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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Monday, April 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. with the Mayor Pro Tempore Teross Young presiding.

Council Members Present: Betty Jean Troutman, Judy Jablonski, Paul Henkel, Teross Young, Sally Williams

Council Members Absent: **Mayor Elbert H. Richardson absent due to unexpected health issues**

Staff Present: Ann G. Bailie, Town Manager; Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk; Erika G. Martin, Planning Director; Steve Shealy, Finance Director; Matthew A. Selves, Police Chief; Adam K. Lippard, Public Works Manager; Gary W. Thomas, Town Attorney

Press Present: James McNally, Statesville Record and Landmark

Others: (Sign-In Sheet attached)

ITEM 1. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TEROSS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ITEM 2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTY EASEMENTS FOR GREENWAY PROJECTS

Staff requested that Town Council authorize Town Attorney Gary Thomas to begin eminent domain proceedings for property acquisition on a total of nine (9) properties located along the route of the South Iredell High School greenway and the Gap greenway who have not yet signed easement agreements with the Town. The request being necessary in the effort to meet the state deadline to qualify for grant funding. Town Attorney Gary Thomas explained the legal procedure of eminent domain stating that a letter will be sent to property owners 30 days before filing the individual law suits and that they can resolve the law suit anytime during the thirty days by signing the easement (letters beginning the 30 day period is to be dated June 5, 2015). The taking of the easements occur on the day the lawsuit is filed. Concern regarding easement cost pertaining to budget implications were discussed.

Upon motion by Council member Troutman, seconded by Council member Williams, unanimously carried, approved authorizing Attorney Gary Thomas to begin eminent domain proceedings.

(Copied in full, list of property owners and map of property locations is attached to these minutes and is file on CD titled: "Town Board Supporting Documents" dated, April 29th, 2015 in CD Book #1 titled, "Town Board Supporting Documents")

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION OF THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET

Along with presenting Town Council with a proposed balanced budget, Town Manager Ann Bailie distributed an 'Updated Budget Information' sheet listing proposed budget highlights and changes from the budget workshop of April 6, 2015 per Council's direction and staff modifications. She reviewed with Council the following modifications as proposed by staff:

- 1) Increase in Ad Valorem Revenue by \$5,200 due to receiving the final tax collection estimate from Iredell County.
- 2) Increase of \$1,500 following further review of items to purchase in Street Maintenance/ Capital Outlay for Jackhammer and Tamp.
- 3) Decrease of \$3,200 in Utility Fund Revenues/Water and Sewer Sales to balance decrease in expenditures.
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- 5) Decrease in Utility Fund Capital Outlay by \$6,200 following further verification of cost resulting in the following:
- Elimination the purchase of a new hand-held meter reader (\$12,300)
 - Increase in cost estimate of Polaris for right-of-way work (\$4,000)
 - Increase in cost estimate of vehicle lift (\$2,000)

Town Manager Bailie stated that the proposed budget is balanced and asked for concerns or questions from the Council. No concerns were voiced. She stated that she will present the budget at Council's May meeting requesting that a Public Hearing and adoption be set for Council's June meeting. Council questions and/or concerns can be directed to Town Manager Bailie or Finance Director Steve Shealy.

(Copied in full, proposed budget and updated budget information sheet is attached to and made part of these minutes and is file on CD titled: "Town Board Supporting Documents" dated, April 29th, 2015 in CD Book #1 titled, "Town Board Supporting Documents")

ITEM 4. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor Pro Tempore Teross Young called for a closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.

Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, approved to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-319.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.

Mayor Pro Tempore Teross Young opens the closed session requesting that along with the Town Council that Town Attorney Gary Thomas is invited to join the closed session.

****MINUTES FOR CLOSED SESSION WERE RECORDED BY TOWN ATTORNEY GARY THOMAS AND ARE SEALED UNTIL PUBLIC INSPECTION WILL NO LONGER FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSE OF THE CLOSED SESSION****

Reconvene Open Session

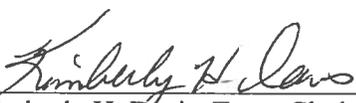
Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, approved to close the close session and reconvene the open session.

Action taken by Council: None

Mayor Pro Tem Young requested copies of the Personnel Policy for all council members (emailed or hard copy) from the Town Clerk Kim Davis. Council inquired as to the accumulation and use of comp, vacation, and sick time, and current process used in recording hours worked.

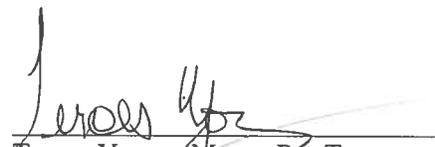
AGENDA ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Council member Troutman, and seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, the Special Meeting of April 29, 2015 was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk





Teross Young, Mayor Pro Tempore