



Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the lease for three years with Lisa Nguyen. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **GOLF CART ORDINANCE ADJUSTMENT**

Town Manager Ollis has been approached by individuals in town, who find the golf cart ordinance obstructive to them. It needs to be amended. Captain Hodge explained the changes. People want to utilize a golf cart in town, that might not have a driver's license. The change drops the required driver's license. You do have to be 16 years of age and possess some type of photo ID. Ollis was approached by a number of people. There are some elderly people that have turned in their driver's license, that need their 16-year-old to drive them around. This will benefit the older and younger people.

Commissioner Ingham made a motion to adopt the changes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **AIA GRANT APPLICATION**

Town Manager Ollis reported this is the Inventory & Assessment Grant. We have applied four years straight for this. We are applying for it again. He is not going to give up. You have the application, the resolutions, and the certification that he can sign as the authorized representative that needs your approval.

Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to approve the application and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to approve Town Manager Zach Ollis as the authorized representative. The motion carried unanimously.

### **GARDEN PROPOSAL**

Mayor Peoples reported that he would move the parking to Woodland Park and move the gazebo downhill a little bit. He asked if anyone had a problem with that. Commissioner Ingham would like to see a sketch. Margaret Curtis asked, you said you were putting the sunflowers behind the Baileys, she wants to ask if they are going to be any structures placed there, like a wall. Mayor Peoples stated no. He just wants the garden with the flowers.

### **FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE**

Town Manager Ollis wanted to discuss a food truck ordinance that works with this town. Businesses are a concern. Private property is a concern. Planning Director Daniels presented a draft ordinance to the Planning Board and the only thing they wanted to address was private property. It was decided by the Planning Board to investigate it a little more. He is bringing it to you for comments if you have any. Ollis asked if we bring something to you that says they have to be 150-200 feet away from another business in the downtown residential district, Depot for instance, what would your thoughts be.

Commissioner Armbrust stated it is not the purview or the privilege of the Town of Tryon to protect a downtown eating establishment, nor is it the purview or the privilege of the Town of Tryon to drive traffic to certain specific eating establishments. It is however, the purview and privilege of the Town of Tryon to provide citizens multiple eating options. He would like for the Planning Board to consider that, as they draft a final ordinance and per his earlier discussion, he would like council to review the ordinance in terms of what he heard last year and that was the anti-trust clause. Ollis has contacted Attorney Morgan concerning that. He asked if anyone else has feedback on the ordinance. Armbrust has heartburn with the food truck being in our downtown district, considering how small it is, being a

large distance from the downtown restaurants. Ollis reported what spurred this was the conversation we had with the owner of the Owen's Pharmacy building and the possibility of the setup that was discussed that includes food trucks at times. It also is becoming more and more likely that we see more with the events we have downtown. The food truck we had at the New Year's event was a success.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker asked is this just one food truck or is there an opportunity for other trucks? Ollis stated an ordinance is being drafted for your review that would showcase certain spots that would allow food trucks if someone wanted to and maybe certain times they would be allowed to setup.

Commissioner Ingham replied it's not just for one specific business. Booker replied that is what she is hoping for. Ollis replied this is for anyone who owns a food truck that wants to operate within the limits. Armbrust asked why would we want to limit the hours of operation and what is the benefit of that? Ollis replied with food trucks comes noise and if we had a food truck on Depot or McCown, there are homes within a short distance and we could get complaints. We are just gathering input to see what you want. It is an issue that needs to be addressed at some point.

Randy Jackson owns a food truck and manages 835 & 879 N. Trade Street. She stated the company that represents her food truck has done a lot in terms of giving back to the town, along with beautification. In terms of noise, her food truck only puts out 66 decibels, which normal conversation is 50 decibels. She would like to be part of the conversation, so they can be good neighbors and good citizens. She can open up her truck and turn on the generator, so that you can see what it is like. Mayor Peoples gets that, but for every ten of you, there is one that we have to worry about. We always have to plan for that one. You are welcome to attend the Planning Board meetings at any time.

### **PLAZA SALES ORDINANCE**

Town Manager Ollis presented the ordinance for itinerant merchants, peddlers and hawkers. He would like to have feedback on this ordinance. The ordinances that we have on the books were passed in June of 1989 and need to be updated. When it comes to the plaza, how would you like to handle it, when someone wants to sell goods and services. For instance, DaffyJills wanted to sell plants there. We talked them into setting up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and that is working out.

Commissioner Ingham reported it started with Lili Sticks. He suggested she set on the bench to sell them. Once you set them up on a table, the problem begins. If someone wants to sell their painted t-shirts on a table, then someone else wants to sell their products, then we end up with no tables available to sit at. Those are there for diners. Lili Dobbyn spoke on behalf of her business. She makes decorative walking sticks, that are extremely strong. She bought a permit for the plaza. She wants to do it several times a week, but it takes her all week to make one. She has an auto immune disease, so there are times that she is not able. She sells an added value product. Mayor Pro Tem Booker thought she had questions about paying for the permit. Ms. Dobbyn said she paid for the permit and was told it was only good for April and she may not sell anything. Ingham replied the ordinance has to be made for everyone, so we have to be very careful. Ms. Dobbyn understands that.

Ingham would like to see an arts and crafts farmers market at the Depot for instance. Mayor Peoples replied as you can see, it needs some more studying. Ollis let Ms. Dobbyn know the \$100 fee was for the year. She makes a beautiful product, but say someone comes in and decides to spray paint rocks and take up a table, it could ruin the atmosphere of the downtown. He needs the board's advice on how to proceed. We could turn all 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays into art market space. You can email your ideas to him.

Mayor Peoples went downtown a few years ago and flowers were being sold near Katie D's, probably sold \$10,000 and our local florist didn't do well. Anything we do, someone always takes advantage.

### **HOLIDAY UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Ollis reported Juneteeth has been made a federally recognized holiday. When researching he found that we didn't recognize President's Day either. He wanted to find out if the Board would like to recognize these holidays as well. The Board decided not to recognize the holidays.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Town Manager Ollis presented Budget Amendment No. 3, which includes additional revenues and also the expense of the transmission for the garbage truck. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 3 that includes the increase of the transmission from \$14,000 to \$15,000. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously. No one understood why the transmission went out this soon.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION AND UPDATE**

Town Manager Ollis reported the budget is in front of you. The Fire Department was informed that if they do get an increase, it will only be two cents. There were no tax increase for Harmon Field. He has talked with Greg Young about the sidewalks, with the construction of the John Walters building and the other construction at the old dental office, he was looking at fixing the water issue and he would like to do this sooner than later. Powell Bill money will cover this. We could do this project this year and get more done on streets next year (1/2 of Cleveland and Vista Terrace). He asked brick or no brick. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to do redo the sidewalks with the bricks included. The motion carried unanimously.

Ollis reported included in the budget is health insurance has been updated, the property liability has been updated and will update to reflect what you have decided tonight.

### **MINIMUM HOUSING REPORT**

Planning Director Daniels reported the paperwork on 45 Canady Lane is with the Fire Department, so they can burn what is left there to reduce the cleanup cost. This will happen in a few days.

136 & 144 Cleveland and 161 Peake-letters were sent out in March and he hasn't received anything back as of yet. He is moving forward with administrative warrants for inspection. He was in a zoom call last week on HUD funding and demolition was mentioned. He will be looking into that.

### **TDDA UPDATE**

TDDA Director Henderson reported her report is included in the packet. TDDA has a lot of stuff coming up. They will be launching the new brand on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Friday. They are hoping to see their new website by then. Planning to have a block party, with food and free merchandise to hand out. TDDA would like the road closed from Palmer to Oak Street for people to get out, eat, dance and enjoy the evening from 4-8pm. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to close Trade Street from 4-8 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to approve the serving of alcohol. The motion carried unanimously. Henderson continued with her report. They will be having Main Street workshops and Sherry Adams will be attending the session in May. Working

on budget and priorities for the work plan for next year. Their annual meeting will be on the last Monday of June. It is community wide. They have an awesome speaker lined up. They will be busy this summer. If you have questions, please text or give her a call. She thanked the board.

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

Town Manager Ollis reported public works is working extremely hard. They are back to a full crew. Picked up over 18,000 pounds of brush, over 400-man hours picking up leaves. They have had water breaks on Harmon Field Road, Page Farm Road and Braewick Road. He will be presenting to you the idea of restoring the ten-inch water line coming from Saluda. Basically, the line is on the side of the mountain and is about to fall. PWD Morse reported the eight-inch line is the one that is bad. It comes from the town lake down to Country Club. They worked about two weeks ago on a Saturday to repair. The mountain has a crack all the way across it. They want to use the ten-inch line coming down instead of the eight. They had to lay the water line on top of the ground. Ollis asked Jody to take the board up there and show them what he is talking about.

Ollis also reported the bench for Tom Foster has been installed. Mrs. Foster planted flowers beside the bench. Thank you to her for this. Commissioner Booker asked where the bench was located. Ollis stated Rogers Park.

Ollis reported the Fire Department have been putting in for a lot of grants and we hope they are successful. They have been working hard. Walton has been working long hours and we are appreciative to have him.

The LGC class is April 26, 2-5 in Rutherfordton. He asked the board if they wanted him to sign them up. The Board agreed.

The speed limit on Lyncourt was brought up earlier today. The request was to make it ten miles an hour. He asked for a motion. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to change the speed limit to ten miles an hour on Lyncourt. The motion carried unanimously.

Happy Birthday to the April people.

### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner Ingham reported he likes the crowd tonight. This is the second meeting we have had this. Thank you for coming. Thanked the staff from Zach down, for the fine job done they have been doing. He is proud to be a commissioner on this board.

Commissioner Armbrust thanked the crowd for coming out tonight and as always, thank you to the Town of Tryon. He reminded everybody of the Nina Simone tribute concert in Rogers Park on April 30. Free concert. Lili Dobbyn asked if Lili Sticks would be permitted. Armbrust stated yes.

Commissioner Crowell reported it is great to have an audience with citizens that want to participate in the meetings. Thank you to staff. He appreciates the hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker wanted to echo the others in what has already been said. She can tell everyone has done a lot of good work. She appreciates it. She is also glad for the audience.

Mayor Peoples thanked everyone for coming and particularly for those who have thought about how he can improve Harriet's Garden. He looks back and thinks there are some things he wants to do, but he

can do them in another area. He thanked the staff. He has just received one of his highest honors. Sandy Franks' son Chris, who ran track for him, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and he is going to take over the fighter wing at Sumter Air Force Base and he has been invited to attend as a guest of honor. Years ago, he went to the Air Force Academy and he asked someone to write a letter for Chris. The person told him he would not write a letter until he had met the person. He did meet with Chris and wrote a letter for him to attend the academy. He was one of the two out of that class that got fighter pilots and he was top gun there. Now he is going to command. His wife flies a C141. They both went to the Air Force Academy. He is so proud of that young man. That being said, he is glad he moved to Tryon.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

John Wilson, 35 Galax, thanked council for their leadership through this process. He is impressed by them. Just when he was about to say something about leaf pickup, the fellows were there to pick them up. He is in full support of the entire garden project. It's a good example of the democratic society. We don't all have to agree on everything. Thank you. Mayor Peoples explained several others are going to donate part of their land to create a greenway all the way to Melrose.

Margaret Curtis asked what are the plans for clearing all of the damage from the tornado. Lili Dobbyn uses those for her sticks if you want to donate them. Town Manager Ollis replied he had met with the forestry service and several contractors to get prices. The prices were astronomical. He spoke to the board and it was decided the fallen trees are good for the critters and environment. He could go in now and re-evaluate if needed. Ms. Curtis replied she is not against the fallen trees, but she worries when the big shade trees are gone it opens up the area for invasive weeds. It is so beautiful. She would like to plant some new trees there. Mayor Peoples responded maybe we could get the lady to come back that went out to Harmon Field. She is an environmentalist. Commissioner Ingham will be talking to her tomorrow. Mr. Wilson asked about putting goats down there. Mayor Peoples responded we have talked about it.

Karandall Gary asked about a new sign for Bryan Park. He noticed the one went missing. Ollis responded the sign was damaged and it will be replaced. Mr. Gary also asked about replacing the light on E. Howard Street. Ollis feels that has been submitted to Duke Energy, but he will check again.

Nancy Holmes asked about lowering the speed limit on other roads as was done on Lyncourt. Mayor Peoples replied Lyncourt is such a narrow widening road, he feels this was needed. Ollis reported Freeman Hill was lowered a few months ago.

Commissioner Armbrust asked about the Erskine Road sign. Ollis will get it.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker reminded everyone early voting starts next Thursday. She is on the ticket under U.S. Senate and she would like your vote.

Tracy Morris asked if the state of North Carolina had a minimum speed limit state-wide. Attorney Morgan responded the default speed is 35, but towns have the authority to set their speed limits.

### **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