

## Town Council Meeting May 4, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all members present except Mr. Marshall who was present by phone. Mr. Drinnon was present as well.

Under communications from citizens and property owners, Mr. Dennis Koga from 1716 Guy Street asked to speak to the board. He addressed several concerns for speeding on Guy Street. His family recently lost a cat due to a high speeder. He asked that the town look in to solving this by giving three suggestions: 1) install speed bumps 2) install stop signs on Guy at Park Street for north and south traffic 3) Put warning signs alerting drivers of presence of children and animals in the vicinity and requesting them to slow down.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mrs. Voiles, Resolution #21-4, annexing the property across from Dr. Hurley's office on Roy Messer Highway, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading. Property owned by Mr. Bill Jenkins will be developed into a new subdivision.

Resolution #21-5, adopting a plan of service, was moved to next month's agenda.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to award the paving bid to Newport Paving for \$111.86 per ton.

Under Police department news, Chief Cotter addressed the complaints of speeding on Guy and Branner Street. The department just picked up a new speeding sign and will take to these problem areas and will also increase enforcements.

Chief Cotter gave a report about the ladder truck and it was the consensus of the board to take the truck to Pro Team Auction.

Mr. Stump reported that the annexation on Roy Messer Highway was brought before the Planning Commission. The commission approved the annexation and the plan of services and voted to recommend the Council move forward with annexing the area.

Mr. Allsup reported the recreation department is nearing the opening of the Splash Pad. Plans are to open the facility around Memorial Day. Many improvements are being done to the Lions field and looking great.

The sewer plant is also looking great. Concrete is being poured and progress is being made. The CDBG plans have been submitted and as soon as they are approved, the project will go out for bids. Mr. Allsup reported that the prospective bid winner of the street paving projects had called and informed him that he could get started the first of June if awarded the bid.

Mr. Dukes reported the Pine Fest Committee met in April and are excited to say that Food City and Bush Brothers have each agreed to be sponsors of the festival. The history museum is still deciding on where they will locate this year. Several booths have already been lotted for and the Street dance on the night before the festival is being planned as well.

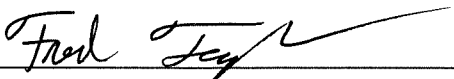
Under new business, Mr. Dukes made a motion to auction the ladder truck at the next auction. Mr. Stump made a second to the motion and all were in favor.

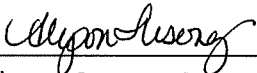
Mayor Taylor made an announcement that May 2-8 was National Town Recorder week and presented Mrs. Susong with a proclamation showing the appreciation of her job as Recorder.

Mayor Taylor also expressed that he would like the board to meet in the next budget work session on May 11, 2021 at 5:30 at the Ruritan Building. He also invited the board to a ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for the new eye doctors office located at the corner of Main and Maple. The DAR will hold a ceremony to dedicate a dogwood tree recently planted at the Veterans Park on June 5th at noon.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:24 pm.

  
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Fred Taylor, Mayor

  
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Alyson Susong, Recorder