

**TOWN OF TRYON  
WORK SESSION  
September 15, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

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

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Ingham                      Absent: Bill Crowell

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis  
Town Clerk Susan Bell  
Town Attorney Williams Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER**

General discussion regarding requirements for specialty meetings versus work session meetings.

Town Manager Ollis - Items will be added to the agenda regarding the Braewick Project, the proposed dog park in Harmon Field, and the dump truck.

Commissioner Ingham – Do we know when the Erskine bridge project will start? Town Manager Ollis – Paul sent me information that the guardrails require different ends than what where originally called for. You have to go 20’ from the last curve to the end of the guardrail. Rusty from DOT had told hime the ends need to match to be compliant with a TL2 or TL3 depending on the speed of the road. It has to be verified. Bagwell will order the different ends, and it should not push the start date. The guardrail has to be hand dug and there are gas and electric lines there so we will have to hand dig. The majority of the holdup has been DOT. Commissioner Armbrust – What is outstanding before we can get started? Town Manager Ollis – Coordinating with Bagwell to order the end pieces.

Mayor Peoples – What’s going on with the Melrose Circle tree? Ollis – Our bucket truck will not reach it and can’t get in touch with Mr. Newman. It needs to be removed.

General discussion regarding bears in the area.

Commissioner Crowell (joined on speaker phone) – Lake Lanier residence are concerned about the lack of safety and public peace. The town is not addressing the issues. If we can get all of our money back from the Melrose property then clean it up. Town Manager Ollis – My understanding is we can put a lien on the property, but we can’t guarantee that we will get the money back. Commissioner Crowell - I would like to own it and want to get it done. Commissioner Armbrust – I do not want to own the property. Town Attorney, Morgan – The taxes are current. Commissioner Ingham – We must be the first to be paid back for cleaning up the property. Mayor Peoples – If we buy it and clean it, we will have the control we need. Mayor Pro Tem Booker – We all want to see it cleared, but we have to remain good stewards. We should move forward with the seller/buyer procedure. Mayor Peoples – We will have less problems if we buy it. Town Manager Ollis – What is the legality with Minimum Housing? For instance,

the low bid of the year gets started tearing it down and approach them to buy it. Commissioner Crowell - Do we need to put up notices. Town Attorney Morgan – All the prerequisites have been completed. Mayor Peoples – We need to buy it out right because we will lose less. We need to advertise the meeting.

Commissioner Armbrust – I would like us to purchase a big long 200’ or 300’ tent that would cover the majority of Trade St. To recoup the expense, we could rent the tent out. Zach is going to look into prices. This will help lift our businesses up. Town Manager Ollis – We may be able to purchase a used tent and we need to think about how to transport the tent.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. 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