

TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 7:00 P.M.

TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell
 Police Chief Jeff Arrowood 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. Commissioner Armbrust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. Being none he entertained a motion to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. Being none he entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which includes the board's minutes from January 16th, 19th and February 5th, tax releases for Jeffrey Ely (\$17.71), John Walters (\$8.21), Jewell Green Booker (\$13.58), Billie McConnell (\$17.04), D&P Unlimited, Inc. (\$9.30), SBA Towers LLC, (\$98.26) and the advertisement for past due taxes for 2017 for personal and real property. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTIES FILED WITH KANIA LAW FIRM

Town Manager Ollis stated we have a number of properties the town is interested in purchasing if there are no third party bids. The initial bid would be for the attorney fees and back taxes which would be about \$3800 per property. Properties for sale are T5-J11 that adjoins Town property and could be used for greenway or whatever the town decided on and T7-A43 which is across the street from property owned by the Town. May be a good growth for the cemetery.

Commissioner Ingham made a motion to proceed with the purchase of these properties if the cost is under \$4,000. The motion carried unanimously.

LIST OF PROPERTIES TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS

Town Manager Ollis stated after speaking with Town Attorney Morgan last week, he's advised on the different ways for us to surplus our properties. One way is to declare them surplus and sell through gov.deals. The list includes small properties that the town doesn't have a use for. There are seven

properties before you to be surplus. Commissioner Armbrust asked if any of the properties, particularly #4 and #5 are buildable. Ollis stated they may be buildable depending on the lay of the land and whether or not they lie in a flood plain. Booker stated the one on Shepherd is across from the cemetery. Armbrust asked if this was the access point to the creek beside the Viehman property before Maple Street or is it after Maple Street and Oak Street. Ingham stated after. Armbrust would not be in favor of selling the property before Maple Street, because it gives us access to the creek. Commissioner Crowell stated the other one goes over the creek and you would have to build a culvert. Ollis stated #5 T8-F4 is the one that he is talking about (half acre on East Howard). Armbrust stated the property he is referencing is contiguous with former Mayor W.S. Green's house which is presently owned by the Viehman's. Ollis asked if it would be more advantageous for him to draw it up in a map. Crowell asked if the Viehman property had a house on it. Armbrust stated it does. Crowell asked if this was the property that the Viehman's thought they owned and we had to give back their tax money. It is still listed under their name. Mayor Peoples asked if there were any properties we wanted to pull from the list. Armbrust stated pull that one property out. Ingham stated he didn't know how big of a rush we were in, but he would like to see all properties on a map.

Mayor Peoples stated we will table this until next month.

LAND FOR TRYON CEMETERY

Town Manager Ollis stated Mr. Jerry Soderquist has helped us a lot with the cemetery. Properties listed are T4-A35, T4-A25 and T4-A45. The Town will have to pay approximately \$8,700 for all. This includes the estimated attorney fees and back taxes. Mr. Soderquist stated that these are three of the properties out of the seven that we have looked at.

Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to pursue acquisition of the three properties, T4-A35, T4-A25 and T4-A45. The motion carried unanimously.

DAA PAPERWORK

Town Manager Ollis stated this is the DAA paperwork for reimbursement for the tornado that we had. This step is required. It is called the Designation of Applicant's Agent paperwork. It's been prepared and must be accepted and approved in the form of a resolution. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to adopt the presented as a resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

HUCKLEBERRY'S REQUEST OF PLAZA

Mayor Peoples stated on the Huckleberry's request of use of the Plaza. We had a discussion about this and decided to eliminate June 24th and stay with the May 5th date. Are there any other restrictions that we talked about? Commissioner Armbrust asked if we could divide the vote on this request. Lease of the plaza and closure of the street.

Commissioner Armbrust made a motion that we lease Huckleberry's the requested area and the Plaza on May 5th. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to close the street. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried 3-2 (Booker & Armbrust). With that being said he has talked with the manager about setting guidelines for this type of event.

POSSIBLE PLAZA DISCUSSION

Town Manager Ollis stated this is the plaza discussion. Todd from Trace is here if you have questions. He reminded everyone this is the property at the corner of Trade Street and Palmer. We currently have a streetscape plan that will take this past the area. The quotes came in for the Water Diversion on this property that total \$48,672. The sidewalk is from Foothills Realty to Palmer Street. The board has already approved and budgeted for at \$85,000. The alternate quotes are for brick pavers in the plaza \$14,500 or regular concrete at \$11,050. He knows there are more discussions of whether the board wants to take over the plaza. He has the new designs here from the engineer that we received today. Commissioner Armbrust requested a break out figure for doing the brick banding. Todd stated it will be a \$3,450 deduction if you get rid of the brick pavers in the plaza area and put in concrete only. Armbrust stated presuming we do the drain in the middle, which is a brilliant solution, there will be a further reduction because we don't have to replace the box. Todd stated the only further reduction would be if you wanted to do the pipe around the building. The box that is there has to stay and add a new box because the curb line is moving forward. Ollis stated the quote he received this afternoon was for the \$14,500 for the brick paver pattern. The second quote was for the basic concrete plaza.

Todd stated the engineer that was here stated that he had not added the additional box. When the sidewalk moves out the boxes would have to have lids to be able to access. We would have to add the new box at a cost \$5,500. If you elect to go around the building then you can delete that amount. Armbrust stated that if we go with your plans, then we could save about \$10,000. Todd stated if you elect to go around the building and go with the concrete only plaza.

Bob Scruggs owner of the property asked if they were talking about doing away with the pipe under his building permanently and going around and down Palmer Street. Commissioner Crowell asked if there were any mysteries down there. Todd stated there is a French drain there. He has a contingency of stone, if he needs that. He will exhume the existing box and add a new one at the curb. Crowell asked how close he would get to the building. Todd stated about four to five feet off the French drain. Crowell is worried that when we open it up the foundation will settle and the building will crack. Todd stated that won't happen.

Crowell asked where we are going to get the money. Ollis stated we don't have this budgeted. If the board approves the project, he will try to find the money in this year's budget. Armbrust asked how much spendable income we have. Ollis stated we don't have the audit yet. Armbrust stated by state law we are required to have eight percent. Ollis stated he would have to look at the finance policy also, the board may have set restrictions on ourselves.

Crowell stated that he has mapped all the creeks going under properties. There is one that goes underneath the jewelers, one under Stott's which turns and goes under their body shop. Henson's had to replace that one twenty years ago, because it collapsed from the creek to past the building. DOT has never replaced any piping. The one from their parking lot and the jewelers have never been replaced. Another comes down from Burrell's. He feels we are setting us up to repair other pipes under other buildings.

Ingham asked if Ollis could look at the budget, call a special meeting and decide. Crowell asked if Mr. Scruggs would be willing to save his buildings from damage by helping pay for the repairs. Mr. Scruggs

stated no. His deal was to give that piece of property to the town to make a plaza. Crowell stated we would have to take on the liability of the parking lot.

Crowell stated it was never in streetscape. We have seven street lights that are destroyed and we don't have the money to fix them. Ingham stated we are doing all this work on the sidewalks to finish up a twenty year plan. The streets are going to be paved. It's going to be beautiful. He doesn't want a future problem. If it is part of infrastructure then we need to fix the problem.

Armbrust sees this as an opportunity. Perhaps it was not included in the 2001 master plan, but it is a great enhancement and will offer opportunities for our businesses and our citizens. He strongly supports it. Mr. Scruggs stated with all the rain we have had in the last two weeks he hasn't had water in his basement. The water whether it's coming from the town's drainage going underneath or somewhere else, he hasn't seen another problem. If you take the drainage around the corner we are getting away from the drainage under the parking area and under his building. A judge in Buncombe County ruled that anything that goes under private property belongs to the property owner and not the municipality that the water is running off from. If you choose to go around the building this is no longer a problem.

Crowell stated he had heard from an individual that had worked for the town for many years say the bump in the road at Palmer is a big granite rock. Armbrust stated that is a possibility. Todd stated it could be.

Armbrust stated we are being given property. Mr. Scruggs stated fifteen years ago, when the basement was flooded, the Town went in and put in new piping. The insurance paid for this. If you decide to do this he will ask the town attorney to include in the deed and state the town will be responsible for that only.

Mayor Peoples stated we could get the plaza done for \$48,672. Todd stated no, that is just the pipe around the building and the flow of the fill. Mayor Peoples stated we have \$85,000 to do the sidewalk from Foothills Realty to Palmer Street. Armbrust stated in which we have already budgeted for. Mayor Peoples stated \$63,172 for a finished plaza. Ollis stated depending on the type of plaza that you want. It would cost \$49,000 roughly just to divert the water around the building if that is the desired outcome. Then you have the option of a brick paver pattern or a regular just concrete pattern. Brick included is \$14,500 and concrete is \$11,000. Anywhere from \$63,000 to more. Crowell stated \$61-\$65,000 if they don't run into any problems. Armbrust asked if there were any reductions. Todd stated the \$85,000 will go up by \$5,500 if you don't do the pipe around the building, because of the initial box at the end, to keep in alignment of the curb. If you elected to do the pipe around the building you will not pay the additional \$5,500. If you take the brick out of it you can reduce it by \$3,450. That also includes the French drain around the building and encasing the pipe around the building in stone, if there is any residual water flowing it should catch that and flow into the box.

Mr. Scruggs stated from his understanding at the last meeting this needs to be decided by March 1. Todd stated that he will start on March 1 at Foothills and work their way down. Ingham stated even though he is for this, he can't vote for it until he finds out about the money. Crowell stated that is his main concern. Mayor Peoples asked how long it will take him to do this. Todd stated about six weeks with weather.

Mayor Peoples asked Ollis to get the numbers for them and we will call for a special meeting. Ollis stated he could send you the budget tonight, but you are looking at taking this out of fund balance. We will try to get in touch with the auditors to see what the figure is. Mayor Peoples stated Trace does good work.

Mayor Peoples stated the meeting will be recessed to next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. to decide on this at the end of this meeting.

SHRIMP FEST ALCOHOL PERMIT

Town Manager Ollis stated Shrimpfest is being held again at Harmon Field and in order to approve alcohol use, the board has to vote on it. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST

Town Manager Ollis gave an update on the towers. They are looking at installing a backup power pole. Chief Arrowood is working on a June install date for the tower. They are still working on how to get internet at this location. Public Works are working on a number of things. Some of the issues we ran into was an extremely cold month in January. This caused a record number of water line breaks. The crews did over 200 work orders. They have started installing the rain gardens at Harmon Field for the river restoration project. Travis has taken this and run with it. We had a coordinated cleanup of Woodland Park. He met with the Parks Committee for help with further cleanup. As of now all trails are walkable. Mr. Vining had asked him to thank a number of community citizens that attempted to cleanup before we got there. He has finalized figures for reimbursement from Emergency Management for the storm damage. We are getting ready to start pothole repairs and different areas of paving when it warms up. He is looking at doing some repairs at the water plant from the previous refurbishing. It has been a busy month.

Armbrust asked to add to the list to repaint with gloss black paint and a primer underneath, the two iron rails and the six barriers. Ollis stated the guys are behind on leaf pickup, because they have been pulled to help with the water breaks. The guys have asked if they could wait until they have a full day to devote to it. They don't want to strip it and have to leave it, because it could rust before they could get back to it.

Crowell stated they need to be painted with a gray base and flat paint, because they are baking in the sun. Ingham stated that he and Armbrust will do this. Armbrust also wanted to add sign straightening.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis wanted to congratulate Tim Wright for completing his Master's Degree while also working for the Town of Tryon. He would like to thank Jamie and Lindy Buss for coordinating with Ms. Rogers the Hearts downtown. Ms. Rogers did a really good project with the children. Big thanks to Huckleberry's and the Fans of Harmon Field for the progressive dinner. Public works have really worked hard and he wants to thank them.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Crowell wanted to thank the guys for all that they have done. One of these days we are going to have a leaf management program. He did bring up earlier the seven damaged street lights. We can't get the existing globes now. He thanked the town and everybody for being here.

Commissioner Booker thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished them a safe trip home.

Commissioner Armbrust stated he is very pleased that they have went through a long process and now groundbreaking has been scheduled for the Dallara Project. Congratulations to the businesses to the relocation of Tryon Olives and Grapes to 10 N. Trade and the Tryon Bottle Company is moving to 15 S. Trade and a new business is moving in to 248 N. Trade (a mini-blind company) which is the current location of Olives and Grapes. The upgrades at 289 S. Trade parking lot should be finished very soon and Mr. Lynch will begin interior renovations immediately thereafter. He hopes everyone will join him in thanking NCDOT. During an earlier meeting today, NCDOT announced they are going to pave not only our Central Business District, but all the way to the South Carolina border. A monumental commitment. He also thanked each and every one for participating tonight.

Commissioner Ingham welcomed everyone. They had a really good retreat with TDDA. A lot of good ideas came out of the meeting. He thanked everyone for being here.

Mayor Peoples stated this is a great place to be. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Thank you for living here, working here and running your business here.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Karandall Gary asked if there were any plans of adding another bench in the area where the Bed and Breakfast used to be. Commissioner Armbrust has a donor who has offered to purchase a bench to go on Chestnut.

Michaila Cowles thanked the board for approving the use of the plaza. She asked about the lease agreement. Town Manager Ollis stated the town attorney will have to draw it up. Ms. Cowles stated the state will accept what you send. Their deadline is May 1.

Jamie Carpenter, TDDA, echoed what Commissioner Ingham said about the retreat. She also thanked Commissioner Crowell and Zach for attending. On April 7 there will be an April Fool's day event. Armbrust asked her to talk about the N.C. Main Street Conference. Jamie stated there will be several awards given and she will report back to you later.

Carol Browning stated May 4th is Plant Day. The garden club will be planting about 45 planters up and down Main Street. Polk County High School is growing the plants for us now and invited everyone to come out and help.

Anne Day thanked Public Works for replacing the fence on New Market Road. She thanked the Water Department for coming out Sunday at 9:00 at night to work on an issue up the street from her. She also thanked the Police Department for being very vigilant in checking the railroad tracks and checking on the issues they have been having lately.

Karandall Gary stated he made a mistake. He's not talking about the bench on Chestnut, it's at the bed and breakfast that has closed. Mayor Peoples feels he is talking about Tryon Old South. He stated it's not in the budget at this time.

RECESSED MEETING

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to recess the meeting until February 27 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Peoples would like to adjourn in memory of Ada Preston and Lucy King next Tuesday.

RECONVENE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order. He had a request from a councilmember to add discussion of fire hydrants to the meeting. All agreed.

Mayor Peoples stated this is a continuation of the February 20, 2017 meeting. It is to decide whether or not to accept the gift of a small area outside of Olives and Grapes and develop it into a small plaza. Commissioner Armbrust stated that we needed to discuss financing of the project if accepted. He asked Town Manager Ollis, is he, correct per their conversation earlier, although the state requires us to have an eight percent reserve fund balance, that today we have approximately 45%. Town Manager Ollis stated the board approved back in June a finance policy that holds the Town to carry a 30% fund balance. The unassigned fund balance was at \$210,000 as of June 30, 2016. With this issue we asked the auditor's to get us as close as they could, considering the audit is still in a draft position, the remaining fund balance. It is \$749,606 and we have increased it. He is doing an estimation because we have to pull money out to do a transfer to Harmon Field and the auditor's will explain that. He is estimating fund balance to be around \$675,000 if we work off of the current projected budget of \$1.4 million, it would be around 45%.

Armbrust stated he would like a copy of the finance policy. It's a substantial amount of money. Beyond that we have several unassigned lines. One is for \$30,000, funding for a police officer that we will not authorize. Beyond that \$30,000 is the benefits package, which is about \$9,000 and this is being held for a position that we didn't allow to occur. There are several other items unassigned that can be utilized to fund this project. This project could be easily funded with no real harm to what the state requires us to do and no real harm to the programming that we as a board have authorized for this year and next year. We have a minimum of three funding sources. The amount we are looking at covering is \$63,000. Crowell stated if they don't hit granite. Commissioner Ingham stated he would like to see the project finished if we have the money. Mayor Peoples stated he doesn't think we need it. He knows that the money doesn't all come from the same fund. The Town needs water meters at \$100,000 ball park figure. We have a trash truck that needs to be replaced at a cost over \$100,000. We are welding it back together for it to be used. He would like to see sidewalks starting at White Oak to Roseland. Most of our dump trucks need to be replaced. Many repairs are being made to them also. He would like to see paving on the back streets to get the business owners parking off Main Street and for trash to be placed on the back street. He would like to see an elevator here at Town Hall to be able to utilize the third floor as rental space. Armbrust stated we all have a short list of projects that we would like to see done.

Crowell stated the street lights aren't working and we need at least four new poles. The streetscape that we have, we are not maintaining and we want to add more. If it was just the plaza, he would be

happy, but it's the \$45,000 ditch that we are going to have to dig around the building. That's private property. Stott's Ford has a creek under it. Harold Burrell at Burrell's Fuels has a creek underneath them. The jewelry store has a creek under it. If any of that collapses they are going to come to us and say, if you did it for him you can do it for us. That's his concern. It wasn't budgeted and it's not part of the original streetscape. Underneath where we are going to be doing our work is brand new state pipe. They put it in when they fixed the road. He doesn't like running out and spending \$60,000 without some real conversations and long term thinking about this. It only cropped up a few months ago. It is not part of the streetscape.

Armbrust stated tonight that is private property, but if it is donated to us, it would be town property. Ingham stated speaking long term, he sees a potential problem there. He knows that we say it's not ours, but when something happens on our street he feels like it is. Mayor Peoples asked if the public had any comments.

Mr. Scruggs asked how much it would cost to move the pipe around the corner and not do the plaza. Crowell stated \$48,000. Mr. Scruggs stated he will keep the land and not do the plaza. The Town came to me asking for it, but if we could move the problem and simply take the water away. Crowell stated if he would come up with part of the money then he might think about it.

Armbrust stated his principal concern here is that we are at the end of a twenty year project. To which hundreds of people have contributed time, talent and treasure. It seems to him that we should deliver to our citizens the very best product for our citizens use not only today, but generations from today. We have an opportunity here tonight to do that without doing any fiscal harm to our fiduciary standing. Crowell stated it was never budgeted. He has been here a year and a half and we never actually said for somebody to go talk to him about this. You went on your own and made a deal, then you bring it to us. It's \$65,000. That's part of his problem.

Dr. Warren Carson stated he would like to endorse what the Mayor has put out there. You talk about this being the end of a twenty year project, he's been around a lot longer than that and there are many, many needs in this town that have went unaddressed and unfulfilled. If it were a situation where you had to have another piece of property for yet another plaza in town, he might be persuaded, but people are suffering day to day and they need some attention and he doesn't see \$65,000 going into this kind of project. It seems likely rather frivolous. Mayor Peoples has listed a number of important projects. Having set where all of you have set, he knows everybody has a wish list. Let's be serious and let's be real. This is not something that we absolutely have to have. We have other needs that we do absolutely have to have. He would encourage you to listen to your Mayor and other councilmembers and see what they have to say and let's do what the citizens need instead of all these decorative things.

Crowell stated there will be a new sidewalk in front of the building that will have the bricks and will be trimmed and will be very nice looking. It will be very attractive.

Mayor Peoples stated when he filed to run for Mayor, it was found that the town was about three quarters of a million dollars in the red. He got elected and they started going through the books and found that the town was about \$1.6 million in the red. It took twelve years to pay us out of that. He lost a term and was re-elected and found that we were about a quarter of a million in the red again. He is afraid that this is the kind of thing that can get you in debt. He doesn't object to the plaza, but he would

like to re-visit the idea in the future sometime. Someone will say it will cost you \$5,000 more, but we need to work on the needs now.

Mr. Scruggs asked if the figure that was given a while ago was just to move the water line around the corner. Todd stated that figure includes the flow and fill also.

Lindy Buss stated she is in charge of Fans of Harmon Field, which has taken on the project to fundraise through the Town of Tryon for the playground. She is confused on the fact of why you are trying to take on other property, whether it be a gift or not, when you can't take care and upkeep the property that you already own. The playground is falling apart. The Town of Tryon owns the playground and you are talking about doing something for generations and generations to come. Yet you don't seem to care about the generations that are here. Little kids are playing here with plywood boards up and no mulch, broken equipment, so if there is all that extra money in the budget, she's not understanding why you are not taking care of things that you already own before you take on another project that you don't.

Armbrust stated when we had a lunch today did I not tell you that the greatest challenge confronting you as a fundraiser is the way that you are identifying the project that you, yourself requested to be put in charge of. Ms. Buss stated she is taking charge of this and actively fundraising now. But if the Town of Tryon which owns the playground and owns Harmon Field, so why are you trying to take on other property that you don't own yet, but are receiving as a gift, so that you can make downtown pretty, while our kids are playing on crap. Armbrust stated you are presenting your project as a Friends of Harmon Field. Ms. Buss stated Fans of Harmon Field. Armbrust stated you have two strikes against you, the earlier organization that you modeled your organization from, Friends of Harmon Field has a dark shadow over it called embezzled monies. Ms. Buss stated so does the Town of Tryon. Armbrust stated that you have gone for example to the Polk County Community Foundation and requested funding for the Fans of Harmon Field. Ms. Buss stated she has also requested funding for the Town of Tryon. Armbrust stated they told you that they could not fund it, because the Town owned the property. Ms. Buss stated because the Town of Tryon has embezzlement issues and that is the reason they are not going to fund it, because they didn't like the embezzlement issues. Armbrust stated he fully supports her project. You didn't ask the town about it. Ms. Buss stated she did ask the town about it and also Harmon Field. She asked why she would fundraise for fun. She is doing this because she cares about Harmon Field and the playground and wants her kids to have somewhere to play. Of course, she doesn't want to fundraise. It's not something that she does in her spare time. She is making time to do this, because she cares about it. But to say that she took on that project and didn't want you guys to pay for it is absolutely absurd. You can look at any member of that board and they will absolutely 100% tell you that she did not say she wanted to fundraise, because she felt the town should pay for it.

Mayor Peoples stated it is time to move on. He understands both sides.

Christine Cowles stated she never heard Crys answer Lindy's question, so she would like for him to answer before she asks her question. Mayor Peoples stated we are going to move on. Ms. Cowles asked if there had been any studies to show if the plaza is needed. Do you have non-profits that are going to utilize it? She has been to the council meetings and she has never heard anything about this or seen anything on the web page, nothing. Armbrust stated at the common sense level. Ms. Cowles stated it's not the common sense level. It's a general public meeting, you need to answer the question respectfully. Armbrust stated that we have utilized the Ballenger project and St. Luke's project for community related events. You have promoted events on that plaza itself. Most recently, during the

hot dog giveaway done in front of Olives and Grapes. It was incredibly popular. Must have been 75 people there. That is how it will be used as public gathering place. We are very fortunate to have a very large centralized plaza at St. Luke's Plaza and a smaller plaza at Ballenger plaza. The potential here is for an allied small gathering place at the northern end of town. It would be used for common gathering space. Ms. Cowles stated what she is hearing is, that it's common sense that this would be used for public. May she ask the other four council people, has there been any past discussion on what this will be used for or could be used for? Have you had any discussion on what would justify the cause for this?

Mayor Peoples stated the answer to your question is no. The answer that most of us understood is that if we accepted this it would be used for such and he called for the question.

Mary Prioleau stated that she is the one that held the event and the number was closer to 200 people. They gave away 185 hamburgers. It would look better.

Mayor Peoples asked for a motion.

Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to move forward to accept the offer from Bob to utilize that space for a small plaza of similar to the Ballenger Plaza with funding to be drawn from at least one of the three funding sources that he has mentioned earlier when we began the fiscal discussion. Mayor Peoples called for a vote.

Ayes-2 (Armbrust & Ingham)

Nayes 2 (Booker & Crowell)

Tie calls for the Mayor to vote. He voted against it. Motion failed 2-3(Crowell, Booker and Peoples).

FIRE HYDRANTS

Mayor Peoples asked about the discussion on fire hydrants. Armbrust stated that many people know that the Central Business District fire hydrants were once painted like jockeys. Ms. Carpenter stated painting the fire hydrants just came up this week, but it has been on TDDA's list of things to do. TDDA has the paint ordered and the fire department have specific restrictions to follow. The paint is at Williamson's. Mayor Peoples asked her to give an update at the March meeting. She agreed.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Ingham so moved. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk