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TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr. Presiding.

Councilmembers Present: Felina L. Harris; George W. Harris; W. Paul Henkel; Eddie Nau; Jerry R. Oxsher

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Lynne Hair, Planning Director; Justin Mundy, Finance Director; Josh Watson, Police Chief; Adam Lippard, Public Works Director; Emily Watson, Parks & Recreation Director; Lou Borek, Human Resource Director; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney; Michael Barker, IT

Press Present: None

I. MAYOR TEROSS W. YOUNG, JR. CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

MAYOR YOUNG WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION – Delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Henkel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

****Adjustments(s):**

Town Manager Wyatt asked for the following adjustment:

- To defer Agenda Items 10 & 11 Shinn Farms annexation and rezoning as requested by Applicant until Council's February 9, 2023 meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember George Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to defer Agenda Items 10 & 11 until Council's February 9, 2023 meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved the January 12, 2023 Town Council meeting agenda as amended.

II. CONSENT AGENDA: *Consent Agenda Items are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor or a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item under New Business.*

1. **Approval of Agenda Briefing Meeting Minutes of December 05, 2022**
2. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes of December 05, 2022**
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 08, 2022**
4. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes of December 08, 2022**
5. **Approval of the Town of Troutman Town Parks & Recreation 2023 Event Schedule**

6. Approval of Budget Amendments:

- a. Settlement with Digital Ally \$14,500**
- b. Increase in Revenue from New Development \$180,000**
- c. Increase in Auto Insurance Expenditures \$15,000**
- d. Lobbying Expenditures for FY23 \$60,000**
- e. Purchase of New Public Works Trucks \$68,000**
- f. Purchase of New Equipment-Capital Outlay (Sprayer/Spreader/Excavator) \$105,265**
- g. Purchase of New Town Hall Server and Equipment \$30,272**
- h. Increase in Revenue for Parks & Rec. Department-Donations Received \$30,000**
- i. Parks & Rec. House for Design Plans \$18,390**
- j. Planning House Renovations \$100,837**
- k. Security and Door Access at Town Hall \$64,910**

7. Approval of Contract/Agreement between the Town of Troutman and DebtBook

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved Consent Agenda as presented.

(Copied in full, Budget Amendments are attached to the minutes and filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2023 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with Parks & Rec. 2023 Event Schedule and DebtBook Contract)

III. RECOGNITION(S)/PRESENTATION(S):

8. Presentation of Town of Troutman 2021-2022 Budget Year Audit, (Alan Thompson, Thompson Price, Scott, Adams & Company P.A.)

Alan Thompson, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company presented to Council the Town of Troutman annual audit report stating that the Town received an unmodified audit, meaning a clean report; the highest level to be received. He stated that there were no disagreements with management and upon request, management did provide them with a management representation letter dated December 9, 2022. Mr. Thompson advised that June 30, 2021 was the 1st year that the Local Government Commission (LGC) stopped sending out unit letters that shared concerns or finding resulting from the audit. He explained that the LGC currently has a process in place that includes a spreadsheet identifying items of concern that is required to be completed by the auditor and included in the audit report presented to both the LGC and Town Council.

In his presentation Mr. Thompson presented a spreadsheet comparing the Town's current financial information to the previous 4 years. The following are the results from the 2021-2022 audit:

Total Fund Balance - General Fund \$4,853,857;
Unavailable Fund Balance - General Fund \$461,687;
Restricted and Assigned Fund Balance \$112,950;
General Fund Expenditures (including transfers) \$5,505,371;
Total Fund Balance % of General Fund Expenditures 88.17%;
Available Fund Balance \$4,279,220;
Available Fund Balance % of General Fund Expenditures 77.73%.

Revenues over (under) expenditures before transfers:

- General Fund-negative (\$118,190)
- Capital Project Funds-negative (\$35,807)
- Water and Sewer Fund \$748,323

Cash vs. Accumulated Depreciation - Water and Sewer Fund:

- Total Fixed Assets \$23,309,295
- Accumulated Depreciation \$9,442,127
- Cash \$2,419,096

Cash vs Fund Balance:

- Cash - General Fund Cash \$5,085,920
- Capital - Project Funds \$176,784
- Cash - Water and Sewer Fund \$2,419,096
Total \$7,681,800
- Fund Balance - General Fund \$4,853,857
- Fund Balance - Capital Project Funds \$165,296
- Fund Balance - Water and Sewer Fund \$16,095,918
Total \$21,115,071

Property Tax

Rate - 0.52% (consistent over the last 5 years)

Collection Percentages \$98.48%

Collection Percentages (excluding Motor Vehicles) 98.35%

Total Property Valuation \$672,446,510

Total Levy Amount \$3,498,090

Breakdown of General Fund Revenues:

- Ad Valorem Taxes \$3,471,661
- Other Taxes & Licenses \$1,370,435
- Intergovernmental Revenue \$432,305
- Charges for Services \$598,841
- Investment Earnings \$2,611
- Miscellaneous \$23,333
Total \$5,899,186

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

- General Government \$1,496,217
- Public Safety \$1,583,534
- Streets and Public Works \$759,469
- Cultural and Recreational \$237,563
- Capital Outlay \$1,368,820
- Debt Service \$571,773
Total \$6,017,376

Mr. Thompson stated that General Fund Revenues are mainly from Ad Valorem Taxes that make up 58.85% of the Town's revenue. In General Fund Expenditures, Public Safety make up approximately 26.32% of expenditures, General Government 24.88%, and Capital Outlay 22.75%.

Mr. Thompsons advised Council of the following 3 budget violations/findings:

- 1) Adjustments were made from prior year for Capital Projects that did not get recorded.
- 2) Small budget violation due to some accruals in salaries that caused the budget to exceed.
- 3) Audit report is to be submitted by Dec. 1st of each year.

Mr. Thompson shared that the violations were mainly clean-up issues from prior years. The Town received a modified report and the numbers look good. He thanked Mr. Mundy and staff for their assistance in gathering information needed for the audit commenting that the finance department has done a good job.

Finance Director Mundy thanked Mr. Thompson for coming out and presenting the audit.

Mayor Young thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Thompson and his firm for the clean audit. He also expressed appreciation to Justin Mundy, Finance Director and Town Manager Wyatt for their efforts in working through the last 18 months with the audits in efforts to get the Town back to where it needs to be.

(Copied in full, Presentation of Audit Results is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2022 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with the Annual Audit Report)

9. Recognition of the Rotary Club of Troutman, (Ron Wyatt, Town Manager)

Town Manager Ron Wyatt acknowledged the Rotary Club of Troutman as one of the main partners from the beginning (13 years ago) in the development of the park stating that they have been very instrumental in the purchase and installation of the fit stations and maintenance of the paved nature trail. The Rotary Club contacts the Town at least annually to see what they can contribute to benefit the Town. The Rotary Club's most recent contribution is the sponsorship of the baseball scoreboards in the park. Duke Energy has installed electricity for the scoreboards, irrigation, and the proposed future concession stand and bathrooms. Emily Watson, Parks & Rec. Director stated that staff is currently working with several sign companies on quotes for installation. She thanked the Rotary Club for their contributions and assistance on projects, volunteerism, and/or financial assistance.

Following the reading of the Certificate of Recognition, Mayor Young presented it to Rotary Club members Jeff Smith, President and Mike Todd, club member thanking the Rotary Club, Mr. Smith and Mr. Todd for investing their support and resources.

Mr. Smith commented that they appreciate the opportunity to work with the Town and hopefully will continue to do good things.

(Copied in full, Certificate is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2023 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

IV. STANDING REPORTS

• ABC Store Quarterly Report, (Evelyn Walls, General Manager)

On behalf of the Troutman ABC Board (Chairman Layton Getsinger, Wes Edmiston, and Kim Cavin), Ms. Evelyn Walls, the ABC Store General Manager updated Council on the ABC Store's performance for the end of the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as follows:

Highlights for 2nd Quarter

- Sales experienced a slight increase of 3.04% over last year's 2nd Quarter.
- 2nd Quarter sales were \$930,774 and broken down as follows:
 - October: \$243,087 (down -7.7% over last October)
 - November: \$275,072 (up 3.5% over last November)
 - December: \$412,615 (up 10.24% over last December)
- The first month of the new quarter reflected a continued slowdown in business where the 2nd Quarter of the year was the busiest. The store saw the normal uptick heading into Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

- Distributions for 2nd Quarter are as follows:
 - Town of Troutman and its Recipients: \$26,351
 - Law Enforcement: \$5,015
 - Alcohol and Drug Education (DACI): \$7,021
- 2nd Quarter Net Profit
 - This year in sales is \$88,268
 - Last year in Sales was \$81,516
 - A \$6,752 (5%) increase quarter over quarter
- Quarterly Recap and Forecast
 - Budgeted Revenue for 2022-2023: \$2,800,000
 - Revenues for 2nd Quarter (\$930,774), coupled with 1st Quarter sales (\$753,737) puts the store at \$1,684,511 (60% of Budget) ahead of the Budget by 10%
- Current Retained Working Capital is: \$589,368 (against a max allowed of \$589,368 or 100%)
- Special Capital Reserve has \$19,013 against \$500,000 allowed and will go toward the building of the 2nd store
- Since opening in December 2016 the store has experienced:
 - Net sales of \$12,811,920
 - Total distributions of \$401,430
 - Town of Troutman/Entities \$289,000
 - Alcohol Education/Rehab \$65,584
 - Law Enforcement \$46,846
 - Net Profit of \$920,534 after distributions since opening or 7.1% of sales

Ms. Walls stated that the store is at full staffing at the moment, but they do foresee the need for a part-time administrative assistant sometime in the coming year. She stated that there is nothing new to report on the 2nd store at the moment other than there are a couple of administrative issues to be worked through.

Manager Wyatt informed Council and Ms. Walls that he anticipates the release of ETJ for the 2nd store site to come soon. Mayor Young thanked Ms. Walls and her team for their continued performance.

V. OLD BUSINESS: **Council approved a 1 month deferral for Items 10 & 11 (AX-22-08 and CZ-RM-22-09) Shinn Farms during Adjustments to the Agenda.

~~**10. Annexation Request AX 22 08; (Shinn Farms); Applicant: John Shinn; 149.17(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4760034830, 4750953208 and 4760131733 (Weathers Creek Road) and Applicant: Robert Shinn; 127.09 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4750924960 (773 Houston Road) Total acreage: 276.26 (+/-) (Deferred Item from Council's December Meeting)~~

~~a. Hold Public Hearing~~

~~b. Consider Approval of Ordinance 31 22 Titled: "An Ordinance To Extend The Corporate Limits of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)"~~

~~**11. Rezoning Request CZ RM 22 09 Shinn Farms; Applicant: John Shinn; 149.17(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4760034830, 4750953208 and 4760131733 (Weathers Creek Road), and Applicant: Robert Shinn; 127.09 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4750924960 (773 Houston Road) Total acreage: 276.26 (+/-) from Iredell County Residential~~

~~Agricultural (RA) to Conditional Zoning Mixed Residential (CZ RM) (Deferred Item from Council's December Meeting)~~

- ~~a. Hold Public Hearing~~
- ~~b. Consider Approval of Ordinance 33-22 Titled: "An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County Residential Agricultural (RA) to Town of Troutman Conditional Zoning Mixed Residential (CZ-RM) Known As CZ-RM 22-09: Shinn Farms"~~
- ~~c. Consider Statement of Consistency~~

(Copied in full, deferral request and supporting documents for the annexation and rezoning is file on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2023 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

VI. NEW BUSINESS

12. Annexation Request AX-22-13; Applicant: Mountain State Investments, LLC; 2.0 acres (+/-); PIN 4740877479 (138 Houston Road), (Lynne Hair, Planning Director)

a. Call for a Public Hearing

Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing

Planning Director Lynne Hair presented annexation request AX-22-13 by property owner, Mountain State Investments, LLC who is requesting to annex 2.0 (+/-) acres located at 138 Houston Road. The property is currently zoned Iredell County-General Business (IC-GB). In a Power Point presentation, Ms. Hair presented an aerial view of the property.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the request.

Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing

b. Approval of Ordinance 01-23 Titled: "An Ordinance To Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)"

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, and seconded by Councilmember Paul Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 01-23 Titled: "An Ordinance To Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)".

(Copied in full, Ordinance 01-23 is filed in Ordinance Book 10, Page 1)

(Copied in full, proposed Ordinance 01-23 is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2023 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with Public Hearing Notice, Annexation Application, Aerial Map, Legal Description and Plat)

13. Rezoning Request RZ-22-07; Applicant: Mountain State Investments, LLC; 2.0 acres (+/-); PIN 4740877479 (138 Houston Road) from Iredell County General Business (GB) to Town of Troutman Light Industrial (LI)

a. Call for a Public Hearing

Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing

Planning Director Lynne Hair presented rezoning request RZ-22-07 stating that this is the rezoning portion of the annexation that was just approved. The applicant, Mountain State Investments, LLC is requesting to rezone the

property (located at 138 Houston Road) from Iredell County-General Business to Town of Troutman Light Industrial (LI). She advised that this is a traditional zoning request, therefore there are no conditions or site plan attached as part of the request and that Council must consider all uses permitted in the LI district. In a Power Point presentation, Ms. Hair presented an aerial view/map of the property along with a current zoning map and Land Use Map stating that there are industrial and business/commercial uses already in the area. The Land Use Map shows the property as Interchange Commercial and is surrounded by properties proposed for Heavy Industrial. Ms. Hair stated that the property is 2 acres of undeveloped land; however, there is a metal building currently under construction on the site that has been permitted through the county. She informed Council that staff asked for and received a copy of the site plan that was submitted to the county stating that it does meet all of the Town's requirements. The only outstanding issue is that the applicant will have to go before the Design Review Board (DRB) for design approval; the applicant is aware of this requirement. Included in the Power Point was the definition of Interchange Commercial Uses that are described as "typically being located at or near freeway interchanges and that this category of use does not compete with downtown retail but offers typical chain retail establishments with general commercial or industrial uses nearby." Ms. Hair concluded by stating that the Town's Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. Staff also recommends approval based on the request being compatible with the Town's Strategic Plan and the Town's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) contains additional safeguards ensuring the quality of development on the site.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing

b. Approval of Ordinance 02-23 Titled: "An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County General Business (GB) to Town of Troutman Light Industrial (LI)"

Upon motion by Councilmember Paul Henkel, seconded by Councilmember George Harris, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 02-23 Titled: "An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County General Business (GB) to Town of Troutman Light Industrial (LI)"

c. Approval of Consistency Statement

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Paul Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved that rezoning (case RZ-22-07) to Light Industrial is consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Map, and that it is consistent with the current land use pattern of the area. The request is also consistent with the currently-adopted Unified Development Ordinance. The request is reasonable and in the public interest as it proposes to allow commercial development in areas of Troutman where it is appropriate.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 02-23 is filed in Ordinance Book 10, Page 3)

(Copied in full, proposed Ordinance 02-23 is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated January 8th and 12th, 2023 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with Staff Report, Public Hearing Notice, Rezoning Application, Aerial Map, Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map)

14. Approval of Board Reappointments:

a. ABC Board - Wesley Edmiston and Kim Cavin (Terms Expiring 1-12-23) (3 Year Term)

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember Paul Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved reappointments of Wesley Edmiston and Kim Cavin to the ABC Board for 3 year terms.

b. Design Review Board - Mark Michel (Term Expired 1-9-23) (3 Year Term)

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Oxsher, and unanimously carried, approved reappointment of Mark Michel to the Design Review Board for a 3 year term.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Town Council with comments or concerns. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Speakers are required to sign in at the podium and are required to adhere to Town Policy #51 Titled: "Policy Governing Comments from the Public at Town Meetings"

None

VII. ELECTED / OFFICIALS / STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Elected Reports and Comments

Councilmember George Harris

- In speaking to the value of scoreboards, he expressed thanks and appreciation to the Rotary Club of Troutman for their sponsorship.
- Commented that 2 of the Town's Police Officers at the Middle School last night showed him what a special group of officers the Town has and that it is very impressive in how the kids look up to and respect them.

Councilmember Felina Harris

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Expressed appreciation and thanks to the Rotary Club of Troutman for their contribution.
- Commented that she is looking forward to the MLK breakfast tomorrow and the work projects that will follow. She shared that there are other MLK events/celebrations going on this weekend that people can attend if they cannot participate with the Town tomorrow.

Councilmember Eddie Nau

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and commented that he is looking forward to a healthy and prosperous year.
- Commented that he is looking forward to people coming out for breakfast tomorrow and to the work event in celebration of Martin Luther King.
- Expressed sympathy to South Iredell High School (SIHS) and the baseball team for the loss of their assistant coach.

Councilmember Jerry Oxsher

- Commented that he is excited for activities this weekend, especially tomorrow's celebration of MLK Day.
- Expressed sympathy for the loss of the SIHS coach commenting it was a tragic news. Prayers for SIHS faculty and students.
- Commented that he is looking forward to getting started in the New Year and wished everyone the best.

Councilmember Paul Henkel

- Commented that his thoughts and prayers go out to the family of SIHS assistant coach in his loss as well as the SIHS family and all affected by his passing.
- Commented that he is looking forward to tomorrow's MLK celebration and speaker.

Mayor Young

- Stated that he was in Raleigh this week were the legislature is starting to organize and reconvene for a long session. He commented that he had the opportunity to have good conversations with both Senator Sawyer and Representative Neely while there.
- Mentioned that Monday is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day expressing appreciation to Chief Watson for all he does. He asked that Chief Watson send appreciation to all the officer from himself and Council.
- Shared that he has completed the task of submitting our legislative goals to the League. He expressed appreciation to Council for their confidence in him to complete that task.
- Commented that he looks forward to tomorrows celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and to comments from Dr. Griffin, speaker. He also looks forward to what can be done in servicing our Town as a day on, not a day off.
- Expressed appreciation for all the comments through emails and phone calls received regarding his son Tyler as he is pursuing his soccer career.

Staff Reports and Comments:

Emily Watson, Parks & Rec. Director

- Invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King event/breakfast and a Day of Service, to be held at tomorrow, Friday, January 13th at the Career Academy Technical School (CATS). Breakfast will begin at 8:30am.
- Announced that the Town is now accepting Vendor applications for the Spring Expo at SIHS.
- Stated that Sprint-into-Spring 5K will be held on March 12th. Registration is open.
- Stated that she has been working with a number of students from SIHS on their seniors projects. The Town Hall is currently a collection site for a student that is collecting items for "My Sisters House". Items will be collected through January 31st.
- Reported that maintenance, and upkeep in the park includes painting of the park gates, pavilion columns, bathroom doors, etc.
- Stated that Parks & Rec. has been working with Public Works on taking down and storing Christmas decorations.
- Stated that Duke Energy has been busy in the park trenching for power lines for the irrigation system, future concession stand, ballfields and the new Parks and Rec. house.
- Commented that programing for the spring is cranking up.

Adam Lippard, Public Works Director

- Reported that January is a slow month in Public Works and is the month when maintenance is performed on all equipment.
- Shared that the Town has received the VIN number for the jetter truck stating that it is scheduled to be delivered by the end of January or early February.
- Commented that smoke testing that is being performed this week is going good; no big issues reported. He started that there are a few issues with Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) in certain areas in Town and that the Town could save money by replacing the infrastructure in those areas.

Lou Borek, Human Resource Director

- Reported that he is busy with end of the year reporting/compliance working to get out W2's, doing OSHA reporting, etc.

- Stated that with open enrolling coming up in April or May, he is looking into the Town's current insurance and researching other insurance opportunities.
- Shared that he is coordinating with IT in getting a new server and cyber security installed.
- Stated that he is always looking at and trying to streamline current processes across all departments for efficiency and/or cost.

Justin Mundy, Finance Director

- Reminded Town residents that the Town has auto draft along with the online portal (My Gov. Hub) as options to pay their water and sewer bill, requesting that customers take advantage of one of the services. He stated that these options are faster than mailing the payment in to be processed. He shared that instructions for MY Gov. Hub is on the Town's website. Email notifications will go out when the bill is ready.

Lynne Hair, Planning Director

- Stated that the Planning Department is very busy in permitting and reviewing final plats and bond estimates. There are already two rezoning's to come before Council and it is only the 2nd week in January. She commented that she does not anticipate things slowing down.
- Thanked everyone who worked to finalize the Land Use Map advising that the updated map is now on the Town's website and already being implemented.
- Stated that work on the Town's Unified Development (UDO) has started and that it will be a lengthy process. Hopefully the revisions will be completed by the end of the year.
- Informed Council that Shane Harris, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer has an Associate's Degree in Landscape Architecture and will be compiling a Landscaping Species List for an update to the UDO stating that it was left out of the current UDO during the last revision.
- Informed Council that the Planning Staff has recently been approached by Tesla who would like to install EV Charging Stations at Exit 42. She stated that unfortunately there is no current language in the UDO to allow the request. She is researching language and will be working update the UDO to allow the charging stations. Mayor Young added that the state is looking at grants for communities with charging stations.

Councilmember Eddie Nau asked if the Town has completely taken over Code Enforcement. Manager Wyatt responded that the Town does have a full time Code Enforcement and that he is acting on his own. However, there are some training still required that Mr. Ganus will be handling. The Town's contract with the code enforcement company (In-Focus) will expire the 3rd week in February.

Josh Watson, Police Chief

- Reported that in December the Police Department...
 - Responded to 378 calls for service;
 - Completed 52 incident investigative reports;
 - Investigated 31 motor vehicle crashes;
 - Conducted 153 traffic stops;
 - Conducted 460 neighborhood patrols (residential areas)
- Stated there is an increase in thief's at new residential construction sites with people stealing appliances. Officers are increasing patrols in efforts to deter such occurrences.
- Stated that he has been contacted by Iredell Statesville Schools (ISS) Superintendent regarding school bus drivers reporting approximately 40 incidences a day (throughout the county) of vehicles passing stopped school buses. Troutman Police Department is working with ISS and have talked to school bus drivers in

Troutman to learn of areas this is occurring so the officers can watch those areas. Passing a stopped school bus in zero tolerance.

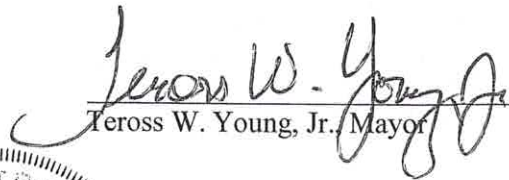
- Informed Council that he did see a large drop in people stealing motor vehicle and catalytic converter last year in Troutman due to additional patrolling to deter thief's.

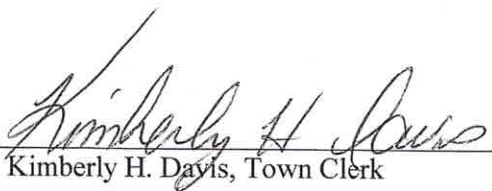
Ron Wyatt, Town Manager

- Informed Council of a developer (in one development in particular) that cannot seem to get in compliance with building/construction regulations. He explained that the Town is contracted with West Consultants for engineering services for inspections to make sure they are in compliance with building standards and construction of infrastructure as it is in process. The Town has had several instances with this one developer of non-compliance and have started issuing fines. Manager Wyatt stated that the developer has been warned that their building and building permit is going to cease unless they get in compliance soon.
- Commented that he has been in constant conversations with our legislators and lobbyist. He is trying to confirm dates and times during the 3rd week in January to meet with them in Raleigh as they begin their session to express the Town's needs.
- Commented that we look forwards to those that can attend the MLK celebration tomorrow at CATS. The CATS Culinary Arts Program will be preparing the breakfast. He thanked CATS for allowing the Town to partner with them.
- Reminded Council of the Transportation and Land Use Education Series will be held at 9am on Wednesday, February 22nd at the Charles Mack Center. Mr. Bill Thunberg will be emailing the link to register for the series next week.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the January 12, 2023 Town Council meeting at 8:05 p.m.


Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor


Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk



(**) Adjustments to the Agenda