

TOWN OF TRYON

WORK SESSION

JUNE 16, 2020 6:00 P.M.

MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Ingham, Mayor Pro Temp Chrelle Booker, Bill Crowell

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis

Town Clerk Susan Bell

Town Attorney William Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the work session to order and turned over to Town Manager Ollis.

Town Manager Ollis - Resolution to adopt Title VI policy. DOT is requiring every municipality to have a policy. The first page is resolution, second page is policy statement, and third page is a memorandum explaining it. DOT wants everyone who received Powell Bill money to have this in their files.

Town Manager Ollis - Budget message explains the budget. Roughly the Same message you receive every year it just works off the figures. There is a slight adjustment for maybe needing a higher range for the TDDA position. Three different sheets. The first two sheets are the schedule of fees that goes along with this budget. Increase fees for new construction or reconstruction. January rate is the rate that will be required for the capital improvement plan. BOC mentioned starting in January as opposed to July. Currently, they pay \$15.01 come January they will pay \$15.08. Water bill after 1000 gallons is currently \$4.00, January paying \$4.20. Basically \$.99 is the average water bill. Approval for Tourism and Harmon Field Boards. Harmon Field Lindy Buss has requested to be reappointed to a four-year appointment. Stephen Nelson has requested to be reappointed. This appointment becomes a Tryon seat and he's willing to continue as Town of Tryon representative. Tourism you have Bill, Mary, and Robert same board. John Coltrane is doing a mural tour across North Carolina. He can create a mural of Nina Simone for Tryon. Cost is about \$7800 with a quality wall. Meet with John next week. Commissioner Crowell – I am definitely interested.

Town Manager Ollis - Chestnut St. DOT looked at it and the states not giving them funding. I asked them to speak to their boss because we need to get this road fixed. That is a DOT pipe. That culvert that goes under the water system was built for 176, so it is their responsibility? Carolina Dr. is Tryon's responsibility. It handles the water that comes out of Woodland Park. Engineers are drawing up plans. Required for a 25-year flood, but we've had a 25-year flood every year for three years. Plans for a one 60" pipe or two 60" pipes. Enough to handle the flow. Construction can begin June 29 or July 29.

Commissioner Crowell - Dollar General parking lot. Town Manager Ollis - Comes off of states pipe system. The owners are responsible. I asked 3R to look into the camera system to know what we are dealing with for the benefit of the owners. IGA lot where the town's issue is will probably run \$150,000. Started process with FEMA to apply as a county to get approved for a FEMA incident. We are already in the system for COVID.

Commissioners Crowell and Ingham - Bootleg trash costing the town probably around \$10,000 a year. Town Manager Ollis – New trash cans downtown have helped with that issue. We bought those last year and we got a good deal. We can look at putting some out there. Commissioner Ingham – Need a sign that reads “out of town with a fine”.

Commissioner Ingham – Department of Natural Resources. Town Manager Ollis - Move forward with the plan fixing the mudslides. Put materials down to keep it from getting worse.

Commissioner Ingham – The fund balance has enough money to pay for everything. Town Manager Ollis – Yes, \$1,389,535.00 as of June 30, 2019. Commissioner Armbrust – What is the reserve? Town Manager Ollis – That's the unassigned fund balance. Commissioner Armbrust - What percentage of that is the annual budget? Town Manager Ollis – 91% of the budget. Commissioner Armbrust - Need to spend or the state is going to spend it for us. Mayor Peoples – My understanding and maybe I have it wrong, but the only thing they can keep is what they were supposed to give you back. They cannot take out of your account. Town Manager Ollis – I have never heard of them taking out of the account, but they can remove funding from what they provide.

Town Manager Ollis - Looking at \$150,000 for Carolina Dr. We have a good place holder for the dam. This time next year sitting at \$700,000. Commissioner Armbrust – You used the phrase place marker. We don't promote ourselves or our activities enough. I would like to see readable signage at our intended projects. “Project of Town of Tryon NC” just so we are omnipresent in the public's imagination, so we can get more support. Mayor Peoples – I agree with you.

Town Manager Ollis - They are taking models and surveys of Woodland park to see how much water goes through there. Commissioner Armbrust – I would like a start date for the Erskine Bridge project? Town Manager Ollis – Waiting for budget to be approved. Is everyone in agreement for this budget? BOC – Agreed.

Commissioner Armbrust – Friday is Juneteenth and second anniversary of Nina Simone birth place as a designation of a national treasure. Getting a lot of national views. It is my intention on Friday to do a general announcement of a \$2M capital fund drive to build the Nina Simone archive building on the empty lot across the street. Five story structure. The fifth floor is roof top performance base. Duke Energy NC just appropriated 3M for African American projects. I will put a grant into them.

Town Attorney William Morgan – Skyrunner lease agreeing to pay \$800 month. We discussed internet connection at the town, but they want a \$100 month. Commissioner Ingham – I would like to see them put a repeater on the building. Any business on Trade street can pick it up. Commissioner Crowell – I would like to move forward. If we ever need internet; we will pay the \$100. Commissioner Ingham – They are permitted to put a repeater on the roof. Town Attorney William Morgan – Need consensus that

it's \$800 a month. Commissioner Crowell – We can negotiate things later. Town Attorney William Morgan – Is this okay with you? BOC – Yes. Town Manager Ollis – What size is it? Town Attorney William Morgan – 11 x 11 and it's marked on the photo and staked. Mayor Peoples – Does it impede anything? Town Manager Ollis – No it does not impede anything.

Commissioner Armbrust – There is a business going in units one and two of 289 S. Trades St. across from Dollar General. Good Things Bakery. Trakas has the architectural contract. Construction begins June 1 and occupation in beginning of September. There will be a restaurant addition.

ADJOURN

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

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk