

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 17, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

**TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM**

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

Commissioners: Bill Ingham, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker

Staff Present:    Town Manager Zach Ollis                      Town Clerk Susan Bell  
                            Police Chief Jeff Arrowood                      Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton  
                            Fire Chief Geoff Tennant                      Town Attorney William Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust led the invocation.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions or deletions. Manager Ollis wanted to add the closure of Palmer Street on November 4, 2017 for the car show.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt the agenda along with the addition of 5c. Palmer Street closure on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any corrections to the Consent Agenda. There were none. He entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes, tax release for Scott Gosnell (\$18.17) and Palmer Street road closure for November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Manager Ollis stated the public hearing that was scheduled for tonight had to be cancelled, because the second advertisement wasn't ran in the newspaper. The public hearing needs to be rescheduled to the next meeting, November 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to set a public hearing for November 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

**TORNADO UPDATE**

Manager Ollis gave an update on the EF1 tornado that came through on October 8, 2017. The National Weather Service came out and decided the storm was an EF1 tornado. He also has met with the State Emergency Management. The public works crew, along with the fire department cleared the roads so

that emergency vehicles could get through. Chief Arrowood along with Chief Tennant went door to door checking on residents throughout the night. He feels that the reason the power came back on so fast was because of the fast service of the public works crew clearing the roads. Cleanup will go through at least Thanksgiving.

The board all praised the employees for the incredible job that was done. The volunteers were commended for their help. Karandal Gary stated he had raked leaves in front of Town Hall. Everyone thanked him.

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

Mayor Peoples stated that Ollis has went out and helped the crews and then he would see him late at night working on his paperwork. Ollis thanked staff and the board for all that they do.

#### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner Ingham thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Christine Marriotti fell and is not doing well. He asked that everyone remember her. He reminded everyone of the Halloween Stroll, Beer fest, the car show and the election is coming up. He thanked Karandal for raking the leaves in front of Town Hall.

Commissioner Crowell thanked public works and Zach for all their work. We are lucky to have our guys.

Commissioner Booker echoed what Bill and Bill had to say about the crews. She would like to keep the meetings short.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust thanked the manager, public works, fire, police, Duke Energy, Asplundh, everyone that helped. The citizens rose to the occasion and were very respectful. The Polk County Film Festival, Beer fest and the car show is coming up. He questioned the coordination of tree removal and asked that notification be sent out about road closures. He asked for an update on Woodland Park. Manager Ollis stated he and Tank went through part of the park where they could get to and trees have fallen everywhere. The sewer line easement is covered in downed trees. He has contacted the State Emergency Management. Armbrust thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mayor Peoples stated we need street captains to help get the word out on what is happening. People have asked why the signal didn't go out, we didn't get notification. He talked with one of the fireman and he told him that the warning came in on his cell phone and before he could finish reading it, the storm had passed over. It came within 80 feet of his house.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

Jamie Carpenter with TDDA reminded everyone of the Film Festival October 27-29<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Stroll on October 31. The costume contest will be at 5:30 at the clock tower, weather permitting. Beer fest and the car show will be November 4<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Stroll will be December 1<sup>st</sup> and Tryon Midnight. Manager Ollis included the Shucking & Shaking.

Carol Browning reminded everyone the one minute Ambassador sessions will begin November 7<sup>th</sup>. Karandal Gary asked about financing to restore the Nina Simone site. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust stated it has been taken care of.

Joyce Kimpton observed a police car going a little too fast on Whitney. She asked when she could pick up a leaf schedule. She asked for the procedures and schedule of storm drain cleaning. Commissioner Crowell stated he had three on his property and he cleans them. Ms. Kimpton stated this is why she pays taxes. Mayor Peoples stated at one time the town had 40 employees, now we have approximately 30, so we are going to be behind. It was asked about emergency shelters and how notification was sent out. Ollis stated he would get with Chief Tennant and Chief Arrowood to help spread the word.

Manager Ollis stated permission is also needed to close Main Street for the Halloween Stroll, Oak Street to Palmer Street between 4:00 and 8:00. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust made a motion to close Main Street for the Halloween Stroll. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tennant stated the middle school is the emergency shelter. It has generators for food. Bobby Arledge covers this.

Anne Day thanked Chief Arrowood when the tree fell on New Market, Whitney Avenue became a drag strip. He was kind enough to bring a car up there and this let people know that this was detour and slowed traffic.

**MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to convene to closed session to approve closed session minutes, to discuss personnel pursuant to 143-318.11(a)(6), attorney-client privilege pursuant to 143-318.11(a)(3) and real estate acquisition pursuant to 143-3185.11(a)(5). Commissioner 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