

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 14, 2019 7:00 P.M.
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples 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
 Planning Director Tim Daniels

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. We have lost seven police officers in our country. Commissioner Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. Being none he entertained a motion to adopt. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any questions, comments or thoughts. Being none he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which includes the Board's minutes and tax releases for Ada Preston (\$13.16), Sandra Franks (\$19.96), David Hamrick (\$19.76), Nancy Roth (\$10.88), Tommie Taylor (\$12.18), Doug Thompson (\$8.93), and The Village Booke Shoppe (\$7.24). Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORK SESSION DATES

Town Manager Ollis stated the budget work session set for January 21 needs to be rescheduled because of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The new date was scheduled for January 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

IPDC BOARD NOMINATION

Town Manager Ollis stated IPDC has informed us of a vacancy on the board. The position is a three year term. Commissioner Ingham volunteered. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ingham to the IPDC board. The motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS VEHICLES

Town Manager Ollis stated there are three vehicles that we would like to surplus, to put on GovDeals or sell to another agency. 2011 Dodge Ram truck and two 2013 Dodge Chargers. Mayor Peoples asked if put on GovDeals would other agencies have to bid on them like everyone else. Ollis stated yes or we could bypass that. He would have to find out the details. GovDeals handles the auction. Commissioner Ingham asked if we had to sell the vehicles if the bids were not as much as we had hoped to get. Ollis stated we can set minimum bids.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to surplus the three vehicles. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1

Town Manager Ollis stated we have a budget amendment that we would like to show adjustments in the revenues and expenses. He went over the increased revenues and loan proceeds in each department along with the expenditures.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 1 as presented by the manager. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

MINIMUM HOUSING UPDATE

Town Manager Ollis stated we have a minimum housing update from Tim Daniels and William Morgan. Planning Director Daniels stated 45 E. Livingston and 126 E. Livingston, the initial hearing is scheduled for February 1 (houses that burned down). Melrose Inn hearing was held last Thursday. The finding of fact and order letter will go out tomorrow. Minimum time frame is forty-five days, but the owner has declared an interest in resolving the issue herself, so we probably will give her more time. He will be meeting with her in the next couple of weeks to discuss a plan. He has been in communications with the owner of 366 E. Howard St. This is the one that requested time to make repairs. He has been keeping in touch with him (a new roof and deck). On 356 E. Howard the deposit has been paid for demolition and we are in the scheduling process right now. Commissioner Armbrust asked what the cost was to demolish the two E. Livingston properties. Daniels stated when the contractor comes to demolish 356 E. Howard he is going to have him to take a look at those properties for an estimate.

Commissioner Crowell asked if anyone had looked at Melrose Inn and got a cost. Daniels stated she appeared at the hearing last week and she had a couple of estimates. He will meet with her next week and find out if her estimates cover everything. Daniels estimate includes removal of the foundation and leaving only dirt and grass.

TDDA UPDATE

Jamie Carpenter thanked the town for helping with Tryon Midnight. Fourth Fridays are starting up again and we are doing themes. First one, January 25, is a luau theme. TDDA has come to an agreement with the Museum to move into the space at the Museum to help with some of their cost and TDDA's as well. They scheduled their board retreat for February 2. If you can come please let her know. She is still working on the date to get the Public Arts Advisory Committee scheduled. The N.C. Main Street Conference is March 12-14. TDDA received a grant to send several of their board members. Hopefully the town will be able to attend also. The work session is for a visioning plan (livability).

Mayor Peoples gave Jamie an "at a girl" for the attendance at the Tryon Midnight. Looked like about 1,000 were in attendance. Jamie stated she thought so, considering the rain.

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

Town Manager Ollis updated the board on projects:
COMPLETED

- Raw water intake line repaired on Country Club
 - This past Friday another section of the water line broke and the guys have been working on that

- It's the section from Pearson's Falls heading out and is tied into the line, but not tied into anything else, mainly a supplier
- Hauled over 75 tons of debris from remains of Storm Diego (over 150,000 pounds) that was East of Trade Street, still have the west side to go
- Spoke with Jon Cannon regarding final draft of RFQ for interconnect. Final version to be presented soon.
- Attended IPDC board meeting to discuss board nominations
- Removed old playground at Harmon Field, had volunteers come out on Saturday to help, will be finished Thursday
- Repaired broken lines at Harmon Field
- Dangerous overhead tree limbs removed at Harmon Field near playground
- Prepped town for Christmas Parade
- Held emergency planning meeting and prepped town for Tryon Midnight
- Brick repair work finished at Stott's Ford from Duke Power Pole changing
- Stone work finished at plaza wall and town hall entrance, working to do more sidewalk repairs that were damaged during the storm, especially in front of the church
- Septic system installed at Harmon Field
- Met with insurance adjuster regarding front entrance/ gutters of town hall as well as Rogers park retractable roof
- Meeting with Bike Ped Group tomorrow
- Coordinated wreath removal from Morris
- Removed various decorations for Christmas
- Coordinated cleanup of fountain garden
- Performed repair work to fountain at plaza
- Met with Charles Dallara and inspected Dallara Project at Harmon Field. Will get more information to you.
- Spoke with NCDOT regarding entryway discussion and was directed to prepare plans with engineer
- Spoke with Paul Mills to discuss entryway plans and get prep work for project and to get cost
- Sprayed for kudzu.
- Removed debris from multiple fallen trees.
- Clear overhanging brush in roadways.
- Side-mowing.
- Community engagement projects.

IN TRANSITION (TOWN)

- Prep work required for new playground
- Working on intake line from Pearson's Falls
- Still working to manage brush removal in town
- Sidewalk repairs in front of First Baptist church and throughout town
- Kids in Park Track Trails maintenance
- Speedbump replacement on Whitney
- Signage for rose garden
- Working to coordinate repair of light poles downtown. Purchasing replacement parts
- 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
- Culvert pipe repair work at Harmon Field
- Pacolet River Restoration Project underway-looks terrible, but when dirt and rocks are removed from property it will start looking better, especially when you can see from one side to the other, huge difference
 - Banks measured, stripped, and repaired down to Harmon Field Road

- Erosion control measures completed to same point
- Bank at Hog Heaven has been cut and cleared
- Beach work performed at Hog Heaven
- River widened and shifted over to allow 35" for settlement prevention
- Shrubs and plants partially installed
- Grass placed
- Various debris removed from river
- Rock veins installed to slow water
- Attempting to remove dirt on Harmon Field walking track via tractor and fire hose
- Various street signs ordered and will be place as soon as possible
- Sign straightening as needed

Commissioner Armbrust asked for an update on the Museum request proposal. Ollis stated he gave the information on the cost to you. It's up to the board to give him direction. He is preparing a budget that will handle the cost. Armbrust stated he is not interested in the whole sum that was proposed, but maybe this could be discussed at the next monthly work session. Ollis stated yes and asked them to get anything that needs prep work to him before the meeting so that he can get information together to be prepared to discuss. Armbrust asked to add the boardwalk.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Crowell thanked everyone for all their hard work. He thanked TDDA for Tryon Midnight. The town crews are working hard and the town is looking better. He appreciates everyone that shows up to our meetings and thanked them.

Commissioner Armbrust thanked everyone for being here tonight.

Commissioner Booker thanked everyone for being here tonight. As far as service to the town she hopes this year we can continue to probably be better than we were last year, at least, in our fire department, police department, town employees and this board. That's what we are here for is to serve you all and serve you all well. Clean up efforts, thanks for your work.

Commissioner Ingham thanked everyone for coming out. These faces come out every month. He thanked them.

Mayor Peoples stated the gentleman that is bringing the new restaurant where 10 N. Trade was, is excited about being here. He hopes to see his third restaurant make it. Jerry Soderquist is working with the Cemetery Committee and archives. He thanked him for his time and work. He also stated as usual this is the best place to live. He was asked this past week, what is it that makes Tryon magic? He told them, it is the people.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None were made.

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