

**TOWN OF TRYON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 16, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

**MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples  
Mayor Pro Tem Chrelle Booker

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham

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

Police Chief Jeff Arrowood  
Public Works Director Jody Morse  
Acting Fire Chief Marshall Lipscomb

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Pro Tem Booker led the invocation.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Additions and removals to the agenda – Add 5a Police, B Title VI, and C appointments. Remove item 4 Consent Agenda. Motion to adopt and drop was made by Commissioner Crowell. The motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE & SPEEDING DISCUSSION**

Item 5a – Commissioner Armbrust - a clear perception by the public is that the police on duty were creating a situation where it appeared that they were setting up a speed trap. The concern is that the citizens think that is what is being done. Received multiple photographs from citizens within four locations. Supported surveillance on the lower end of Melrose Ave during the early morning due to speeding. Suggest that the police officers exit the vehicle and witness the speeding. Believes that the police department should immediately cease and desist from parking in locations that may be considered a speed trap. Would like officers to be mobile while tracking speeds. Currently, our equipment will not allow officers to be mobile while tracking speeds. We need to purchase a device that will allow them to do so.

Commissioner Ingham - the photos did not look like a speed trap. It is a deterrent to slow down. Does not feel that the police are deliberately setting up speed traps. Commissioner Crowell - to park on Trade Street and exit the vehicle. Commissioner Armbrust - the officers should speak with business owners because we are “The Friendliest Town in the South” and we should honor that. Commissioner Crowell -

if you ask a business owner in town to give a name of a police officer other than Chief Arrowood, they may not be able to do it.

Mayor Peoples - it does not make a difference if police officers are hidden or not hidden if you are speeding. That is not entrapment, it is a violation and you will get a citation for speeding. How many speeding tickets do we issue a month? Chief Arrowood responded maybe five or less. Commissioner Crowell - it gives the wrong perception to visitors. Chief Arrowood – The police receive complaints about speeding in that area that is why we park there.

Commissioner Armbrust - when were the police bicycles last used? Chief Arrowood - may be about a year.

#### **TITLE VI POLICY**

Town Manager Ollis – resolution to adopt the Title VI Policy for the town. Motion was unanimously adopted. Motion carried. Signatures were taken.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO TOURISM AUTHORITY AND HARMON FIELD BOARD**

Town Manager Ollis – appointments to Tourism Authority and Harmon Field will remain the same. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to reappoint Bill Crowell and Mary Parker to the Tourism Authority and Lindy Buss as the four-year appointment and Stephen Nelson as the Town appointment for two years. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY20-21 BUDGET**

Town Manager Ollis - Fiscal year 20-21 budget. Due to the pandemic the board asked to vote the schedule of fees water rate increase to go into effect in January and then the capital improvement plan will be adjusted. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to adopt the budget as presented with the water rate increase going into effect in January. Motion was unanimously adopted. Motion carried.

#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAIN STREET**

Town Manager Ollis - MOU presented. Bring TDDA under the umbrella of the town. Motion was unanimously adopted. Motion carried.

#### **MINIMUM HOUSING UPDATE**

Planning Director Daniels - 45 East Livingston bid work is complete and we will have paperwork in hand for the next meeting to move forward. Still working on properties at Markham and Cleveland. Grady Ave will be pursued next.

#### **TDDA UPDATE**

Town Manager Ollis - nothing to update on TDDA position.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Fire Chief position was accepted by Joshua Walton and he will begin work on July 1, 2020. Went over Joshua's professional experience. Joshua Walton was ranked unanimously as number one in all interviews.

Town Manager Ollis – engineers are working on the mudslide issue. Paperwork is finalized. 3R has been contacted regarding the sinkholes. Chestnut is the responsibility of the state DOT. Carolina Drive is the responsibility of the town. The repair will cost approximately \$150,000.

## **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner Ingham thanked staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Crowell thanked staff and citizens.

Commissioner Armbrust thanked staff for stepping up to the plate to serve our citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker wished the fathers a Happy Father's Day and asked everyone to take care of themselves and each other.

Mayor Peoples thanked Mr. Vining for his comments.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

Citizen commit received by e-mail– Derek Lovelace presented on 2/2020 drainage issue from water shedding off of Broadway Ave. The curbs are missing or too small to redirect water. Town Manager Ollis - the town has a plan to help with this situation. It is private property.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to move to closed session. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk