

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 16, 2024 6:00 PM
WORK SESSION**

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

Commissioners: Cry Armbrust, Bill Crowell (came in at 6:30)

Staff Present: Jim Fatland, Town Manager Susan Bell, Town Clerk
 Public Works Director Greg McCool William Morgan, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the work session to order.

Items discussed:

1. Nina Simone house
 - a. Sub-contractors will be meeting about Nina Simone house
 - b. \$6 million fund raising for Nina Simone-some of that money is eligible for infrastructure improvements and someone should be contacting the town.
 - c. Masonic Lodge-owned by Garrison Chapel-be mindful of the impending rails-to-trails project
 - d. Money can't be used for bathrooms at the Nina Simone house, but can be used for a parking lot with bathrooms-meeting is on Friday at 11:00 at the site
2. Be mindful of the impending rails-to-trails project
3. Council Terms-Vacancy on Board
 - a. Anomolly created by the Governor extending council terms for one year-Bill Ingham had already served half of his term-how will they fill the position
 - b. Morgan-General Statutes say: shall fill the position-he has seen it done both ways-you can fill it now or leave vacant and let the citizens decide in November-this position will be only to finish the term that will run out in 2026-whether or not you appoint someone to fill the position or not, there will be an election in November.
 - c. The Board decided to let the citizens decide at the November election
4. Improvements on Trade Street-give some thought for sidewalks on Hwy 176 and down East Howard Street
5. Job openings-openings are listed on the website
6. Grant status report-grant writer to help us with the grants
 - a. \$6.1 million for sewer
 - b. \$252,000 for Fire
 - c. \$284,000 for Harmon Field
 - d. \$27,000 for downtown
 - e. Dogwood Trust-could apply for lights at Harmon Field?
 - f. Fines for sewer system overflows-does help with grants

- g. Right to award contract on Braewick Sewer-LGC application for the \$600,000 loan to finish the project-when the audit is done-he will make immediate application to them
- 7. Advertising for TDDA Director-start next week-Fatland & Daniels, along with 2 TDDA members
- 8. The weather event that we recently had-citizen called Greg McCool-culverts are full and clogged up-he did get out there to clean one of them-it did help-will flood if the culverts are not cleaned out-Peoples reported \$15 million worth of repairs are needed-large rocks and tires have been found in some of the sewer lines.
- 9. Commissioner Crowell came in and asked if the utility lines had been marked near the Depot-Mr. Casavant wants to go underground with his utilities. Fatland, McCool and McCallister are meeting with Duke to discuss.

ADJOURN

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

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk