

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
25 SEPTEMBER 2018  
TRYON TOWN HALL: MCCOWN ROOM  
7:00PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor: J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem: Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham, Chrelle Booker

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis, Comm. Dev. Dir. Tim Daniels, Chief of Police Jeff Arrowood, Fire Chief Geoffrey M. Tennant

Town Clerk: Absent

Town Attorney: William Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called meeting to order and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence after the mention of a young track team member from the eastern part of the state who passed suddenly just after a meet.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Presented by Mayor Peoples, no changes in order requested, all in favor and approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

- a) Board of Commissioner's Minutes: Mayor Peoples asked if there were any questions, comments, or thoughts in reference the minutes from the last board meeting. None mentioned. Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Crowell with no objections.

**STREET PAVING UPDATE**

Town Manager, Zach Ollis, presented an update on the status of paving in the Town of Tryon. A request for quotes had been put out to several companies. Quotes received included the following: \$150,000 for all streets, \$48,900 for Cleveland Rd, \$75,000 for Hogback Mtn Rd, \$67,000 for Carson St., \$4200 for a Carolina Dr patch, and \$54,000 for an entire paving of Carolina Dr, also \$28,132 for Beaver St.

Town Manager advised that he had instructed the Streets Supervisor to now go outside the area to request quotes for this project. Councilman Armbrust asked if Trace had been contacted reference this project and Town Manager advised no, but he would add them to the list and contact them for a quote. Town Manager also advised that he had received a tip about Hidden Hill Rd needing some repairs and

stated that they would first get a cost and then prioritize the roads for repair based on this year's allowed budget amount.

#### **TDDA QUARTERLY REPORT**

TDDA report presented by Jamie Carpenter, and included a list of upcoming activities in the downtown area. They are as follows: Halloween Stroll 10/31, Tryon Beer Fest 11/3, Tryon Christmas Stroll 12/7, and Tryon New Year's Eve on 12/31.

Ms. Carpenter also stated that she had received numerous compliments on the downtown area by visitors who had been here for the World Equestrian Games. There is also a new business in town which is a foot spa in the Shops of Tryon building.

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager discussed completion of the Roseland Center project which included new signs, a bench and some rose bushes. This was completed with money from the Jim Jackson/James Payne fund.

Monthly updates included: an estimate for repair of the leaf vacuum which is \$6000, a pothole day is to be scheduled to do some patching throughout town, Harmon Field has gotten a number of things completed this month including the bank, riverfront, plants, etc., and the dirt from the track is waiting to be removed.

Councilman Crowell mentioned concern about the kudzu that is growing out of control in the railroad areas, and also First, Second, Lockhart, and Carson Sts. Town Manger has contact with the track supervisor and they will be coming in to take care of the area.

#### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Councilman Armbrust: commended citizens for their treatment of the tourists who were in town for the World Equestrian Games. Also wished to thank the Down to Earth Garden Center for their hard work and landscaping in the Central Business District. Want to make all aware that the assessment of the Nina Simone Project by the National Registry of Historic Places will be ready for review in October.

Councilman Booker thanked the audience for coming out for the meeting. Things mentioned were the Melrose Inn fire, storm prep, and thanking Thompson Landscaping for their help in preparing for the World Equestrian Games. Ms. Booker also took a moment to thank the town Manager for this work on the Cleveland Rd paving project.

Councilman Crowell thanked the residents for coming out to the meeting, also wanted to thank Sam with It's About Time window cleaning and says that the town looks better than it ever has.

Councilman Ingham mentioned too that the town looks beautiful and talked a bit about upcoming events and encouraging participation. He also stated that the Harmon Field restoration is coming along and asked folks to be patient that when completed, it will be beautiful.

Mayor Peoples praised the amount of visitors who were in town for WEG and stated that he gave out approximately 250 business cards during that time. Also took a moment to thank Down to Earth for their assistance with the landscaping in the downtown area. The Mayor also mentioned the number of vacant parking spaces on in the Pacolet St/Depot area and is concerned that people may not know they are there. Mayor Peoples suggested some directional signs be placed in town for that purpose and the Town Manager will look into that project.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/ RESPONSES**

Resident, Karandall Gary requested that chains on the swing set at the Roseland Center be replaced.

Anne Day, resident on Whitney Ave wanted to make sure that the Whitney Ave sidewalk is on the list for cleanup/repair.

Mary Prioleau wanted to thank all of those who helped with the Walk to Remember, whether it was by cooking, donating, or walking. She also wanted to announce that she is taking donations via Facebook in order to provide free food/drinks for visitors at the Tryon Christmas Stroll. She stated that as of this meeting, she had received \$715 for that purpose. Mary also asked that the roadway in front of Howard Green’s house on Hidden Hill be checked due to potholes.

Joyce Kempton wished to question the ‘43 spaces’ comment made earlier by Mayor Peoples. Asked why we do not encourage businesses downtown to have their employees park on Pacolet so that visitors can access the downtown area and use available parking for their benefit. She doesn’t understand why tickets are not issues in town, and stated that the “town hates tickets,” and that she is “waiting to see if someone gets murdered if they would get a ticket.”

Audrey Kendrick mentioned the needed repair to the sidewalk on Markham Rd, along with the potholes that desperately need repair at 80 Markham Rd., with closest cross-street being Markham/Hickory.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1901 hrs.

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**J. Alan Peoples, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk**