

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 15, 2016 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL - MCCOWN ROOM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Commissioners: Bill Crowell, Crys Armbrust

Absent: Commissioner Roy Miller

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis  
Police Chief Jeff Arrowood  
Fire Chief Joey Davis

Town Clerk Susan Bell  
Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton  
Town Attorney Bailey Nager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence to thank our firemen for keeping the people alive and healthy during the current fires. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Town Manager Ollis stated that he would like to add the grant award for the 2016 Christmas Parade from the Polk County Community Foundation and attorney-client privilege to closed session. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any corrections to the Consent Agenda. Being none, he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes from previous meetings and tax releases for GE Capital Info (\$7.33), Otis Vernon (\$225.82, \$234.02, \$234.02) and Barbara Fox (\$176.26). Mayor Pro Tem Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT AWARD FROM POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Town Manager Ollis stated that the Town had applied for a grant from the Polk County Community Foundation. The Town was awarded \$4,500 for the 2016 Christmas Parade. It's from there free events category. He would like to take this opportunity to thank the Polk County Community Foundation for their generous gift. We are going to have things that we are going to have to comply with. Commissioner Armbrust asked the conditions of compliance? Ingham stated the money will have to be spent on the actual parade. Ollis stated that there will be balloon making, face painting, hot chocolate and candy. Mayor Peoples suggested doing a resolution thanking them. CDD Kempton stated that we need to include the Marjorie M. &

Lawrence R. Bradley Endowment Fund for the donation. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to thank the Polk County Community Foundation and the Marjorie M. and Lawrence R. Bradley Endowment Fund for the gift. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RECOGNIZE THE FIREMEN**

Town Manager Ollis stated that we were going to recognize the firemen for their work during Hurricane Matthew, but now they are working on fires. Fire Chief Davis stated that they were taking donations at the fire department. They have already taken two huge trailers with donations. They are very appreciative of everything. With no rain the firemen could be working through Thanksgiving and the acreage burned could reach 10,000 acres. If there is not rain soon, it could burn until March.

### **MUSEUM UPDATE**

Happy McLeod stated that there are several things going on at the Museum that you wouldn't know about unless you were told. #1 in establishing revenue they were encouraged to apply for a grant for museums. She wrote the grant and was told that they were not funding this year what the Museum was asking for. They were impressed with the Tryon Historical Museum and if they would apply for options A, B, or C then they would consider it. By doing this we have a \$10,000 grant coming into Tryon for exhibits and displays. The museum can re-apply in two years.

The Museum will be holding an open house tour of four homes with historical and architectural significance in conjunction with TDDA, Jamie and Michaila on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at Harmon Field. The Equestrian Center is donating the shuttle service and the drop off point will be at the Depot. This is the day of the Christmas Market at the equestrian center. They are doing this along with Questors, an international club that loves history. They have adopted the museum. Tickets are \$35, which includes lunch. She would love for council to make a \$500 donation for food. Armbrust asked what the cost of the event was going to be. McLeod stated approximately \$2,500. Their goal is 500 people. Armbrust asked if we had the money. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham stated if our Town Manager thinks we have the money then he will make the motion to give \$500. The motion carried unanimously. Crowell asked that they give tourism the number of visitors. Ollis asked how many tickets have been sold. McLeod stated she didn't know at this time. Armbrust stated the tour is usually very popular.

### **APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve Town Manager Ollis as the authorized person to sign the closing documents for the fire truck loan (\$48,000) that was approved in June 2016. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **LAKE LANIER AMENDMENT**

Town Manager Ollis stated that the amendment to the Declaration of Regulations and Restrictions of Lake Lanier was to allow commercial use of the dock at Lake Lanier Tea House property. Attorney Nager stated that the direction given him was to sit down with Mr. Kerhulas and come up with language that is acceptable to Mr. Kerhulas. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham stated this is for one business only and one parcel of land (dock only). Nager stated this is to allow them to consume food and beverage from the

associated restaurant across the street and allows non amplified music. They can also use the dock for weddings. CDD Kempton stated that is if they get rezoned from Greenville County. Nager asked if this was acceptable. In concept, you would be approving an amendment to your regulations and restrictions. Approval is contingent on Greenville County rezoning the dock. If Greenville County doesn't agree, this would not be finalized. Armbrust asked if Mr. Kerhulas would pay for everything. Nager stated yes. Stu Davidson stated that he feels the wording should be clarified.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the amendment to the Declaration or Regulations and Restrictions of Lake Lanier as presented to the Board. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY**

Town Manager Ollis stated that one of the things he has been working on is the use of alcohol on the sidewalks in a permissible fashion, with plastic cups and at certain times. He has included the Chapter 11 Town of Tryon ordinance and the City of Burlington's ordinance to look over. He will be presenting this next month. He feels that giving it a month will allow for public input. He would like to start an art crawl so that people could walk and shop, sample food and wine at the different businesses in town. Commissioner Armbrust stated that he appreciates this being brought forward. This will cover us downtown and at Rogers Park. It makes us safer with the legality of the issue. Commissioner Crowell stated that it will help support the restaurants that have tables outside. Ollis stated that it is one of our main goals and will give more opportunities to restaurants and businesses at events. He will bring back next month.

### **MAINTENANCE SHED SALE DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Ollis stated that the possible buyer has backed off. He will work on getting quotes for a new building. Armbrust asked as an ancillary element of this could we begin the process to allow a boutique hotel in Central Business District. Chief Davis stated about two years ago there was an anticipated buyer for the building, so there is some interest.

### **MONTHLY PRIORITIZATION UPDATE**

Town Manager Ollis stated that his list has gotten smaller. He did add things to the list earlier. He would like to allow citizens the opportunities to come up with ideas. Armbrust stated that he had heard that a bicycle rack has been donated. Ollis stated that it is in the process. Commissioner Crowell stated it has if a local blacksmith (implying himself) would get on the ball.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Ollis stated Harmon Field Supervisor Aldred had done a lot of work on the tennis court options. The Harmon Field Board of Supervisors decided to go with the flex court, which will take all of the insurance money. Aldred is already on this. On the trash policy he is going to get with the newspaper on an article on the Town's policies. Certain businesses need clarification on what is to be picked up. Mayor Peoples stated that if you have work done at your house, then you pay the people to haul it off, but people have been taking advantage of the town. Ollis stated that sanitation runs like a business. Taxes could go up. On the leaf policy, you can't put a pile of bricks in with your leaves and expect the town to pick them up. If the policies are published and we show up at someone's house we

can say at least we have tried to let everyone know the policy. The tree on Main Street is dying. We didn't want to get rid of it, but had to take it down. He got in touch with Ted Travers to see about carving the trunk. Jamie Carpenter with TDDA came up with the idea of carving during Beerfest. So he put a bench out there and it became a hit.

CDD Kempton stated that Todd will start the paving tomorrow, Wednesday and will be done on Thursday. He will be using a subcontractor.

Mayor Peoples stated that the bear idea is a great idea and someone had suggested seeing it decorated for each holiday/season.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham asked about garbage pickup for Thanksgiving. Town Clerk Bell stated that pickup on Thursday had been rescheduled for the following Monday.

### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham thanked everyone for being here and thanked the firemen for all their help with the fires and their work on the crosswalks. Everyone knows that the board makes decisions, but can't please everyone.

Commissioner Armbrust also thanked the firemen for refreshing the paint on the crosswalks. He thanked council for having the work session. He hopes it continues. He thanked blacksmith Crowell for his magnificent iron work on Oak Street beside Missildine's. He asked that everyone keep those in harm's way in your prayers. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A lady in the audience thanked council for a cordial meeting.

Commissioner Crowell thanked Chief Davis and crew for their work in Rutherford County helping out. He thanked the street crews for their work on the leaf pickup. He thanked the citizens and wished there were more people who turned out.

Mayor Peoples thanked the firemen. If you go downtown you will see his vision that he had in 2001, when he first ran for Mayor.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

Jamie Carpenter with TDDA stated that the Beerfest was held a couple of weeks ago. She thanked all the volunteers that helped including council and Zach. She also thanked New View Realty who sponsored the event. The Halloween Stroll went well. She had heard good reviews on closing the street. She thanked Chief Arrowood for his help with that. There were several new businesses that opened the day before. The businesses are staying open late on Fridays. She has discount passports available. Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. She encouraged people to shop locally. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Christmas Stroll.

### **MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel and to have attorney-client privilege discussion pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Mayor Pro Tem Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk