

TOWN OF TRYON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 16, 2015 7:00 P.M.

TRYON FIRE STATION

Present: Mayor Jim Wright Mayor Pro Tem Roy Miller

Commissioners: George Baker, Bill Ingham, Happy McLeod

Staff Present: Town Manager Joey Davis Town Clerk Susan Bell

Police Chief Jeff Arrowood Community Dev. Director Paula Kempton

Attorney Bailey Nager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner McLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked to add item 9a. Economic Development. Mayor Wright entertained a motion to adopt the agenda adding Economic Development. Mayor Pro Tem Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wright asked that Loti's name be corrected. He then entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the previous meetings and the Order of Collection for taxes. Mayor Pro Tem Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Arrowood introduced Sergeant Manny Zaragoza, Officer Mark Russell and Officer Cody Allen who couldn't be here tonight. All three come from Henderson County with two bringing a lot of experience. Everyone welcomed both.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 15/16 BUDGET

Town Manager Davis thanked the staff for their work on the budget. He then presented the proposed budget with no tax increase, no increase to water and sewer rates and no increase to sanitation rates. There will be a two cent increase on the fire tax. The overall budget is about \$200,000 less than last year. The new position will be split between water/sewer and street. Council will not adopt the budget

tonight. There will be a special meeting next week to adopt the budget amendment and you can do it at this time.

Steve King asked about the water. There have been several meetings. Davis stated that there is no increase in the water rates. There have been some water loss issues. We are checking the billing, found a major leak, but the funds look okay. Outsourcing is not being considered at this time. We will look at it again in January.

Mayor Wright entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Baker so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

TEDX CONTRIBUTION

Town Manager Davis stated that TEDx made a presentation at the last meeting. Information was forwarded to you. Loti Woods thanked the board for their support. They have raised all but \$500 and are not asking for money from the Town. They would like the Town's support by proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Miller recommended giving the \$500 to them. Commissioner Ingham agreed. Commissioner Baker recommended giving them the \$500 if they couldn't raise the money. Commissioner McLeod agreed with giving them \$500. Mayor Pro Tem Miller made a motion to give them \$500. The motion carried 3-1 (Baker).

UPDATE OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Town Manager Davis stated that in August 2010 the Town Council adopted the strategic plan. They worked on it several months. It has been five years and it needs to be updated. Everyone agreed to wait until the August meeting to update. The Board wants this published on website and want public comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Manager Davis stated that the Town could move from a Small Town Main Street program to the Main Street Program. Crys Armbrust is the current Main Street Manager. TDDA would like for us to authorize them to maintain the Main Street Program. Wanda May would be the Main Street Manager until they hire a director. Wanda May stated that TDDA would pay for the twenty hours a week. They do need to do a memorandum of understanding with the town. Commissioner Baker stated that the Town can't dedicate twenty hours of Ms. Kempton's time to this. Commissioner Ingham stated that he would like to see a memorandum of understanding. May suggested that one council and one TDDA member hash out the MOU and bring back. Mayor Wright stated that the Town is not going to release to TDDA until a MOU is decided on.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Davis stated that the barking dog issue is better. Commissioner Baker asked if they were going to release the fines. Attorney Nager stated that the owner had paid the county taxes. The fines

could be given to the firm that handles the foreclosures. Davis stated that there would be no July meeting. He thanked everyone that helped with the Barbeque festival. The second Summer Tracks concert will be held this Friday. He reminded everyone about the Farmer's Market. He is signing up volunteers for the sidewalk committee.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Baker congratulated Chief Arrowood and Town Manager Davis for work done at the Barbeque festival. Commissioner Ingham also thanked those who worked the Barbeque festival. The park looks great after an event of this size. Harmon Field Supervisor Aldred and crew did a great job. Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that the Town is always conscience of lowering water rates. He then asked about the Adams Millis building. Mr. Armbrust stated the owners are the same. Miller asked about the street lights. Davis stated that there are issues with ordering parts. Miller asked about dog grooming services within the Central Business District. Mary Prioleau stated that she thought it was a dog supplies place and now it is a dog grooming business and wondered if that is allowed. Attorney Nager stated that the reason it's not allowed maybe because of the noise issue. Anne Day asked about the mobile dog grooming. Prioleau stated that it's not the same. Miller commended staff for their work on the Barbeque festival.

Commissioner McLeod stated that it is very nice to see the Town working with TDDA and the Planning & Zoning. She attended the Parks Committee meetings. The committee went around and is working on it's priorities. The first thing on the list is the trail system. She thanked the Planning & Zoning Board for going through the sign ordinance.

Mayor Wright thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and the community for work done at the Barbeque festival. There were 10,000 people in Polk County for the TIEC Equestrian event on June 6. Out of that event NBC sports gave Tryon great exposure.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Wanda May asked when council would be asked to react on the sign ordinance. Attorney Nager stated that there has to be a public hearing first. Ms. Prioleau asked how the town was going to enforce. Mayor Wright suggested a business permit. Code Enforcement Kempton would handle this. Joan Roseberry suggested educating the sign contractors.

Anne Day thanked Davis for handling an issue that she had had on her street. Howard Greene thanked the Police for getting to him quickly and the Fire Department for their work on him while waiting on the ambulance. He had fallen three times in three months. He would like for someone to take a look at his drive entrance. Every car that comes in and out drags. Davis will have the Public Works Director take a look at this.

Joyce Kimpton stated that she has an issue with the chlorine in the water. She thought that the Town was supposed to flush the lines.

Anne Day stated that the hydrant has had numerous problems. Joyce Kimpton stated that she has reported three signs leaning since the Nixel notice. Davis stated that he would check on this. Ms. Day stated that the Children at Play sign is propped up with rocks.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Wright asked if they could add a closed session to this meeting for attorney-client privilege. Attorney Nager stated yes. Commissioner McLeod made the motion to add closed session for attorney-client privilege. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim T. Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk