryon. Joe Pullara was the chairman of the event and will do it again next year. It was a really nice event. Commissioner Ingham stated that it was a lot of fun. He had helped with the event and will help again next year. It was a great event.

Jamie Carpenter also stated that she, CDD Kempton, Anne, Mollie and Sharon of the Tryon Equestrian Center met to see what their plans are for the future working with the towns. Commissioner Crowell asked if they were planning on using the name Tryon Village. Carpenter stated that they told us that they don't have a name yet. The name was only used for the zoning application. Mary Prioleau stated that after the county commissioners meeting last night Sharon had told them that under no condition were they planning to use Tryon Village. Anne Day stated that if they used anything it would be like The Cabins at Tryon Resort or The Village at Tryon Resort.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Miller entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baker so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

Roy Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk