

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

18 APRIL 2017

TRYON TOWN HALL: MCCOWN ROOM

7:00PM

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Bill Ingham, Bill Crowell

Absent: Roy Miller

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis

Town Clerk Susan Bell

Police Chief Jeff Arrowood

Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence as invocation. Councilman Armbrust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Councilman Armbrust requested an addition of item 6a: Town of Tryon Property and Brands Protocol. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Ingham and approved unanimously with no further action.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if anyone had question/concerns, with none presented. Included in the Consent Agenda are the minutes from the previous meeting, along with the tax release for CSL North Carolina System (\$1,807.76). Motion made to adopt by Commissioner Ingham. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Town Manager Zach Ollis presented William Morgan as the new attorney for the Town of Tryon, as selected by the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Tryon. Motion to accept was made by Councilman Armbrust, with motion carrying unanimously.

TRYON BRAND AND PROPERTIES PROTOCOL

Topic/concern introduced by Councilman Armbrust with lengthy discussion. Concern is in reference to protocol that is in place for reserving use of the St. Luke's Plaza. Councilman Armbrust would like to see a document designed and put in place, such as the one being used for other town properties, (Harmon Field, Rogers Park, and the Depot) that would display a full calendar of events, so that the Town, residents, and visitors would have full knowledge of goings on in the town limits. Councilman Armbrust asked that they direct the Town Manager to create such a document. All parties agreed.

SPECIAL EVENT: AFRO-FEST

Town approached by local business owner, Steven Green of Myo Therapy, along with colleagues Tyrone and Angela Perry in reference hosting an event called Afro-Fest on Saturday, May 13th. Presenters stated they have noticed disconnect in the community, and believe that this type of festival would make for a more united community.

The festival will showcase music, food, and art to include: a Brazilian Martial Arts group, local vendors such as The Drake House providing soul food, various blends of coffee, local churches providing gospel music, etc. This event will be held at The Depot, and the organizers will be asking for volunteers.

Presenter, Mr. Green believes attendance will be approx. 50-80, with Tyrone Perry in agreement. Councilman Armbrust believes attendance could be as high as 800 and requested that the town partner with organizers to provide the portable toilets for the event. Councilman Ingham made a motion that the town covers that cost, with organizer Tyrone Perry, showing appreciation for the town's support.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Per Town Manager Ollis, there will budget workshops open to the public, and they are as follows:

Thursday, April 27 at 5:00pm

Thursday, May 4th at 9:00am and

Thursday, May 11th at 1:00pm

Budget should be prepared by Tuesday, May 16th with a work session to be conducted at 6:00pm. Councilman Armbrust made comment that he is incredibly impressed with the reduction in the budget of almost \$500,000 dollars. Manager Ollis advised that it was due to a number of different things and that he would make it simple for others to follow along throughout the process, by having copies prepared for any attendees.

MONTHLY PRIORITIZATION UPDATE

Town Manager Ollis advise there are a number of things on the prioritization list. First is the water issue on Shepherd Street. Manager Ollis advised he would like to look at topographical maps of the town, so that things may be repaired "smarter" as not just "as needed." Now, one repair leads to another down the line and he would like to move away from one repair causing another issue. Second is a list of roads/streets provided by the Fire Department which could possibly cause response issues from emergency vehicles, whether unsafe, or simply inadequate, the EMS Director will be advised so that he may take a look at the streets on the list.

Gary Walker has met with Trace and Co., in reference to the Howard St sewer repair and the estimated cost is \$78,000. An additional \$55,000 for the paving after repairs has already been set aside. Manager Ollis thanked Adrian Chapman and Public Works for installing the sign for the museum. Also, Public Works has been straightening /repairing street signs and due to the type of pole that was installed, they

are crooked within a month of being repaired. Side-arm brushing will be starting soon, along with weed eating, and the repair of some sidewalk issues. Manager Ollis asked if anyone is aware of any other sidewalk issues that they be brought to him.

Councilman Armbrust has also asked that the stone pillars at Tryon Cemetery be looked at for possible replacement as the one on the right hand side has separated. Manager Ollis advised he was getting some stone work quotes and would add the cemetery to his list.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis thanked all of the local businesses involved with the Easter Egg Hunt. Manager Ollis offered many thanks to Lindy Buss and Lindsey Lewis who handled the entire event. Town Manager Ollis also wanted to remind everyone of the Disc Golf Tournament/Adult Field Day at Harmon Field on Saturday, April 22nd. Ollis also stated that he was still preparing comments in reference to the Rails to Trails initiative. A listening session was held with approximately 20 people in attendance with a number of complaints/concerns which will be organized and then presented to the Board.

Town Manager then deferred to Jamie Carpenter, Executive Director of the Tryon Downtown Development Association to discuss several items. Ms. Carpenter spoke about the April fool's Day festivities, thanked all of the volunteers and also thanks Councilmen Crowell and Armbrust for assisting with the oyster roast that evening. TDDA has graduated 3 entrepreneurs from small business class and Mountain Biz Works. Ms. Carpenter also reminded those present of the Rhythm and Wine Festival coming up on Saturday, May 6th from 3-7pm. This is a TDDA fundraiser and will feature food, bands, and a variety of wines for attendees to purchase. Also, Thursday of this week, the Design Committee from TDDA will be "Saving the Daffodils" at the new TLT property near the intersection of Lynn Rd and Hwy 176. The house will be burned by the Tryon Fire Dept as a training exercise, and they are attempting to relocate the daffodils for future replanting.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Councilman Ingham welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out, advised that there is something going on at the St. Luke's Plaza almost every Saturday for the duration of spring and summer. Mr. Ingham welcomed William Morgan to his new position and reminded everyone of the clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 9am at the Roseland Center.

Councilman Crowell thanked the staff of the Town of Tryon for all their hard work in the community, welcomed William Morgan as the new town's attorney, also thanked Manager Ollis for his portrayal of the Easter Bunny during the Egg Hunt. Mr. Crowell also encouraged people to come out for the Disc Golf Tournament/Adult Field Day.

Councilman Armbrust thanked Public Works for their work at the museum and also on McCown St., by painting the pedestrian crosswalks, and also thanked the museum for opening. Mr. Armbrust also thanked the town manager and the town for hosting a family oriented event and would like to see more

in the future. He also took a moment to welcome William Morgan and thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and invited all back for the next meeting.

Mayor Peoples advised he had been approached in the past week by some people who were interested in a restaurant or two in Tryon. He also noted how marvelous it was to come downtown for a cup of coffee and to have to circle the block a couple of times in order to find a parking space. Mr. Peoples also thanked those who are opening businesses and visiting the Town of Tryon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Fire Chief Geoffrey Tennant made mention of the training exercise planned for Saturday, April 22nd from 6-10 am during which time the Fire Department will burn the house belonging to TLT . This will effect traffic patterns and there will be smoke in the area.

Ira Karet spoke of several concerns, first of which were the difficulty receiving return calls from various departments. Mr. Karet is also curious about who is sponsoring the clean-up on Saturday at the Roseland Center, wondering if it is a town or privately sponsored event. There are also various concerns about danger on Trade St. Among those mentioned was: the corner at Owens Pharmacy, advised it is a major concern for the mobility impaired or using wheelchairs. Also stated that when parking on the side it is difficult to get into and out of vehicles safely and that it needs to be addressed. Mr. Karet also wanted those in attendance to be made aware of a Tryon Democrats event on Saturday, April 29th at the Roseland Center and is curious if he can post signs in reference to same.

Joyce Kimpton wanted to thank the Town Manager for listening to those who oppose the Rails to Trails initiative and for all of his help and everything he is doing.

Warren Carson - Shepherd St has been repaired, however on the south end it is washing away and deteriorating quite rapidly. He also suggested to the town manager and crew to keep an eye on Aspen St and Cleveland Rd for future problems. On East Howard there is broken pavement where the water line was repaired, needs asphalt as soon as possible and there is also a pothole near the Post Office. Dr Carson also advised that the Eastside continues to receive updates in reference to code enforcement, but has seen no movement on the issues. There are still lots that are overgrown that are now swamped with kudzu. Eastside needs to be kept in mind when doing the street sign straightening project as some are lying on their sides. He also mentioned the annual Eastside cleanup that has been held for a number of years with town support and will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. In reference to the cleanup, he also reminded participants to not go on private property and to come prepared with your own gloves for safety.

ADJOURN

Councilman Ingham made motion to adjourn the meeting which was unanimous.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk