

Town Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was also present.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Dukes, the minutes of the September 7, 2021 council meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Strom, the minutes of the September 7, 2021 public hearing were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Strom, Ordinance# 10-21, adopting the 2018 Residential building codes, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance# 11-21, adopting the 2018 Commercial building codes, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance# 12-21, rezoning the Sellars property at the corner of Melody Lane and Highway 25E from C-2 to R-2, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Voiles, Ordinance# 13-21, amending the Hamblen County/Town of White Pine Tax Rate, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall second from Mr. Dukes, Resolution #21-12, authorizing additional funds for CDBG grant, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to accept the debt obligation form for the Police vehicle lease/purchase.

Under police news, Chief Cotter passed out a report and told the board that the K9 dog had passed his classes and was now certified. Fire reports were also given out.

Mr. Stump reported on Planning Commission news. A discussion was held by Mr. Bunch about purchasing property off of Roy Messer Highway to put a grocery store. Many residents came and voiced against this as well as turning in a petition against the property being used for commercial.

Mayor Taylor gave an update on the recreation grant check presentation. This grant will provide LED lighting, re-do fields and provide ADA walkways.

Mr. Allsup was not present for Water and Sewer but the sewer plant update was given in a packet at the work session. The street department completed large item pick ups and all went well.

No Industrial meeting was held.

Mr. Dukes gave a report on the Pine Fest. It was a huge success and the town did not go into debt because of the generous donations. Many vendors commented on how well they did. Plans will start in February for the next Pine Fest. In the meantime, the board is looking for volunteers to restore the Steam Engine donated to the town.

Under financial news, Mrs. Susong gave the board the reports on the ending of the fiscal year 2020-21 and the first quarter numbers through September 2021.

Under unfinished business, the food truck ordinance is still in debate. Because the verbiage needs correcting, the board will once again address at next months meeting. Several commented that they had no problems with changing but it needs to be specific with no confusion.

A contract with Southeastern Employers Association was discussed as well. Mr. Marshall voiced concern over the price for hourly rate since it was not in the contract. After a call to Mr. Cochran, the board was told the rate is \$175 per hour and would only be necessary for discrimination charges or complaints. The mayor had Attorney Drinnon review the contract and several things were noted to change. After several comments, a motion was made by Mr. Stump and a second by Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously approved to get a clean copy with changes and vote on its acceptance at next month's meeting.

The mayor also addressed the board concerning the EMS building on Roy Messer Highway. The building is not in the town limits, but he would like to see a street light placed there for better vision at night for the emergency workers. Appalachian Electric said it would add \$13.23 per month to the towns bill. On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to approve the street light at the EMS Building on Roy Messer Highway.

Chief Cotter approached the board about the potential of buying property adjacent to the fire hall. The owners would like for the fire department to have it and would give them a fair price. He would like to see the fire hall expand with additional bays because they are out of room and have no space for nothing else. He asked the board if they would consider the mayor and his self to set down with property owners about a firm price. Mr. Marshall stated he would like to see an investment made at Exit 4 with a new station with bays. He hates to see money spent on this property when it could go to another station. Chief Cotter says the longer we wait the

more property and trucks cost and the department has raised on \$70,000 in fundraising efforts. The board agreed to discuss next month when a price is in place.

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

Under announcements, Myra Samples from the "Living in White Pine" board stated that they are up to 9,245 members. She informed the board that Eddie Woods is doing good and headed to therapy. Also, to be on the look out for horse shows coming to the WSCC pavilion. She also expressed concern for the beautiful Legion Park that is setting empty with no children using. Mayor Taylor addressed the board of the news of the White Pine monument getting surveyed so that it can be cleaned out and made to look neater. He also addressed Mrs. Samples about the ball fields. A recreation director position has been put in the budget and the town is looking into a grant to help with that as well. Mr. Marshall said putting money on the fields would not stop there, but hiring the director was the first step in bringing little league back to the town fields. Mrs. Samples also inquired about Halloween and it was decided that Sunday night, October 31, 2021 would be the designated night to trick or treat.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



Alyson Susong, Recorder

Beer Board Meeting October 5, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present as well as Attorney Drinnon.

Two beer licenses are being considered for the Pilot Truck Stops as Exit 4. Mayor Taylor asked Chief Cotter if there was any problem with the applications and he could not find any.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Strom, Pilot #412, at 3624 Roy Messer Highway, was unanimously awarded a beer permit.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Stump, Pilot #4596, at 3663 Roy Messer Highway, was unanimously awarded a beer permit.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Dukes, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:04 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor




Alyson Susong, Recorder

Public Hearing October 5, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the Public Hearing to order with all council members present.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or concerns of the rezoning of the property at the corner of Melody Lane and Highway 25E.

No comments or questions were addressed and the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.


Fred Taylor, Mayor


Alyson Susong, Recorder

RESOLUTION 21-13

EXISTING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS ((MPOs) SHALL REMAIN (OR GRANDFATHERED) AND NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS HOUSING UNIT DENSITY THRESHOLD

WHEREAS, the Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO), which consists of the governing agencies of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), Morristown, Hamblen County, Jefferson City, White Pine, and Jefferson County, was established as an Urbanized Area (UZA) by the United States Census in 2002 (after the 2000 US Census); and

WHEREAS, White Pine seeks to continually maintain, enhance, and improve the transportation system and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, White Pine has the desire to improve and enhance the safety, security, and aesthetics of the transportation system and services within the LAMTPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, federal funding assistance is needed within the LAMTPO MPA to maintain, improve and enhance the following:

- a. Roadways, highways, bridges, etc.
- b. bicycle and pedestrian sidewalks and pathways,
- c. public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the US Census 2020 Urban Areas from a 50,000-population threshold with a minimum density of 1,000 people per square mile; to 385 housing units per square mile, with a minimum of 4,000 housing units or has a population of at least 10,000 people will be detrimental to the LAMTPO MPA; and

WHEREAS, preliminary results show that several MPOs within TN, including LAMTPO, will have a decrease in population as well as a decrease in land area, which in turn means a decrease in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary mapping results from the proposed change shows several outliers that are not contiguous to the larger urbanized area, thus making it more difficult for transportation planning purposes and for determining where federal funding should go; and

WHEREAS, The US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in June/ July 2021 decided not to change their definition of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of 50,000 people or greater; and

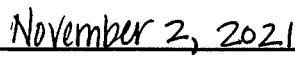
WHEREAS, the proposed urban area boundary would not include recent residential developments, however those developments are within the existing urbanized area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of White Pine requests the United States Census should follow the OIVIB decision and not change their definition of Urban Areas, or at least allow existing N'IPOs urban areas (from the 2010 US Census) to be grandfathered in; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the White Pine Board of Mayor and Aldermen requests the United States Census should follow the OB/IB decision and not change their definition of Urban Areas, or at least allow existing NIPOs urban areas (from the 2010 US Census) to be grandfathered.

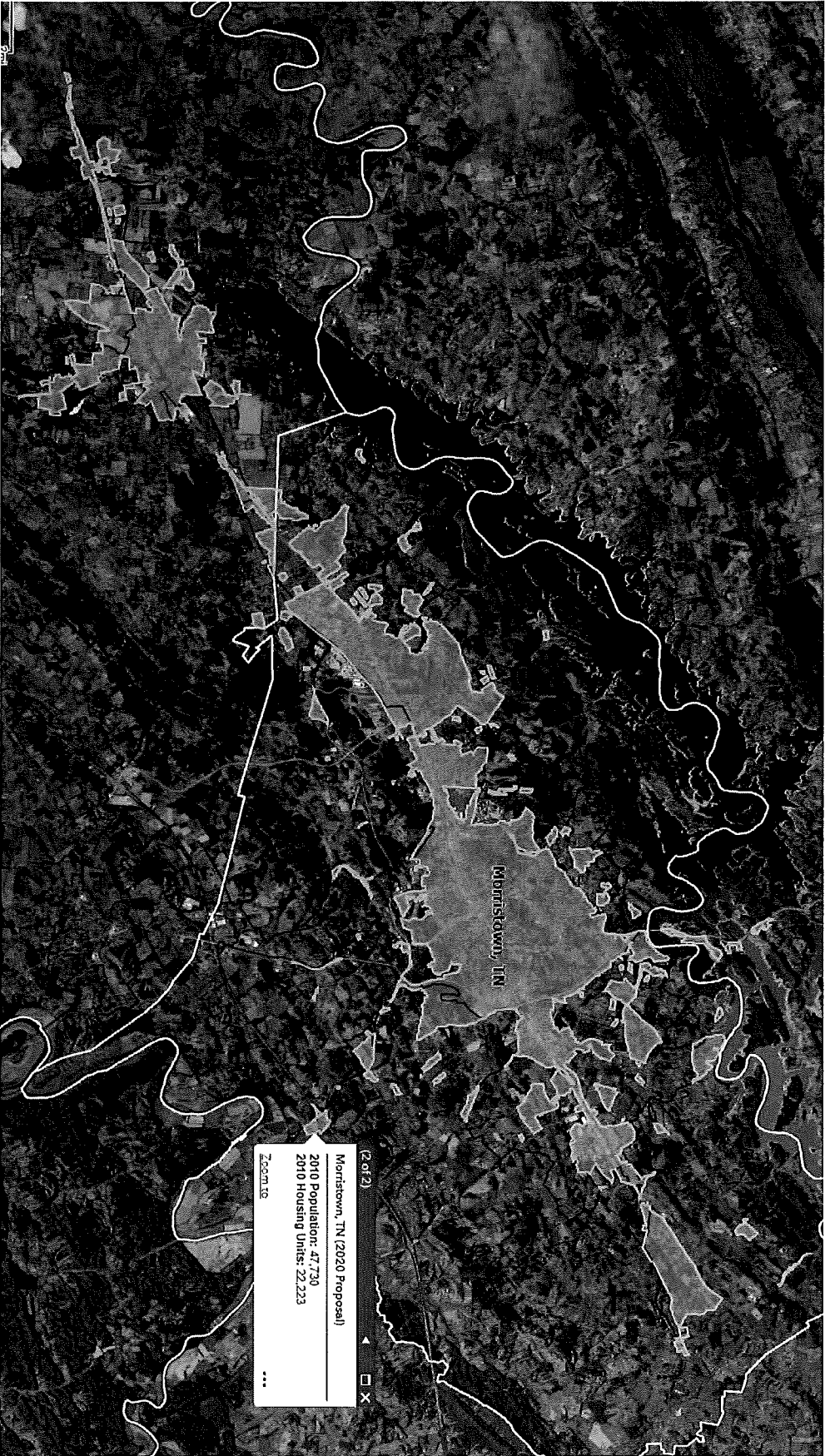


Mayor, White Pine



Date

Attest: 
Recorder _____



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Morristown, TN (2020 Proposal)
2010 Population: 47,730
2010 Housing Units: 22,223
Zoom In
Zoom Out
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