

REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING

Town Manager Ollis stated he has a request to hold a public hearing at the next meeting to hear a text amendment on Lake Lanier. CDD Kempton stated the public hearing is to discuss a text amendment for Lake Lanier (Section 7- Prohibited uses or activities-(A) The following uses or activities shall be prohibited unless as expressly permitted herein: (1) Commercial and business activities conducted over the lake). A request to amend this section has been presented to the Board of Planning and Adjustment and they have provided to you a recommendation to approve the amendment. Based on the amendment you are required to hold a public hearing. She has the amendment request along with the votes and Chairman's signature. Mayor Peoples asked if there would be a big crowd. Kempton stated yes. Peoples suggested starting at 6:00.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on September 20, 2016 for the purposes/changes as stated by the Community Development Director/Zoning person. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN KIOSK AT ST. LUKE'S PLAZA

Town Manager Ollis stated on August 1, 2016 the Tourism Board met and discussed the Kiosk which is currently placed on the St. Luke's Plaza. The Board is considering upgrades to the kiosk to make it more effective. CDD Kempton stated that Commissioner Crowell asked that it be put on the agenda, in case money was needed to be spent. Commissioner Miller asked what is wrong with the kiosk. Commissioner Crowell stated that it is too close to the wall as one part of it. He thinks they are wanting to expand the map. Kempton stated the map is being looked at now to be upgraded. Commissioner Armbrust stated the lighting also needs to be looked at.

ST. LUKE'S PLAZA SCULPTURE

Commissioner Armbrust stated that there has been discussion for six months to incorporate in some way a public sculpture into the as yet to be named fountain at the St. Luke's Plaza. The sculptor is Dale Wieler. He met with him today. Mr. Wieler presented the design that you have in your handout that will cost the town nothing. Dale Wieler is donating 50% of the cost and Jackie Lane the widow of Bob Lane who provided the St. Luke's Plaza space is covering the rest. It is quite small. The lovely design has two birds on a railroad track sort of humorously named "Tails on Rails". The Town itself would have to look at creating a pedestal for sculpture. Mr. Wieler wants to replicate a miniature Rotary Clock tower and use that as the base for the sculpture. He wanted to bring to the public debate. It is a nice addition for a public sculpture trail and the cost to the town is very little money. Its approval by our council is nothing more than in part the presence of uprising the Central Business District to enhance that corridor. He suggested that the pedestal itself in order to not cost the town any actual monies, become part of the "Walk of Fame" promotion at the St. Luke's Plaza that was approved at the July meeting and find a donor to cover the cost. The "Walk of Fame" should be finished before our next meeting. It would be an addition as much as the chairs, tables and actually the fountain itself.

The Polk County Community Foundation very kindly through a board initiative grant acquired the naming rights of the fountain at St. Luke's Plaza. The fountain is not yet named. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham asked where it was going to be placed. Armbrust stated in the middle of the fountain. Commissioner Miller asked who is going to be responsible for the cost of the maintenance and repair. Armbrust stated there would be no maintenance. Miller asked what happens when it gets broken or something. Attorney Nager stated that it will be the Town's property and covered by insurance. Miller asked if the fountain is back operational. Ollis stated that someone is working on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham made a motion to support the idea of the sculpture. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON VERMONT TRIP

Town Manager Ollis stated that CDD Kempton visited Burlington, Vermont. The trip was supported by the Polk County Community Foundation. Kempton stated that it was funded by the Polk County Community Foundation. She was to learn more about the Orton Foundation and the "Heart and Soul Community Involvement Planning Process" (What matters the most to the residents?). Three things she learned in the process were to involve everyone, focus on what matters and emotional attachments.

She would like to express her deepest gratitude to Elizabeth Nager and everyone else at the Foundation for inviting her and paying her way. She is sincerely thankful for this experience. She met a lot of nice people and learned a lot about how the "Heart and Soul" process was used successfully. She hopes to start discussion in our town on what we can do to broaden and expand on our goals and possibilities. She thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for allowing her to attend this and thanked them for their support, encouragement and for challenging her. She presented pictures. One was of a bird house with free books included. The idea is if you want a book take a book or if you have a book and want to leave it, leave it. She has one picture of directional signs. She thinks some work and consistency on our town's signs needs to be done.

DISCUSSION OF TRACE & CO. CONTRACTS EXTENSION

CDD Kempton stated that Todd is here tonight. Brandon is the supervisor over the sidewalks and is doing a wonderful job on them. It is a mess right now. The contracts that were signed were dated June 1 and end on September 1. As you know they are not going to make it. The contracts state the Town is going to charge them if they don't make the deadline. Todd has had some delays in asphalt. He needs to continue and finish the sidewalks.

Todd stated they have lost some time and he would like to ask to extend his contract. The Beer festival is coming up and he will be finished by then. He would like to finish up the sidewalks to the theatre. Kempton stated they have had one change order, because of some holes found. The engineer and surveyor had to be brought in. They were able to fix the first hole. Then two

days later they found a larger hole. She asked the engineer to give her a list of things that could be removed if needed. Todd stated that problems can be found fixed as they proceed, such as the drainage at the bakery. They are looking out for problems as they go along.

Mayor Peoples asked what you are asking for. Todd asked for an extension until November 1. Armbrust asked for the present contract and in future contracts to utilize cut lines to the end of the property. The Board pulled the contracts and drawings to discuss cut lines so that the Board knew what was being asked.

Mayor Peoples asked for an extension to October 18. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to extend the contracts until October 18, 2016. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Nager stated he will get this extension written up for the signing of both parties.

APPROVAL OF ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TTDA

Town Manager Ollis stated that the Tourism board Chairman has to be brought before you for your approval. On Monday, July 11, Michaila Cowles was elected to be Chairman by TTDA members. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham made a motion to approve Michaila Cowles as the Chairman of TTDA. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO ABC BOARD

Town Manager Ollis stated there were two applicants for the ABC Board, Dan Ferebee and Lynn Sessoms. Commissioner Armbrust asked if Mr. Ferebee was already on one board. The Board stated yes. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to appoint Lynn Sessoms to the ABC Board. The motion carried unanimously.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

Town Manager Ollis stated that Duke Energy has proposed the changing of lights to EEL at the maintenance shed, water plant, sewer plant and Fire Department. The numbers include the cost and monthly savings up to five years. Mayor Peoples stated that we have saved money here by doing this at Town Hall. They do all the work is his understanding. Ollis stated that he would have to check, because he came in in the middle of this. Ingham asked if the \$10,000 included all the departments. Ollis stated yes. The water plant cost \$3,800, the fire \$4,000, the maintenance shed \$1085 and the sewer plant \$1,800. Ingham asked if the savings for the water plant was the \$24,000 for five years. Ollis stated they would save \$40,000 in five years.

Mayor Peoples stated he would like to make a suggestion to authorize this to be done and asked the manager to verify what has to be done and if he finds it to be as said then let him go with it. Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to take the Mayor's recommendation and turn it into a motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRYON TOURISM UPDATE

Tracey Daniels, contractor that reports to the Tourism board stated there is a lot going on in Tryon. Our website was on lock down previously because of passwords. The new board came on in February or March. She does social media. She gave an update on the Pokemon go event and the support given. Three days after the event there were kids still looking for Pokemon. It was a great event.

Michaila Cowles welcomed Zach. She is excited to have him here. She has met with the Historical Museum and working with them on their event at the Harmon Field Cabin. Tourism board has a new relationship with TIEC. There are many opportunities for the Tourism board and the Town of Tryon. She updated the board on the shuttle from TIEC to Rogers Park, talked a little about Morris ideas and the Tourism board is working a booth at the events at TIEC on Saturdays.

Commissioner Armbrust stated that from a P.R. standpoint it is a dangerous precedent to allow a Morris image to be circulated at TIEC. He also stated Morris can travel. Commissioner Crowell stated that he doesn't need to because of the damage it does to him.

Christine Cowles stated that the Tryon Daily Bulletin signed a contract with TIEC to place dispenser boxes out that has Morris on them. Armbrust stated that he is talking about wholesale.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis reported the Summer Tracks series ends on Friday, August 19. There is a community event at Harmon Field on August 27, the school year begins on August 29 and audit work begins on September 12, 2016.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Crowell welcomed Zach. He thanked the Tourism Board for all that they have done. They have done more in four months than in the last four years. They are working on an ad with TDDA. They have worked hard to get feet on the street and are moving forward. He thanked both TTDA and TDDA for all their hard work.

Commissioner Armbrust welcomed the new town manager. He thanked him for his faith in us. He thanked NCDOT for the crosswalks. \$25,000 of taxpayer money coming back into our area. He thanked Harold Burrell for the removal of the fuel tanks across from Sidestreet Pizza. He would like to see the supervisors present at the meetings. He would also like to be copied on the monthly reports and to revisit the public works check list for projects and accomplishments. He thanked TTDA and TDDA for the Pokemon event. It was good to see 1,000 people on the streets on one day.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham thanked Michaila, Tracey, Christine and Jamie (TDDA) for all their hard work. He thanked CDD Kempton and Trace for their work on the sidewalks. He welcomed Zach and told everyone we are looking at a brighter future for our Town.

Commissioner Miller welcomed Zach. We are unique and diverse, a great place to live and call home. Mimosa Carpets are transitioning to new owners. Jack and Linda Campbell are retiring. Miller feels that we have a golden opportunity with Zach, Jamie, Michaela to come up with new ideas. With youth comes a new energy and longevity to see a vision that we might miss. His hat goes off to those who volunteer and work here. It's not easy to be a volunteer in Tryon. The Pokemon event was wonderful. It was nice to see that many people in Tryon. He hopes that more of the businesses will capitalize on the next event. He thanked everyone and welcomed each and every one for coming out.

Mayor Peoples thanked everyone. He welcomed Zach. Duty says thy must and youth says I can. This is his seventh time serving and this is the best group yet. They have gotten more done in six months than in six years. He thanked the board. He has talked with two couples today and they love Tryon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Jamie Carpenter, TDDA Director, stated the street sale on Trade Street went very well. She thanked Police Chief Arrowood and Street Supervisor Morse for their help. The coffee shop and antique stores did very well. There were people from Greenville and Columbia that attended the event. On behalf of TDDA she welcomed Zach. Last week she attended the Main Street Program in Sylva. The best thing about the meeting is the networking with other areas to see what they are doing.

Cheryl Booker, Aunt to Joel Booker, thanked Councilman Miller for getting her father out of a sticky situation (quick sand) back in July.

Steve King thanked the Board for getting this town back on its feet. It was fantastic to see all the people at the Pokemon event. He goes to the Harmon Field meetings every month. He is concerned with things that have been on their docket for six or seven years now. The middle school roof is a major issue. The sidewalk to Harmon Field is an issue. People are walking in the grass and he feels that we could get a grant to install a sidewalk. The tennis courts are an eyesore. It has been two months since the damage and nothing has been done. It needs to be cleaned up. He has heard that it is a legal process. Mayor Peoples stated that it has been a legal process with four insurance groups, but it will be taken care of hopefully soon.

Mr. King stated the Adam Millis building, he knows that there is not much the town can do, but it's also an eyesore. The building on highway 176, he asked if that had been sold. Mayor Peoples stated that it is going through the upset bid process. Mr. King stated his last item is the Dullara family project, he doesn't want to see a statue of someone that he doesn't know. They

want to change our beautiful Harmon Field, a dangerous precedence, he feels this shouldn't be done.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham stated that it is a statue of a ninety year old man in street clothes swinging a bat. He loves Harmon Field. It can be upgraded beautifully. Commissioner Crowell stated that we will get a splash park for the kids and money for maintenance and a new ball field. Ingham stated that the fields aren't being used, at least not very often.

Mr. Ollis wanted to thank everyone in town for the warm welcome that he has received since he has been here. This community is very close. He thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for this opportunity. Tryon is a wonderful place with a real bright future. He thanked staff and told everyone they could stop by his office any time.

Mayor Peoples stated they are going to take a short recess before entering into closed session so that everyone can meet our new town manager.

**MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(A)(3) FOR
ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter into closed session. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk