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**TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2021**

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, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor Teross W. Young presiding.

Councilmembers Present: W. Paul Henkel; Sally P. Williams; George W. Harris; Edward R. Nau; Felina L. Harris

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney; Paxton Hix, Park Maintenance and Facility Technician

Press Present: Debbie Page, Iredell Free News

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

**MAYOR YOUNG WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

Mayor Young commented that the Town was live streaming and will continue to operate under Governor Coopers orders limiting in-person participation due to COVID-19.

**INVOCATION** – Delivered by Mayor Pro Tempore W. Paul Henkel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Addition: Item 7. Hold a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property; and pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorney.

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember George Harris, and unanimously carried, approved adjustments as listed above.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion by Councilmember Paul Henkel, seconded by Councilmember George Harris, and unanimously carried, approved the March 11, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *Items on the Consent Agenda 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.*

- ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BRIEFING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 08, 2021**
- ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 08, 2021**
- ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021**
- ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF GOV OFFICE WEB SOLUTIONS PROPOSAL**

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

(Copied in full, proposal is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FROM VISITORS AND GUESTS**

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*". However, please note that this regular meeting is being conducted under an adopted March 30, 2020 State of Emergency Ordinance resulting from the issued NC Governor's Executive Order 121 and revised Executive Order 151 dated July 16, 2020. Therefore, at this time "in-person" attendance will be allowed but limited due to social distancing restrictions. Public comments can be received by mail at 400 N. Eastway Drive, Troutman NC 28166, email ([kdavis@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:kdavis@troutmannnc.gov)), or live stream chat of no more than 350 words. Emails can be received up to 5:00 pm the day of the meeting. (For Live Streaming, go to the link on the home page on the Town Website at [www.troutmannnc.gov](http://www.troutmannnc.gov))

No Public Comments were received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FACILITY NAMING RIGHTS APPLICATION FOR TROUTMAN ESC PARK SOFTBALL/BASEBALL COMPLEX, (Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager)**

Town Manager Wyatt presented the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to name the Troutman ESC Park Baseball Complex "The Comer and Friends Complex", (nominated by Emily Watson, Parks & Rec. Director). He stated that Ms. Comer has been very instrumental in making the Park a reality coordinating fundraisers, getting volunteers, and providing out of pocket funding for a facility that is near and dear to her heart. Manager Wyatt commented although very deserving of the nomination Ms. Comer was humbled and would not accept the nomination without crediting her many friends/volunteers that that helped make the Park a success. The Parks and Recreation Committee approved the nomination.

Mayor Young agreed with the nomination commenting that Ms. Comer has done outstanding work over the years and is thrilled that the facility is being named after her. He commented that her humility shows as it always has, from her dedication and resources she has provided. Mayor Young asked that his sentiments be shared with Ms. Comer.

Upon motion by Councilmember Sally Williams, seconded by Councilmember Paul Henkel, and unanimously carried, accepted the nomination by Staff and the Parks and Rec. Committee to name the Troutman ESC Park Softball/Baseball Complex "The Comer and Friends Complex".

(Copied in full, staff report and application is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

**ITEM 6. APPROVED REAPPOINTMENT OF KENNY OVERCASH AS INSIDE MEMBER TO THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A THREE YEAR TERM, (Term expiring April 26, 2021), (Wyatt)**

Town Manager Wyatt stated that Mr. Overcash has served on the Board of Adjustment for many years and is a valued member. He advised Council that the Board of Adjustment is getting ready to have a formal training session via Zoom and invited Council to attend as a refresher. Proper notification and posting of the training will be provided.

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Sally Williams, and unanimously carried, approved reappointment of Kenny Overcash as inside member to the Board of Adjustment.

(Copied in full, reappointment application is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

**ELECTED OFFICIALS / STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Town Council and Mayor**

**Councilmember Felina Harris**

- Commented citizens are excited regarding continued discussion of the Talley Street project. Town Manager Wyatt commented that Interim Planner Jonathan Wells is in the process of re-submitting the paperwork and the Town is working with Senator Vickie Sawyer regarding the project.

**Councilmember George Harris**

- Commented that he has received both of his COVID vaccines and encouraged everyone to do the same.
- Recognized Town Manager Wyatt for taking the Town employees out for lunch at Pellegrino's for Employee Appreciation Day, and thanked him for promptly handling a citizen complaint.

**Councilmember Eddie Nau**

- Recognized and thanked Troutman Fire Department for assisting Statesville Fire Department on Tuesday with a very large and dangerous fire (Hwy 21 in Statesville) and for their hard work and service they provide the Town of Troutman. Mayor Young commented that it is extremely important to provide mutual aid and expressed how important the Troutman Fire Department is to our community. Town Manager Wyatt stated that he stopped at the scene of the fire yesterday morning and received thanks and appreciation from Statesville Fire Department for checking in. Manager Wyatt advised that Statesville's fire truck received over \$300,000 of damage at the fire and he has received word that one of Troutman's trucks received minor damage but it is yet to be confirmed.

**Councilmember Paul Henkel**

- Voiced discernment regarding a Social Media post following Council's Annual Planning Retreat in reference to utilities, upgrades and preparing for the growth that is coming stating people should not be critical. He commented that Council works hard to do good for the Town and plan for growth, but people do not appreciate it. He invited people to come to Council meetings and asked questions instead of posting knee jerk reactions. Mayor Young commented that people who use Social Media use it for an opportunity to criticize. He encouraged people to get involved by volunteering or attending meetings if they have concerns and/or issues.

**Councilmember Sally Williams**

- Commented that 1 year ago measures were put in place for COVID-19. Today things are not as bad as it was a year ago and she is looking forward when masks are no longer needed and all Councilmembers can sit in their regular seats at the dais.
- Expressed appreciation to all Town employees for what they do and apologized that she could not attend the Employee Appreciation lunch.

**Mayor Young**

- Stated that he very much appreciates staff and also apologized that he was unable to attend the Employee Appreciation lunch.
- Commented that he received his 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine and expressed hope that all gets back to normal in the not so distant future.

**Staff**

**Town Manager Wyatt**

- Advised Council that the Iredell County Health Department is offering vaccines to government staff/municipalities and elected officials. Several Staff have already scheduled appointments.
- Stated that there is several staff on vacation this week but town business is being conducted as normal.

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**\*\*Item 7. HOLD CLOSED SESSION (Addition)**

**CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; AND PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY**

Mayor Young called for a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property; and pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorney.

Along with Mayor Young and Council: Town Manager Ronald Wyatt, Town Clerk Kimberly Davis, and Town Attorney Gary Thomas joined the Closed Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember Sally Williams, and unanimously carried, approved to hold a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property; and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorney.

*Mayor Young Opened the Closed Session.*

**\*\*\*MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION ARE SEALED UNTIL SUCH TIME PUBLIC INSPECTION WILL NO LONGER FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSE OF THE CLOSED SESSION\*\*\***

***Closing of Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session***

\*Upon motion by Councilmember Paul Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Sally Williams, and unanimously carried, approved to reconvene open session.

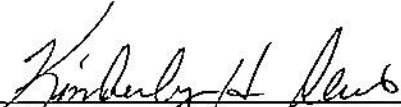
**Action Resulting from Closed Session: None**

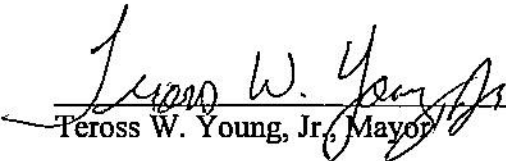
**Other:**

Council discussed not ordering additional mask with the Town logo except for special request. No vote was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the March 11, 2021 Town Council meeting at 10:00 p.m.

  
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Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

  
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Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor

(\*\*) Adjustments to the Agenda

