

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 20, 2022 6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Booker

Commissioners: Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham Absent: Crys Armbrust

Staff Present: Zach Ollis, Town Manager Susan Bell, Town Clerk

William Morgan, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Booker reported the complaints that she has been receiving are on the four houses in the Roseland Community. The one on East Howard, Cleveland, Peake and Markham. These have been on the list for a while. Ollis reported Tim will have an update in the regular meeting. Commissioner Ingham thinks two of them are getting ready to be torn down or burned.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker gave a report on the National League of Cities (NLC). She has multiple conferences to attend. She has to put on a conference and it is preferred to be held close to an airport. We have Asheville, Charlotte or Greenville. She is leaning toward Charlotte. Of course, she will need help from the Town of Tryon. She is president of WIMG. There is a summit for Americas to be held in Denver in April. She gives everything (receipts) to Susan. She is not sure if the interview with Al Roper will ever happen or not, because of his illness. Being elected as president, they gave her a gavel and she has used it.

Mayor Peoples reported Chrelle is our representative on the NLC, president of Women in Municipal Government and WIMG covers all women in America.

Dorothy Kirk, resident of the Godshaw Hill area thanked the board for listening. She has a neighbor that has a very large above ground pool. She noticed several years ago water was coming down her drive. She noticed a hose pipe coming from his property. She had a discussion with him and he said he had to drain his pool. She had rip rap brought in. She went to him when and offered to help him when he started draining this year. It seemed that he agreed. She went out the end of November and saw water running down her drive like a river, but she didn't see any hoses. She thought there was a water main broken and called the water department. They were busy and couldn't come out, so Zach and the Police Chief came out. The neighbor called them over and told them he was draining his pool. Leaves and silt had to be cleaned out of the rip rap and drain. Pool water is nasty, with algae, leaves, bacteria, parabens, skin and lotion residue and bird droppings. It is sewage water. The water will kill her plants and trees. She contacted someone and was told the town didn't have pool restrictions. It really needs a fence. Mayor Peoples talked to the building inspector about a fence. They will come out and talk to him. She has an RV that holds gray water. She had installed a drain hose to drain into her sewer. He could do the same.

She thinks he has a fifteen foot pool. He told her, next year he was going to have a larger pool. Do you not have to have a permit? The mayor told her it was a civil matter. Attorney Morgan says he has seen this when the water flows onto a neighbor's property and causes damage. Ms. Kirk doesn't want to take that route, because she doesn't want to cause hostility between neighbors. She feels we need regulations for these pools.

Commissioner Ingham reported he has never known of this type of issue within the town. Attorney Morgan started looking into this. He is trying to find examples of where other towns have handled issues with pool water. He has found where rain water has caused damage.

Ms. Kirk reported we are a small town and you are probably not going to have to address issues like this often. He has put signs on his property not allowing dogs to pee or poop on his yard. She is like him. She doesn't want dirty pool water draining on her property.

Anne Day reported that he has told her that he plans to put in a larger pool. She doesn't know how a larger pool will fit there. Ingham wants to allow Tim to look through ordinances

Steve King was thinking you might look into rules and regulations that was used at Harmon Field for the horse shows and camping sites. You have dishwasher that has detergents and food. It's not sewage, but it is gray water. He is essentially dumping waste water on Dorothy's property. Mayor Peoples responded he gets it. We will get it to the Planning Board, then attorney and get the county involved. Local government doesn't work fast. Ms. Kirk says at times he drains it in the night so that she won't see him.

Joyce Kimpton responded the chemicals in the water are the same chemicals that put Steve in the hospital. These chemicals are harmful to the environment. Ms. Kirk is worried about her cat drinking the water. She thanked the board for listening.

Commissioner Crowell asked if anyone knows what DOT is doing at the bridge at Lake Lanier. Ollis hasn't spoken to South Carolina about it. Crowell asked who is taking care of the beavers. Ollis responded we might contact the wildlife people and that's about it.

Crowell asked if we could up our budget for Christmas lights. He feels we could do a whole lot better. Ingham responded he had someone tell him the town looks great. Ollis responded we have about \$3200 budgeted for lights. The dogwoods are dying so we can't do much with them.

Crowell asked if the ABC sign couldn't be updated. They are hidden back there with all the trees and shrubbery. Ollis reported that Tim has been working on a lot of things and signs are one of them. Crowell responded the crepe myrtles are hiding the signs. Wanda May asked if we couldn't look into the landscape restrictions.

Crowell asked if the float was ready for the parade. Ollis responded yes. Crowell asked about the six acres at the end of Payne Street. Ollis responded the town owns a couple of lots out there. He feels that is a ravine and has been reserved for the cemetery.

Mayor Peoples mentioned the park with the beavers. We could install a boardwalk. He feels we could name it the James F. Payne educational area in honor of James Payne. We could label the trees around the pond.

ADJOURN

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

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk