

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 20, 2018 7:00 P.M.
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM**

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

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell
 Police Chief Jeff Arrowood Town Attorney William Morgan
 Fire Chief Geoff Tennant Planning Director Tim Daniels

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ingham will not be here tonight. He is picking his daughter up from S. C. Governor’s School of Arts. He asked for a moment of silence. Fire Chief Tennant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. Town Manager Ollis added the resolution for sale of property on gov.deals.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of item 6b. Sale of property. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the consent agenda, which included the minutes and tax releases for Nancy Roth (\$14.89), DD Bradley (\$258.27), Homer Fryer (\$65.17), Nannie Henderson (\$79.40), Will King (\$36.94), Mildred McCarroll (\$186.76), Viola Waddell (\$616.60), Leroy White (98.15), Whitney White (\$64.62), Ella Williams (\$70.75), RL Woods (\$73.82), Sarah Taylor (\$51.53), Archie Frink (\$24.63), RW Early (\$36.07, \$27.06, \$21.90), Romey Johnson (\$42.12), Isadora’s Closet (\$47.76, \$77.41), Otis Vernon (\$463.02), David Hill (\$113.32), Simple Simons Sweet (\$399.28, \$10.56, \$13.92), Linda Cohen (\$9.52), Whitney Antiques (\$10.58), 3357 Lynn LLC (\$113.32, \$47.25, \$11.74), Family Home Care (\$11.29, \$11.32, \$18.37) and RTS Taxi (\$8.75). There were none. He entertained a motion to adopt. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

SANITATION BIDS

Town Manager Ollis stated in front of you are the bids that we received for the sanitation truck. He talked with Phillip and they think the best quote is from Nu-Life Environmental. While it is one of the lowest the truck will be here in five weeks or less. Which is convenient for us, considering the issues with the current sanitation vehicles. Mayor Peoples stated he had talked to people in the bus garage and they gave us some good guidance on engines. Ollis stated the cost is \$138,698.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the purchase through Nu-Life Environmental for a trash truck as recommended by Town Manager and Sanitation Supervisor. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Town Manager Ollis stated before you is the Resolution authorizing the sale of real property by electronic public auction. There are four different resolutions for four properties by tax id and street address. These are the ones that you had voted on before. This is so we can do it online. Mayor Peoples asked Attorney Morgan since they had already approved the sale of the property, this is all that we need to do. Attorney Morgan stated yes.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to take the manager's recommendation to sell the pieces of property online (approving the attached Resolutions). Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

MINIMUM HOUSING UPDATE

Town Manager Ollis asked Planning Director Daniels to give an update on where we are with minimum housing. Daniels stated the Petty household we are awaiting the demolition person to get a permit from the state. He also has to get permission from the County because they own the lot next to this one and they will need access through this property to do the demolition. If access is not granted then the road may have to be closed down during the demolition. This could be happening within the next two weeks. The other two across the street are nearing their date where we can start taking action. He was made aware of a couple of other properties at the Eastside Committee meeting. He has not started on those yet but will get started soon.

Attorney Morgan stated there will be two more at the next meeting. Daniels stated then we can start taking action. Commissioner Armbrust asked for an informed statement at the next meeting on Melrose. Mayor Peoples stated we have informed the town manager of what is expected at the next meeting. He will get with Mr. Daniels.

TDDA SERVICE AGREEMENT

Town Manager Ollis stated we have the TDDA Service Agreement and asked Jamie to go over this and then do her update. Ms. Carpenter stated the service agreement is coming up on three years now. It mostly is updated on things that we have found. It is in front of you if you have any questions. The contract allows us to carry out the nature of the program. Commissioner Armbrust stated for the record we need to state how much the town seeds TDDA for the services that you render. Ms. Carpenter stated currently it is \$15,000. Mayor Peoples asked if this needed to be approved. Ollis stated yes if you are prepared.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to accept the TDDA Service Agreement as approved. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Carpenter stated this Friday (Black Friday) channel 7 news is coming here locally instead of going to the malls to see small town shopping. This will give us some really good press. They will be here bright and early from 5-7. This will also be our Fourth Friday shopping, so stop in and buy something and thank them for being a small business in our downtown. Also Saturday is small business Saturday. Come and

support our businesses. The Christmas Stroll will be December 7. Tryon Riding and Hunt Club is bringing some miniature horses to be around Morris. Tryon Midnight is on December 31. They are making Tryon shirts and welcome flags (selling them for \$30).

Commissioner Armbrust asked about the Livability conference that TDDA attended last week. Ms. Carpenter stated the Polk County Community Foundation paid for several members to attend the AARP Livability Conference in Charlotte. Really great sessions. Discussions of aging populations, H. Greenleaf meetings and what we can do to better our community for the aging population. Something that came up a lot was driverless cars. Other things were housing, more transitional housing for the aging population. They have been thinking about some smaller projects at Palmer Street and Pacolet Street that they will be starting on soon.

Mayor Peoples asked about the small apartments that were connected near the Baptist Church if that was sort of what was being talked about. Ms. Carpenter stated yes, along with town houses (one level) and smaller housing. Saluda has a nice setup there.

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

Town Manager Ollis went over his manager's report.

COMPLETED

- DOT Encroachment permit finalized. Maple Street bump out demo started. Curb to be laid and poured this week. Decking was finished today. He is thinking about railing to go along there.
- Met with SERCAP regarding Country Club line to water plant and some other things. He has another meeting lined up for next month.
- Performed multiple locates for Harmon Field.
- Inspected Dallara Project at Harmon Field. It's rolling along.
- Worked to prep town for Halloween. (Cleaning of Trade St., New Market, Godshaw Hill Neighborhood)
- Held meeting with County regarding Harmon Field. William Morgan delivered memo to you
- Met with DOT and met new district engineer.
- Prepped town for Hinncappie Grand Fondo.
- Prepped town for concert held at Plaza.
- Prepped town for BeerFest.
- Repaired water line at Harmon Field.
- Repaired electrical boxes at depot.
- Drained and cleaned fountain. Installed new lights and replaced motor.
- New plants in planters on Trade. Working with Jamie on the rest of the planters.
- Installed new lights on dogwood trees downtown. Installed new flood lights at Nina.
- Held Bike Ped meeting at Depot with the RPO.
- Attended Eastside Meeting to meet with residents.
- Met with Green Blades garden club.
- Cut trees at Woodland Park / Vaughn Creek is on list.
- Speedbump replaced on 2nd Street.

IN TRANSITION (TOWN)

- Speedbump replacement on Whitney.
- Install septic system at Harmon Field.
- Signage for rose garden.
- Install plants in bump outs after first frost.
- Brick repair project at McCown has been completed as of this weekend.

- Working to coordinate repair of light poles downtown. Purchasing replacement parts.
- Repair of leaf machine is occurring now.
- Spraying around town.
- Sidewalk improvements on Whitney.
- Sidewalk improvements on Melrose.
- Fire Department to do Hydrant check.
- More pothole maintenance.
- Searching for more spots to fix on creek at E. Howard.
- Pacolet River Restoration Project underway.

Town Manager Ollis stated Mary Prioleau is asking for help with the Christmas Parade Cookout. Commissioner Armbrust stated he felt like we helped last year with \$500. Mayor Peoples asked if there were any objections. Being none, he told Mr. Ollis to move forward.

Ollis thanked Jamie for her work with Beerfest. He met a lot of people that were not from here.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Armbrust asked if Morris could be put on the list, compromised paint in the mane area. This week is the sixth anniversary of the new Morris. He asked if Ollis had the quote from Trace to repair the curb in front of the Museum. Ollis stated that was sent to you along with the quote for the work done down here. Armbrust stated the pedestrian light at Morris needs to be calibrated. Seems to be stuck on red. He thanked TDDA for Beerfest. It was excellent. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Crowell thanked everyone for coming out tonight. TDDA wonderful job you have been doing on the whole main street. He would like to see the leaves picked up soon and he knows we are working on it. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and if you are traveling Be Safe.

Commissioner Booker stated as you know the election is over. She thanked all 9,335 and the almost 4,000 who voted for her. Congratulations to Pam Justice on her thirty years with the Town. She also thanked Jamie for her work on all the strolls and events to come. She wished everyone an awesome Thanksgiving.

Mayor Peoples stated he understood the Beerfest was successful. He apologized, sort of, for not being there, but he was at a state cross country track meet and his kid from Polk County High School won state. What a wonderful place to live in Tryon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Dick Calloway from the Tryon Historical Museum asked if there has been a decision on their proposal. Mayor Peoples stated that has been discussed but there are some other options that have come up and they are waiting on all the information before making a decision.

ADJOURN

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

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk