

Committee. Dean Trakas is the chair. They are working on creating a public art review and planning process for the downtown. This is the first draft and asked that council review their draft over the next couple of months. Mr. Trakas asked them to remember ART IS GOOD.

PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Manager Ollis presented multiple quotes for interest rates for the financing of two new police vehicles that will be rotated in. HomeTrust bank came in with the lowest rate of 2.89%.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the financing of \$75,000 for five years with HomeTrust Bank with the interest rate of 2.89% for the purchase of two new police vehicles. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF TRASH TRUCK

Manager Ollis stated we are looking at the purchase of a new trash truck as it is the most needed item. We have done research and received an initial quote of \$143,000. This will have to go out for a formal bid and he would like the board's approval before taking the next steps. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to proceed with the formal bid process. The motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF MINI EXCAVATOR

Manager Ollis stated the next item the town needs is a Caterpillar Mini Excavator. This will allow us to get into smaller, more dense and narrow areas. They have procured a quote of \$55,538, if you would like to proceed with that purchase. Mayor Peoples stated in more than one case we have needed one of these to get into narrow areas. Ollis stated recently we have rented one to get into these areas.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to purchase a mini excavator. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD PAVING LIST

Manager Ollis has budgeted for \$80,000 worth of Powell bill expenditures this year. They are working to secure multiple quotes for certain projects around town. Some of the projects and estimates are listed below.

Carson Street - \$67k est
Hog Back Mtn Rd. - Awaiting est
Chestnut - Awaiting est
Beaver Street - \$28k est
Carolina Drive - \$54k est

Commissioner Armbrust suggested the board consider providing funds for all of them, because we have the money. Ollis stated once he has quotes on all of the roads he will bring back to the board for approval. Mayor Peoples stated we need to prioritize them and make sure we have the funds left for an emergency. Commissioner Booker asked about Cleveland and Markham. Ollis stated paving Cleveland has been discussed before since it is so narrow and he thought at one time the town had to draw up engineering plans, because in order to pave and widen Cleveland you would need to cut into the bank. He stated the crews will be taking care of potholes soon. The crews are making a list of roads that need

repairs. Last year we fixed Aspen, School Street because of a broken water line and Carolina Drive. He will add Cleveland and Markham to the list to get quotes for standard paving. He just can't widen at this time.

BEERFEST

Manager Ollis stated TDDA would like to ask for permission for consumption of alcohol at Depot parking lot for the festival to occur. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to give their permission. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

TDDA UPDATE

Manager Ollis turned over to Jamie Carpenter for an update. Ms. Carpenter stated the tourism board is working on a brochure that includes a map of downtown and events that are going on. They are trying to get distributed throughout the area for WEG. We are going to put the map on the explore tryon website. Working on stickers to be handed out. Banners welcoming visitors to the town. Walking brochures are being updated. Working on the kiosk and gift bags for the local inns. Working with museum so that they will be open seven days a week for WEG. The county tourism is going to have a visitor's center at the intersection of Highway 9. Thanks to Zach and crews for working on the cleaning of the streets. This Friday is the forth Friday which has been growing. Our restaurants, businesses and local artists are donating a portion of their sales to Trevor Arrowood. There are two miniature ponies that are mascots for the world games that will be here, to take pictures with Morris. Cowan's has been purchased. A new store will be opened before the world games. A monogramming business will come in during the games.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/TOWN PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND CITIZEN INPUT

Town Manager Ollis stated the roof work has been finished.

- Online payments live
 - Sprayed for kudzu
 - Removed debris from multiple fallen trees
 - Clear overhanging brush in roadways
 - Cleared around hydrants
 - Permit paperwork through FEMA for the Pacolet River Restoration Project
 - Prep work for Summer Tracks
 - Repaired water lines in Wilder Forest and assisted with road repair work for PAC (Conserving Carolina)
 - Cleared trees in danger of falling at water plant
 - Side-mowing has begun
 - Repairs to benches downtown and next to town hall
 - Worked to drain, clean, and fill plaza fountain
 - Replaced motor pump for plaza fountain
 - Community engagement projects
 - Moving of Farmers Market with scheduling of street closures to McCown Street
- IN TRANSITION (TOWN)
- Communicating with DHEC regarding surface water withdrawal permit
 - Communicating with NC Treasurer and Local Government Commission regarding
 - Working to coordinate repair of light poles downtown. Purchasing replacement parts
 - Waiting on county to secure permit for septic system
 - Spraying around town
 - Attention to Markham rd. and Livingston
 - Fire Department to do Hydrant check

- Pothole maintenance (Last week of August)
- Working on river bank on E. Howard
- Working with insurance and FEMA regarding waterlines for interconnect
- Working with NCDOT to ensure proper road lines, crosswalks, and stall painting
- Work to install rose garden at Roseland Community Center during WEG
- Work to clear and repair banks at Harmon Field
- Work to prep town for TRIFF (meetings begin next week)
- Meeting with PARTF regarding Harmon Field Grants
- Attempting to remove dirt on Harmon Field walking track via tractor and fire hose
- IN TRASITION (WEG) – With help from Jamie, FD, TDDA, volunteers, etc.
- Downtown beautification project at depot bank.
- Power washing sidewalks
- Weed/round up sidewalks
- Clean playground/Harmon field
- Fix water drainage at depot steps
- Stores: clean cobwebs, windows, etc. due to paving
- Weed the embankment across from the businesses
- Clean up around bear
- Town hall: clean / pressure wash, plants looking good, etc
- Town entrance signs: clean/pressure wash, trim around the signs so they can be seen
- Morris: clean/weed make sure he looks good
- Road - to state line and to Lynn - clean up trash/kudzu and everything else (Rotary and Kiwanis?)
- Hydrants - add faces if they aren't already added
- Hang banners to welcome visitors
- Flowers
- Wayfinding sign cleaning

TO DO

- Rebuild intersection at Maple and Trade
- Sign straightening as needed.
- Other as needed

THANKS

- Big Brothers Big Sisters for everything that occurred during the recent barbeque

Bernice Burns suggested making Cleveland Street a one way street and asked how often do the roads get repaved? Ollis stated he is not sure when the roads were paved last. Ms. Burns stated some of the roads are getting really bad. Ollis stated since he has been here we have done Aspen Street, Peake Street and part of School Street. He would like the numbers to be bigger. Commissioner Booker asked if the signs on Cleveland, East Howard and Beech Street had been ordered. Ollis will check on that tomorrow. Commissioner Armbrust asked about the kudzu at the maintenance shed near the creek. There's yet a couple of faceless hydrants. Ollis stated Jamie is working on them. Armbrust asked about the broken curb in front of the museum. Ollis is getting quotes to repair it, when getting quotes for Maple. Armbrust asked about minimum housing. Ollis stated they are meeting tomorrow with Attorney Morgan. There are a few problems with the ones that were started when Paula was here with the proper owners. Armbrust stated they had authorized sales of some properties, had that occurred yet. Ollis will get with Pam and see.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Crowell thanked everyone for coming out. The proclamation was a beautiful thing. Downtown is almost done by NCDOT. The town crews are doing a good job and staying on top of things.

The WEG games will be interesting to see what comes out of it. He is going to be out of town during the games.

Commissioner Booker thanked everyone for their hard work and being diligent and for coming out tonight.

Commissioner Armbrust thanked everyone for coming out tonight and asked that everyone thank NCDOT for all the work being done. He appreciates the businesses dealing with this, with grace. He reminded everyone of the music festival at Harmon Field on Saturday the 25th. He desires a legal rendering on the final matter on Harmon Field. Attorney Morgan stated he has discussed this with the board, tried to get it before the legislature, but they were not doing anything controversial. This will require some level of cooperation between the County, Harmon Field Board and all who participated. All files will have to be looked at. This could take a while. Armbrust stated he doesn't care what the answer is, he just wants the 70 year old unanswered question answered.

Commissioner Ingham echoed Crys sentiment on NCDOT. He thanked the town workers for their hard work. Reminded everyone of the music festival. A new ice cream shop has opened in town. He stated it's a pleasure working with this town.

Mayor Peoples thanked DOT for what they have done. He then read a thank you note that he had received from a visitor eating at Lavender Bistro. Tryon is the best place he has ever been.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

No citizen comments were made.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk