# Town of Thompson's Station Board of Mayor and Aldermen Minutes of the Meeting April 9, 2019

### Call to Order.

The meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Alderman Shaun Alexander; Alderman Brandon Bell; Alderman Ben Dilks; Alderman Brian Stover; Town Planner Wendy Deats; Finance Director Steve Banks; Town Attorney Todd Moore; Assistant Town Administrator Caryn Miller and IT Coordinator Tyler Rainey. Mayor Corey Napier was absent.

# Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Minutes.** Consideration of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the March 26, 2019 special session minutes.

Alderman Dilks wanted the Minutes for March 12, 2019 meeting be amended to show a 3-2 vote on the Utility Board Appointments showing the nay votes from Alderman Alexander and Alderman Dilks. He also wanted it noted in the minutes amended that he felt that Mr. Peterson was not qualified and felt that Alderman Stover was the least qualified BOMA member to be appointed.

A motion was made by Alderman Dilks to approve the minutes of both meetings as amended and was seconded by Alderman Alexander. The Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of the Interim Town Recorder Caryn Miller

A motion was made by Alderman Bell to appoint Caryn Miller as Interim Town Recorder and seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments

#### **New Business:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-005: An Ordinance to incorporate a definition for "religious institution" within Section 1.3 of the Land Development Ordinance and to modify Section 4.5.2 to incorporate standards to govern private schools within the T5 district.

Mr. Mason with the Thompson's Station Church answered questions from the Board.

After discussion related to the hours of operation Alderman Bell made a motion to approve the Ordinance on First Reading and amend it to strike the hours of operation prior to Second Reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion carried unanimously.

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**2. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-06**: An Ordinance of the Town of Thompson's Station to amend Title 18, Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code regarding wastewater system user fees.

After discussion and clarification deposits would go toward the final billing and any funds left over would be sent to the customer, Alderman Bell made a motion to approve the Ordinance on First Reading with the changes to the deposit language. The motion was seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion carried unanimously.

# 3. Discussion related to Fry Road Bridge

Caryn Miller explained the project and that TDOT had given the Town a grant to repair the bridge in the amount of \$151,470. She recommended that the Town repair the bridge and select Option C of the estimates received.

A motion to move forward with the project and accept the grant from TDOT and use option C of the estimated costs was made by Alderman Alexander and seconded by Alderman Bell. The motion carried unanimously.

# 4. Attorney Rankings

After discussion Assistant Town Administrator Caryn Miller was asked to send the formal questions that the Town Attorney had sent out to BOMA earlier to those finalists in rankings. Those answers were to be compiled and then sent to all the members and they would rank those they want to interview by sending their preferences back to her. It was also suggested that a special meeting would be called to interview those finalists. A date for the interviews was not chosen.

5. Approval of new positions based on current staffing needs.

Assistant town Administrator made her presentation and explained the staffing needs.

After discussion Alderman Bell made a motion that the matter be deferred to the June meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Agreement with HB&TS for sewer non payment collection penalties.

This item was pulled due to the need for additional input from the Town and District Attorneys.

**7. Approval of Resolution 2019-010** – Approval of an easement to MTEMC in Preservation Park

Tom Puckett with HB&TS was present to answer questions and presented the area that the easement was needed in. The Town Attorney indicated that the easement language should include that the improvements would be placed underground.

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After discussion Alderman Bell made a motion to Approve Resolution 2019-10. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Proposal from Jackson Thornton for Sewer Impact Fee study.

After a brief discussion Alderman Bell made a motion to approve the proposal from Jackson Thornton for the Sewer Impact Fee Study. The motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Announcements/Agenda Requests

Assistant Town Administrator asked for consensus related to the Fall Festival this year. She explained the cost of the event has gone up to \$10,000 which brings total expenses estimated to be \$30,000 this year to put on the event. After discussion consensus was reached by the Board that we skip the festival this year and rebrand ourselves. They tasked the Parks Board to come up with some ideas, go back to a grass roots approach and maybe do a Spring event.

Wendy Deats, Town Planner, announced that the Major Thoroughfare Plan meeting was set for Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

Fown Recorder

Information Only:

Town Administrator Report

Finance Report

Follow up to Crosslin Presentation regarding the audit

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Corey Napier, Mayor

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