

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2016 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL - MCCOWN ROOM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Commissioners: Roy Miller, Bill Crowell, Crys Armbrust

Staff Present: Town Manager Joey Davis Town Clerk Susan Bell
 Police Chief Jeff Arrowood Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order. He then asked for a moment of silence to remember Ted King who recently passed away. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Crowell wanted to add personnel discussion to the closed session. Town Manager Davis added set the public hearing date for matter of Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Miller made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were changes to the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from previous meetings. Being none, he entertained a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

TTDA BYLAW AMENDMENT

Town Manager Davis stated that the Tryon Tourism Board approved changing the meetings from bimonthly to monthly. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the TTDA bylaw amendment changing the meetings to monthly. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Town Attorney Nager stated that the public hearing was to amend the sign ordinance for sandwich boards. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to set June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. as a public hearing for a sign ordinance amendment. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

SALE OF T11-I12

Town Manager Davis stated this is a continuation of last month's discussion on taxes paid by Don Viehman for town property. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to refund Mr. Viehman's money and maintain the property T11-I12. The motion carried unanimously. The Board wanted verification of the payments made before sending him a refund.

SUMMER TRACKS

Town Manager Davis stated that Summer Tracks starts on May 27. The Board should be thinking about replacing or repairing the awning. Commissioner Crowell will find someone to see what needs to be done.

BBQ FESTIVAL CONTRACT

Town Manager Davis stated that the BBQ contract is the same as adopted three years ago, except it is for one year instead of three. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to adopt the contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Davis stated that cleanup day went well. Mayor Peoples stated that the cemetery cleanup went well and the staff has picked up all the debris. Davis stated that the BBQ festival will be June 10th and 11th. Harmon Field will be closed the week of the festival to allow setup for the event. He reminded everyone of graduation this year on June 10th. He would like set June 21st to adopt the budget if there are no objections. If the board has changes then they have until June 30th to adopt. Davis then thanked the Tryon Fire Department for their Sunday morning work, a fire at his house.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Armbrust recognized past contributions to our local communities by staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills that no longer exists as of yesterday. Hospice does exist, but in a radical different form. He asked if the town manager could get the crosswalks at Maple and Depot repainted. He asked him to get the dirt cleaned up at McCown. The bricks may need to be lifted up. Maple and Trade Street need to be pressure washed where trash had been stored. Davis stated that he had talked with Sanitation Supervisor Miller and they are going to try muriatic acid to clean up. There is some water based paint around one of the tables that needs to be cleaned up. He recognized the Foothills Realty for their façade improvements. They have caused that area to pop. The coffee co-op is moving to the location once occupied by Sly Fox. He is very pleased that the upgrades on Trade Street will be starting soon.

Commissioner Miller reminded everyone of the TDDA Farm to Table event on June 26 from 2:00 – 11:00. Tickets are \$30 if you get them early. Wanda May stated that there will be live music,

beer & wine and local fresh food. It gives the farms in Polk County exposure. Restaurants included the Bookshelf, Huckleberry's, Lavender Bistro, Buck's Pizza, Manna Cabana and they are currently talking to Sidestreet.

Miller commended the cemetery committee. The cemetery is looking good. He thanked Mr. Newman for the tree cutting, Mayor Peoples and crew for cleanup. There is a stone house that was built by Frank Williams behind the Good Shepherd Cemetery. It is an 8x5 house that has great craftsman ship in it. If you are ever in the area, everyone should stop in to see it.

Commissioner Crowell thanked the town staff and the people in the office for all they have done. He had a man that wanted to open a horse blanket cleaning business. The ordinance does not allow this in central business. He found out that he is in central business. He was told that he wouldn't be in central business. CDD Kempton stated that she had told him later that it would be okay. Crowell stated that the ordinances need to be upgraded. Kempton stated that the people had backed out completely when she had contacted him. Crowell had issues with the zoning of his property, Arledge Printers, Brocks Cleaners and Stott's Ford, all the houses behind Stott's Ford, the maintenance shed and Thompson's Landscaping. Wanda May stated that it was probably deliberate to protect the downtown. Mayor Peoples stated that they may have shot themselves in the foot in order to protect the downtown. This may need to be looked at.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Peoples stated that this is the best place he has ever lived. The Town has received thirty-five applications for town manager. They are working on narrowing those down and hopefully will be interviewing soon.

Town Manager Davis stated that Mayor Peoples received Coach of the Year award.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter into closed session to approve closed session minutes and to discuss a personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.318-11(a)(6). Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk