

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 17, 2020 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL-MCCOWN ROOM  
WORK SESSION**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples                      Mayor Pro Tem Chrelle Booker  
Commissioners: Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham and Crys Armbrust (by phone)  
Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis                      Town Clerk Susan Bell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the work session to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mayor Peoples called the Public Hearing to order. He recognized there was no citizens in attendance. He asked if we needed to reschedule the meeting. This has been discussed at three or four meetings. Commissioner Ingham stated even on a good day, he doesn't think there would be people here. Attorney Morgan stated the board is not required to hold a public hearing on this. Ollis stated the board had concerns. The advertisement was done properly. You have to decide what you want to do, move it or vote on it. Commissioner Crowell suggested maybe moving this to April and take comments before the vote. Commissioner Ingham stated he didn't want to continue the discussion. We have discussed it at several meetings. He would like to move forward with the CIP. The board agreed to move forward with the CIP.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER**

Town Manager Ollis has been talking to the county and state about the coronavirus. He went over plans if the virus hits the Town.

Water Plant – if Greg McCool gets sick then Roger Durham will be put in charge. If Roger Durham gets sick, Chuck Lovein will be put in charge. If something happens to all of them, Deborah Bradley is still certified and will be in charge. If something happens to her, then Bill Ingham will be in charge and then he is trying to get in touch with Chris Amato.

Sewer Plant – If anything happens to Michael then Deborah will step in. If anything happens to the both of them, they have contacted Columbus and they will send one of their guys over to help.

Police – the schedule is covered.

Fire Department – if something happens to Tank, then he will take on the administrative portion and he has a plan for someone to step in for the leadership of the department.

They are going to put out a Nixle tomorrow. The Police are going to still do their job. They will take reports remotely if possible. Fire Department will not run small calls that don't need firemen. They will

only go to calls if EMS calls specifically for their help. Basically, they are going to be running motor vehicle wrecks, loss of life issues and fires.

He is activating a new thing, the Fire Department stays in the Fire Station, Police stay at Police Station, we are not going to intermingle, because of the coronavirus. He suggested shutting the building down and people can pay online or put it in the drop box. Admin staff could work remotely from home. If things get worse Public Works would have to stay at home. If one person in any department gets sick, then they bring it in to us all. As far as he knows there hasn't been any cases in our county as of yet. Mayor Peoples suggested 24-hour dispatch. Ollis stated most of the dispatchers are going to be working overtime. He will check on this.

Ollis wants to check with Attorney Morgan about what can be on the Consent Agenda. There is a resolution, a COVID-19 update and Harmon Field appointments. Also, the audit discussion is on the agenda. Mayor Peoples asked if we had received any other RFP's for auditors. Ollis stated he only received one. Mayor Peoples asked if that could be added to the consent agenda, being we only received one. Ollis stated the housing update can wait. Attorney Morgan stated you have to allow for citizen comments.

Ollis stated his concerns for the safety of the employees. He is considering sending them home for a week or two if needed and see what happens. Mayor Peoples asked if the office was cleaned every day. Bell stated Meg and Jamie have been wiping down the lobby and front counter. Armbrust stated, by phone, if we send the employees home then we should pay them. Everyone agreed.

Commissioner Crowell wanted to discuss the funds being spent on the trip to Switzerland. Mayor Peoples had suggested the manager come up with some ideas for the future.

Mayor Peoples asked if there was anything else. Being nothing else, he entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk