

TABOR CITY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020
7:00 PM RITZ CENTER

A. INVOCATION

B. ANNOUNCEMENT: ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING MUST FIRST FILL OUT A FORM THAT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

C. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING: REQUIRED FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST INDUSTRY ON WALL STREET WITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.....MAYOR HARPER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

III. PLANNING BOARD MATTERS:

A. APPOINT PERSON TO PLANNING BOARD TO FILL VACANCY OF CAROLYN CHESTNUT

B. APPOINT PERSON ON PLANNING BOARD TO BECOME CHAIRMAN

IV. PRISON WORKERS ANNUAL CONTRACT

V. ACCEPT BURNS STREET DEMOLITION BIDS

VI. ACCEPT RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION

VII. APPROVE END OF YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

VIII. ADOPT WATER BILL DELINQUENT AMOUNT REPAYMENT PLAN

IX. VOTE TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 FROM BLDG REPAIR FUND TO COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND

X. CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MATTERS:

A. AMEND HMGP CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

B. AMEND WWTO CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

C. ADOPT CDBG FAIR BLUFF ROAD CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

XI. SIGN CONTRACT WITH NFOCUS FOR ANNUAL CODE ENFORCEMENT WORK

XII. MONTHLY UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

COMMENTS BY MANAGER

XIV. RECESS UNTIL JUNE 30, 7:00 AM, TOWN HALL

NOTES TO ACCOMPANY AGENDA

*****This meeting will be another (and hopefully final) Council meeting held partially by electronic means. Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Grate, the Town Manager and the Police Chief will meet at the Ritz Center along with any members of the public. Councilman Lee will call Mayor Harper; Councilman Mincey will call Mayor Pro Tem Grate; Councilman Rogers will call the Town Manager; Chief Dowless will call Deuce Niven.

The Council will need to conduct the Public Hearing on Wall Street widening and curbing and also fill the vacancy on the Planning Board and to designate a Chairman. After that, if it pleases the Council---the agenda has been set up where you could accept the Town Manager's recommendation on items IV – XII.

C. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING: REQUIRED FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST INDUSTRY ON WALL STREET WITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Last Fall, the Town Council held a Public Hearing to consider applying for state grant funds to assist an industry on Wall Street by widening and curbing the street. It was later discovered that the newspaper advertisement for that public hearing was never run in the newspaper. (I, as Town Manager, accept full responsibility for this error). The State has told Tabor City that they will not pull the grant away from us, but they are requiring us to hold this initial hearing on June 9, and also the second required public hearing at your recessed meeting on June 30. The Public should be allowed to speak for or against applying for grant funds for these street improvements.

III A. APPOINT PERSON TO PLANNING BOARD TO FILL VACANCY OF CAROLYN CHESTNUT: There is a vacancy on the Planning Board created by the death of Carolyn Chestnut. The Town Council will need to fill that slot.

B. APPOINT PERSON ON PLANNING BOARD TO BECOME CHAIRMAN: After filling the vacancy, the Council will need to name a Chairman from the membership. The current membership of the Planning Board is : Tommy Spivey, Patrick Milligan, Roger Gore, Derrick Vereen, Chris Soles, Dwayne Nobles, and Mitchell Strickland.

IV. PRISON WORKERS ANNUAL CONTRACT : Enclosed you will find a contract from the state government offering prison workers to the Town for the upcoming year (Note: due to the pandemic, there have been no prison workers for several weeks now. We have not heard when they may become available again). The prison only bills us for the number of workers they make available to us.

The Town Manager recommends renewing the contract with the state.

V. ACCEPT BURNS STREET DEMOLITION BIDS: Enclosed you will find the summary of the bids that were recently opened by the Adams Company for the demolition of the flood prone homes.

The Town Manager recommends accepting the recommendation of the Adams Company and awarding the demolition of the flood prone homes to HERR, Inc.

VI. ACCEPT RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION: On June 1, each Councilmember was given a copy of the recommended budget.

The Town Manager recommends that the Council accept the recommended budget for your consideration. (NOTE: You will not adopt the budget until your recessed meeting on June 30).

VII. APPROVE END OF YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS: One of the columns in the documents you received on June 1 was a column of recommended end of year budget amendments. I ask the Council to adopt this column. We still may have to do additional end of year budget amendments on June 30.

The Town Manager recommends adopting the End Of Year Budget Amendments.

VII. ADOPT WATER BILL DELINQUENT AMOUNT REPAYMENT PLAN: As you know the Governor enacted an order that forbid utilities to cut off customers for non payment until June 1. That order was recently extended another 60 days (until August 1). In essence, the Town has had to let many of its customers not pay their utility bill. We cannot cut them off, nor can we charge them late fees or penalties. The Governors order does state that the amounts owed are not "forgiven" and must be repaid within a six month period. We are to offer each delinquent customer a payment plan.

The Town Manager recommends that once the non cut off period is over (currently projected to be August 1), that the Town offer its customers a payment plan whereby they must pay 1/6 of their delinquent amount each month for six months.

IX. VOTE TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 FROM THE BUILDING REPAIR FUND TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND: Rep. Jones got \$50,000 several months ago for the Town of Tabor City. This money was initially placed in our building repair account. Now that we have set up an account to pay for the new community building behind the library, that \$50,000 has been moved.

The Town Manager recommends that the Board vote to appropriate \$50,000 from the Building Repair Fund and to place those funds in the Community Building Fund (the auditors will look to see if we have made this motion in our minutes)

X. CAPITAL PROJECT MATTERS: The Town will also need to amend its capital project budgets as we move toward the end of the budget year. The Adams Company is working on these capital project budget amendments and we will present them to you Tuesday for adoption.

The Town Manager recommends amending the Capital Project Budgets as presented by the Adams Company.

XI. SIGN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH NFOCUS: Enclosed in your agenda package you will see the contract with NFocus (John Ganus), the company that does our code enforcement.

The Town Manager recommends renewing the contract with NFocus for code enforcement services in the upcoming year.

XII. MONTHLY UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS: Enclosed.

The Town Manager recommends approving the monthly utility adjustments as those customers appear to be eligible for a reduction in the sewer component of their utility bill.

XIV. RECESS: The Town Manager recommends that the Council recess until June 30 at 7:00 AM. We will have to have the second public hearing for Wall Street street improvements, the budget public hearing, and perhaps additional end of year budget amendments.