

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN MEETING ROOM
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 18, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Booker called the work session to order at 6:05 pm.

Commissioner Armbrust asked Zach to contact Duke Energy to replace all the blue and purple lights. They are highly dangerous. There is one at Tryon Pharmacy, one on 176 and Hidden Hill. Commissioner Crowell asked if the police could right them down while they are patrolling. Ollis will get with Randall.

Commissioner Ingham reported that he had someone come into his office with a great idea. A charging station for cars near the Nina Simone Plaza. He doesn't know how much that would cost. Ollis reported Paige was working on a grant for a charger at the Depot Plaza. They have looked into them. Booker asked where was the one at the Ford Place. Commissioner Crowell replied on the right side before you enter their garage. Ollis will continue to look into that.

Commissioner Armbrust commented that he wants to be preventative with our new hire. It is not his opinion that this person is meant to run festivals. They are meant to facilitate and coordinate festivals, but as far as the nuts and bolts of running and being the final word, that is a waist of their time. Ollis replied we had that discussion today. Commissioner Crowell responded we need lots of volunteers to help run them.

Commissioner Ingham asked Ollis if he was with Trace & Company today. Ollis replied yes, they were looking at sidewalks, so they would know exactly what they needed to submit.

Commissioner Armbrust responded someone needs to contact the high school. He knows there are kids that need to do some community service. Ollis replied we used to use the high schoolers every year at Rogers Park and Vaughn's Creek, but they stopped a few years ago, because of COVID. He can check with them again. Armbrust suggested the Foundation who is under new leadership. Ollis has spoken to Sara Bell about starting a conversation of how to get involved and a conversation about why we stopped. Armbrust asked if we didn't used to elect a student for Mayor. No one seems to remember that. An outreach idea. If we did it, Alan would remember.

Armbrust hates to keep harping on Chestnut Street. Ollis responded we have the money for Braewick. We can update the CIP to have them prioritize it. Ingham would like to see it done also. Crowell walks Chestnut twice a week and people fly down the hill.

Ollis met with Trace today, looking at the sidewalk that they have just finished and going to price out the sidewalk across the street. Armbrust asked about the thermoplast. Ollis is looking for someone to do the thermoplast.

Armbrust had a citizen contact him about the power poles around the Catholic Church. Ollis can contact Duke. They are waiting on the telephone and cable companies to remove their lines.

Booker asked about the roadways on Howard Street. Crowell replied Duke Energy has cut service roads under the lines. Ollis responded the Eastside was hit pretty hard with the last tornado. They have upgraded the lines and the roads getting to the lines as part of the upgrade. Ollis when we had the ice storm the town was out of power for two days. He is hoping this will cut it to one day.

Crowell asked if there was any way one of the street guys could take a leaf blower about 7:30 in the morning and blow off the door steps of each business. The business owners don't take care of it.

Armbrust notified the board we need to address parking for business owners and employees. Visitors and citizens need places to park. The time has come to stop asking. We need a policy, give them three months-notice, then fine them.

Crowell just left the Beerfest meeting. They are still looking for parking volunteers.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Booker adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk