

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
APRIL 17, 2018 6:00 P.M.
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker

Absent: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell
 Police Chief Jeff Arrowood Town Attorney William Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham called the work session to order and turned over to the town manager.

Town Manager Ollis stated we need to add Theda's resolutions to the agenda. We have two gentlemen here to speak. We have a Parks Committee appointment. Also debit/credit card fees are on the agenda. In the past four months we have spent about \$4,000 to be able to accept cards for payment. A dollar will help with the cost. Commissioner Armbrust stated we should charge the fee of what we are paying. Ollis stated we are trying to help with the cost to the town. Farmer's Market will give an update. The x's that are on the street could be removed and we will have additional parking. The board agreed that we need to remove them. Todd from Trace will be here to discuss that at the regular meeting. The corner of Trade Street and Maple Street need to be fixed. He has a proposal for \$7,500 from Trace. This will help with wheelchairs and strollers. Crowell stated he wouldn't go out as far in the road with concrete, so the trucks can turn. Ollis stated we have some savings with the sidewalks.

Steven Green with AFRO/Latino Fest presented flyers to the board for the Mother's Day weekend event. There will be a 5k race that morning. He will open with a parade, couple of cars donated by Stott's Ford will be in it. Samba dancers will be riding in the cars. He will have live Brazilian drumming. It will go from Stott's Ford to the Plaza. He has thirteen food and merchant vendors. They will have oxtails, barbecue, coffee, deep fried Oreos, funnel cakes, a Latin fusion dance, Brazilian arts. Ollis stated the town will provide port-a-johns and inflatables. You have already approved the street closing. Armbrust stated we have given you the Depot Plaza. What about the St. Luke's Plaza. Ollis will check to be sure on that. The board agreed to help setup the bouncy house.

Ollis presented a copy of Mr. Garguilo's letter to the board for reference. Mr. Garguilo stated he would like to speak at the regular meeting. He has been here for seventeen years. He has given a lot to this town. Ingham said he remembers when he moved here. He feels that everyone wants to help him make his restrooms public. Mr. Garguilo asked them to look at both sides. Ingham stated that his request is way out of line. Mr. Garguilo stated he will wait to hear from them, but he will speak at the meeting. Ollis will take the information and put a proposal on paper.

Ollis asked if there were any other questions.

Armbrust stated the purpose of the work session is to discuss the agenda items for the meeting, but he would also like to discuss projects the town has. Ollis stated with the project downtown we are putting in new water lines and meters. We have replaced a culvert on Carolina Drive, along with the water and sewer lines there. That area will get paved when finished. He is working on quotes for paving down to IGA and on Carson Street. WE have to patch on Aspen. He is going to get out RFP's for the Capital Improvement Plan. They are installing new storm drains at Harmon Field as part of the Pacolet River project. Looking at a septic system at Harmon Field for the old high school and open air gym. There is not enough flow for it to work correctly. We have been pumping and hauling for a while now. The State is not going to let us continue this. Crowell asked to look at the cost of running sewer to the Lynn area. This would allow the mill to be sold. Ollis stated he could work with an engineer to get a cost for this project. The board agreed for Ollis to get a quote from an engineer for what will become a draft of this project.

Ingham asked about the new phone system. Ollis stated Jeff and Blake have been researching the new system for a long time. We have had issues with the water plant because of their internet. Changing to Charter to help with that and should solve their issues.

Armbrust asked about a cell tower. Ollis stated he could contact some companies and see if they were interested. Crowell stated we had one at one time at the water plant and the company took it down. Mr. Garguilo asked if it could be put on top of a building. Ollis stated probably not because of the weight. Some of the towers on Tryon Peake are phenomenal. Crowell stated Verizon's nearest tower is in Cashiers.

Commissioner Booker stated she would like to change gears and asked about employee safety training. She suggested classes for sexual harassment, active shooter training and CPR. She wonders if anyone is interested. Ollis stated we could get Tank to give CPR training. Booker stated that she had called some agencies in South Carolina and we could do the training through videos. The employees could do this on their own and then sign a paper stating they had taken the workplace harassment class. Ollis will contact our insurance company to see if they have videos that we can use and paperwork for us to sign.

Armbrust stated we have been talking about cameras in the council room for months. Ollis stated we were going to run the wires, but have found that we need someone else to do this. Jeff has received a quote. Armbrust asked do we have a time frame. Ollis will ask Jeff.

Armbrust asked about the camera uptown. Ollis stated the camera was here years before he got here. The cameras have to be hardwired and Cindy Viehman has said she didn't mind it being on her building. He just has to find out for sure how to make it work.

Ingham suggested a short break before the regular meeting begins. All agreed.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk