TOWN OF TRYON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION JANUARY 17, 2017 6:00 P.M. TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Roy Miller, Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell

Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

Mayor Peoples called the work session to order.

1. Carousel Horse Donation

Town Manager Ollis stated a carousel horse donation is being made to the town. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust stated the horse is a beautiful German 1880 Carter Brown horse from a carousel. Ollis stated it is small enough to move it around. He will send them an e-mail. Commissioner Crowell stated we could make a base for it to sit on. Mayor Peoples stated it has a base. Armbrust suggested partnering with TIEC since they have a carousel.

2. Four Way Stops through Tryon

Crowell stated the intersection could be a four way stop at Pacolet and Trade Street. All the intersections could be four way stops. The town crews spend much time at that red light, because it will not turn quickly enough. Commissioner Ingham stated he didn't like the idea of four way stops. Traffic needs to keep flowing. Armbrust asked if it could be a flashing yellow on Trade and flashing red on Ola Mae and Palmer. Crowell stated it could be done, but drivers are speeding. The lights should change when you come up to them, but they don't. Cars sit there two to three minutes at a time. Ollis stated the speed limit sign prints a report so that we can see when traffic is speeding and see if more patrolling is needed. The calibration may be off. Maybe a discussion with DOT might work. Crowell stated four way stops are just for discussion.

3. Barnett Southern Mills

Crowell asked to notify the police that someone is living in the Adams Mills building, just in case they need to go in there. There are two large holes in the floor. Armbrust stated that the police need to be aware of the pitfalls, especially if they ever receive a call on the building. Ollis will get the police to check it out.

4. Old Hospital

Kempton stated the owner is cleaning up. Crowell asked if we couldn't give him a burn permit. Kempton stated that Fire Chief Davis is looking into this and Mr. Thomas is supposed to be contacting the state. Kempton stated the state is claiming the air quality doesn't allow him to burn. Crowell stated its brush only. Kempton stated that's all.

Crowell asked what it would take to run sewer lines to Grover Industries. Kempton suggested a partnership with the county. Mayor stated it has been looked into and the cost was approximately \$300,000-\$1,000,000. Ingham stated he feels we have a better shot working with the county now.

Crowell stated he had talked with the Mayor of Columbus and they have spent over \$5,000,000 and added three employees for upgrades to their plant. Peoples stated it had been talked about running sewer from Saluda when the water line was done. Kempton stated she thought that was in the Capital Improvement Plan.

5. Striping at Trade & Pacolet

Ollis stated this goes along with the Streetscape plan. Ingham stated if we are on the schedule for DOT in 2018, why should the town do this twice. Armbrust stated we should wait. Kempton stated the town would have to pay for it twice. All agreed to wait.

6. Streetscape

It was suggested and agreed upon to add streetscape to the main agenda. Ingham asked about the road widening from Columbus to Tryon. Ollis stated they plan to make it four lanes with curb and gutter around 2021. Ollis stated he will add the streetscape to the main agenda.

7. Straightening the wheel bumps on McCown Street

Ollis stated the street guys have been trying to balance between leaf pick up and other stuff. They will straighten the wheel bumps as soon as they have time. Armbrust stated we need to make the area more serviceable. Miller stated the curb on McCown from Trade Street is very dangerous. Ollis stated the street sign for McCown is also on the opposite of the road. He suggested placing a large rock on the corner so that people would be sure not to turn too closely and run into the hole and to move the sign to the right side of the road.

Crowell asked if the James Payne and Jim Jackson situation was going to be discussed in regular session. Ollis stated he could add it to the main agenda if he wanted. Both want to discuss segregation and how it was when they lived through it. He is going to invite the elementary school. Donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the event.

Miller stated a lot of people are displeased with the article in the Asheville Citizen Times newspaper. The way the article described the Eastside neighborhood he felt led everyone to believe that it was a poor neighborhood. He felt the article was very poor. He doesn't feel the article did justice for the area. He has had many phone calls about this.

Adjourn

Commissioner Ingham made a motion to adjourn.	The motion carried unanimously.	The board will star
their regular meeting at 7:00 pm.		

	J. Alan Peoples, Mayor
Attest:	
Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk	