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EMERGENCY MEETING
April 25, 2017

An Emergency Meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. with the Mayor Pro Tem W. Paul Henkel presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem W. Paul Henkel, Sally P. Williams, Judy Jablonski, James K. Troutman, Paul R. Bryant

Council Members Absent: Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr.

Staff Present: Justin E. Longino, Town Manager; Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk; Steven H. Shealy, Finance Director; Erika G. Martin, Planning Director; Gary W. Thomas, Town Attorney

Press Present: Debbie Page, SVL Free News
Jennifer Dandron, Statesville Record & Landmark

MAYOR PRO TEM HENKEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

DISCUSSION REGARDING MAYORAL TERM

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Henkel explained that the meeting, per request of Mayor Young, is to discuss Council preference regarding the Mayors term of office and Board of Election's inquiries of whether Troutman will need a Mayoral race on the ballot for the November election.

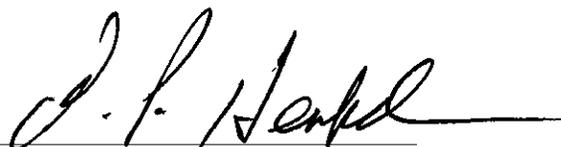
Mayor Pro Tem Henkel stated that in October 2016 following the resignation of Mayor Ron Wyatt, Council unanimously voted to appoint Mayor Young to fill the position until the November 2017 election at which time if Mayor Young so desired, could run on a special Mayoral ballot to complete the remaining 2 years of the term that is to expire November 2019 if elected. In researching the Town's Charter regarding the Mayoral term, Town Attorney Gary Thomas found that the Charter states that in the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or Councilmen, the Council shall vote by majority to appoint someone to fill the remainder of that unexpired term, but was advised by NC School of Government that a state statute, passed after the Town Charter that states an appointment is only until the next election, supersedes the Town Charter. In conversation with another legal advisor from the School of Government, Town Attorney Thomas was then advised that the Town Charter could take precedence over the state statute and Council could vote to appoint Mayor Young to serve out Mayor Wyatt's elected term through November 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel shared that Mayor Young has agreed to serve if Council so desires, but has been given a job promotion that will start the 4th quarter of 2018 that may require additional travel. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel assured Council, if Mayor Young is appointed, and he needs help with Town responsibilities, as Mayor Pro Tem, he will be here as Mayor Young's backup to step in whenever needed.

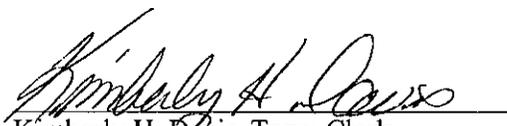
In summary, Mayor Pro Tem stated that Council has one of two choices: To adhere to the original vote that Mayor Young serve through November 2017 and run for Mayor if he so wishes; or Council can appoint him to serve out Mayor Wyatt's elected term through November 2019.

Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, approved to appoint Mayor Teross Young to fill the remaining 2 year unexpired term of Mayor Wyatt that is to expire in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Troutman, and seconded by Williams, and unanimously carried, the emergency meeting of April 25, 2017 was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.


W. Paul Henkel, Mayor Pro Tem


Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

