

TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 7:00 P.M.
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Bill Ingham, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell
 Police Chief Jeff Arrowood Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton
 Fire Chief Geoff Tennant Town Attorney William Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Manager Ollis stated that he would like to add call for a Public Hearing for a text amendment, remove attorney-client privilege from closed session and add Real Estate Acquisition. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any corrections to the Consent Agenda. Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which includes the board's minutes and tax releases for American Legion (\$1,085.22), Garrett & Garrett (\$83.63), First Citizens (\$23.23), Audra Squires (\$20.20), Hogan (\$8.43), Doheny Publications (\$1.47), James Rhea (\$27.38), Jarald Willis (\$2.60), James Baumhover (\$27.83), Gergia Baxter (\$16.13), Geof Carey (\$13.34), Tracey Duzen (\$15.60), Patricia Glass (\$10.325), Stan Halbkat (\$18.17 & \$1.29), Robert Lambert (\$9.83), Stephan Luedi (\$21.37), Arlene Hills (\$19.55), Jan Parker (\$16.42), Dana Stacy (\$6.13), Jessica Umlauf (\$13.09), Aman Vanduyne (\$18.45), RE Mevers (\$106.01), Wright (\$68.84), Clifford Joens (\$5.74), Eva Lankford Estate (\$4.25), Clifford Joens (\$25.42), AT&T (\$9.84), S Karlson (\$8.89). Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

FARMER'S MARKET

Manager Ollis stated that Patrick with the Farmer's Market was to be here, but he hasn't been able to get in touch with him. He was going to talk about possible alcohol tasting from local vineyards. He had

talked with Stephen Brady about insurance and as long as they have their own liability insurance and permits that would be fine. There will be more information next month.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Manager Ollis stated that we need to call for a Public Hearing for a text amendment to be set at our next meeting. Mayor Peoples asked if it would need a second reading. Mr. Morgan stated no, it can be approved that evening. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for October 17, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – BRUNCH BILL

Manager Ollis stated the board had questions last month and Mr. Morgan is here to answer them. Mr. Morgan stated there is no tweaking the time to the way you want it. It's either 10:00 or nothing and open for retail. Commissioner Ingham stated he had talked with Mr. Teaster at IGA and the Sunoco gas station. Mr. Teaster had told him that he was losing about \$1200-\$1500 on Sundays since South Carolina laws have changed. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt an Ordinance to Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at Licensed Premises. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried 3-1 (Booker).

EAST HOWARD STREET PROJECT

Manager Ollis stated they were going to move forward with the Howard Street Project by outsourcing the labor. Originally it had been decided to do the work in house. Paula has prepared a contract with Trace for the entire project. CDD Kempton stated Todd with Trace is here to answer questions. She took the original contract that was prepared and revised the scope of work to include the sewer. They hope to start the sewer on October 23rd and be completed by December 25th. Todd is the second bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust stated he is glad that we are going forward with the project, presuming that we approve the contract. Commissioner Ingham asked about the numbers. Ollis stated the paving would be \$52,604, the sewer \$78,185 for a total of \$130,789. Ingham asked if we had the money. Ollis stated it is included in the budget. He didn't want to spend the entire amount and had hoped that some of the work could have been done in house. It would stretch our staff with other projects that we have going on.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the contract with Trace for \$130,789 for the Howard Street Project. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST

Manager Ollis stated there was a mix up and his list wasn't included in the last packet. He wants everyone to know what the crews have been doing. Spraying kudzu, laid 9.5 tons of asphalt, worked overtime getting the Hogback Mountain water issue taken care of in July. Aspen Street will be taken care of next week or the week after. The road will be widened and a new box culvert will be put in. In July alone the crew picked up 62,000 pounds of brush.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust asked for the timeline on the street lights being sealed. Ollis stated he needs to get Jody and figure how many hours and how many poles would be covered by one bucket. Armbrust stated it went very quickly last time. This is supposed to be done annually. It has been four years now.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Ollis stated he was going to give the board an update on the tourism occupancy tax, but Marche had to reschedule, then he had to reschedule. They will get together to discuss. The town received a nice letter from Dave Goss that said he has never received the level of service that he had received here. He was very grateful and appreciative for the work done by our staff.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Crowell thanked everyone for being here tonight. He thanked Trace for the contract. He is happy with the town and crews with all the weather related items. They are doing a good job.

Commissioner Ingham thanked everyone for being out tonight. The town doesn't receive many letters like the nice one received today letting us know our town employees are appreciated.

Commissioner Booker thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She had spoken with Bill briefly about what legally can be done about the vacant houses.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He thanked the town staff for preparedness because of the storm. You will see work beginning on the building at 289 S. Trade Street within the next two weeks.

Mayor Peoples stated that he knows he worried everyone about the storm. He talked with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Manager before the storm. They all informed him that they were ready. He thanked them for that. Because of the storm one business gave away free coffee. He's never been anywhere exactly like this. He thanked everyone.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Jamie Carpenter invited everyone to the TDDA events coming up in October, November and December. The Film Festival will be held October 27-29, 2017. The Halloween Stroll October 31, 2017 with costume contest held at the clock tower weather permitting at 5:30. Beerfest will be held November 4, 2017. Christmas Stroll will be December 1, 2017.

Dr. Warren Carson wanted to invite everyone to attend a forum of the candidates held at the Roseland Center on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Kimpton thanked everyone for working and getting us prepared for the storm. She would like to know the procedures for cleaning out the storm drains. The drains have too much debris put in them and water can't flow through.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to convene to closed session to approve closed session minutes, to discuss personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and real estate acquisition pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5).

Attest:

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk