

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM
NOVEMBER 15, 2022 6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples	Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Chrelle Booker
Commissioners: Bill Ingham, Crys Armbrust	Absent: Commissioner Bill Crowell
Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis	Town Clerk Susan Bell
Fire Chief Josh Walton	Police Chief Randall Hodge
Public Works Director Jody Morse	Harmon Field Supervisor Travis Aldred
Town Attorney William Morgan	

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples added item 12a. Closed Session to discuss personnel and asked if there were any other additions, deletions or corrections. Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which included the Board minutes and financial report. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: TEXT AMENDMENT TO MODIFY HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR ADJACENT FRONT, SIDE & REAR YARDS

Mayor Peoples opened the public hearing. Planning Director Daniels reported he had received inquiries concerning the height of fences on property lines. They have drafted new guidelines to give property owners a little more privacy. His board has approved and ask for the Board's consideration. Joyce Kimpton asked for the text amendment to be read. Daniels read the amendment. It is basically changing the maximum height from four feet, when adjacent to a street or front yard and eight feet when adjacent to a side or rear yard. Being no other comments, Mayor Peoples closed the public hearing. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to adopt the text amendment modifying the height restrictions. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Town Manager Ollis reported the on-call engineering services is a proposal from WithersRavanel. This will keep us in line with some of the regulations. You can still go through the RFP Process if you wanted to. This is a three-year agreement and either party can get out of the contract. This will help with emergency situations. Commissioner Armbrust asked if there is a binder fee. Ollis replied no. This will

streamline projects. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to accept the proposal from WithersRavanel. The motion carried unanimously.

MINIMUM HOUSING

Planning Director Daniels reported:

1. 45 Canady Lane – scheduled to burn tomorrow or Thursday.
2. 136 Cleveland – waiting on asbestos results to get burn at the request of the owner.
3. 144 Cleveland – inspected, he has reached to owner and they are going to try to coordinate the asbestos testing so that they can burn them at the same time.
4. 160 Cleveland – met with the Eastside Committee and he has multiple complaints. The owner also owns 144 Cleveland.
5. 161 Peake – inspection is scheduled tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

TDDA UPDATE

Town Manager Ollis introduced Michelle Newman. She has a great background in communications, marketing and public information. We are super excited to have her employed. Ms. Newman expressed her appreciation to Zach, Tim and Susan. It is great to back in Tryon. In the packet is her report. She feels it will grow. She only had two weeks to report. Commissioner Armbrust asked if Ollis would get with Michelle concerning the concert during the stroll. Ollis will.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/TOWN PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND CITIZEN INPUT

Town Manager Ollis thanked all the departments. Jody and Public Works has worked some overtime this week. Thanks to Randall as Police Chief. He is sure we are as safe as we were a month ago when he started. Thanks to Fire Chief Walton and staff.

Fire Chief Walton introduced Fireman Jackson Tipton and the new part timer Nathan Eaves. He comes with EMS experience. Hopefully one day he will be full time. Mayor Peoples responded when we have an emergency and you dial 911, our people are the first ones to arrive.

Ollis thanked Tim for all the things that he has helped with. Thanks to Travis, he is working on a number of issues at Harmon Field. Just thanks to everybody.

Commissioner Armbrust asked if Travis could straighten the speed limit sign right beyond the concession stand. Travis responded yes.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Ingham welcomed everyone. He thanked the staff, citizens and the Beerfest crew for a great event.

Commissioner Armbrust thanked the citizens for their presence this evening. He appreciates them. He also thanked the volunteers for the Beerfest festival.

Mayor Peoples thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We live in heaven. For those of you who haven't been here very long, you will understand one day what he is talking about.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Beth Hinsler requested that everyone adhere to the 20-mph speed limit. Joyce Kimpton asked about the number of fire hydrants that are non-operational. Town Manager Ollis will get her an answer. Mayor Peoples replied it is almost impossible to get parts. We still can't get paint. Ms. Kimpton responded their premium rate will go away if these do not work.

Anne Day thanked the Police, Fire and street crews. She has seen a change and it is much appreciated.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk