

**TOWN OF TROUTMAN
400 NORTH EASTWAY DRIVE
TROUTMAN, NORTH CAROLINA**

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 08, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

Presiding: Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr.

Council Members Present: W. Paul Henkel; Jerry R. Oxsher; Felina L. Harris; Edward R. Nau; Nicholas D. Jaroszynski

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Lynne Hair, Planning Director; Justin Mundy, Finance Director; Jessica Davidson; Emily Watson, Parks & Rec. Director; Josh Watson, Police Chief; Austin Waugh, Public Works Director; Shane Harris, Code Enforcement Officer; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney

Press Present: Debbie Page, Iredell Free News

I. MAYOR TEROSS W. YOUNG, JR. CALLED THE APRIL 08, 2024 AGENDA BRIEFING MEETING TO ORDER

Adjustments made to and Adoption of the Agenda Briefing Agenda ()**

None

*Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved the April 08, 2024 Agenda Briefing Agenda as presented.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Council Items (During this time elected officials have the opportunity to make reports, comments, and/or ask questions of staff)

1. Council and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Eddie Nau

- Asked Chief Watson what Troutman does in seizing peoples vehicles, money, etc. Chief Watson responded that there has to be a felony prosession charge and if the property is worthy of seizing. Once property is seized, a formed is filled out that goes to the State Department of Revenue the property is then taxed and a certain percentage comes back to the department.

- Asked for an update on the Madd Monkey Mural stating that once the weather got warmer, he was going to take action. Ms. Hair replied that the owner of Madd Monkey Garage agreed to a specific date which is the end of April.

Councilmember Nicholas Jaroszynski

- No comments.

Councilmember Paul Henkel

- No comments.

Councilmember Felina Harris

- Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers on the unexpected passing of her brother-in-law.

Councilmember Jerry Oxsher

- Commented that today was a good budget session. Kudos to all staff and the Town Manager.

Mayor Young

- No comments.

B. Staff Items: (At this time staff was provided the opportunity to make reports and comments)

1. Town Manager/Staff Comments

Town Manager Wyatt

- Thanked all the department directors for all their hard work in coming up with their intended budgets. Their work today proved that they are conscious of returning a quality product to the taxpayers and being accountable for what they are doing and the services offered.

2. Discuss Waste Pro's Bid Proposal for Services

Town Manager Wyatt reviewed with Council the 2 bid proposals received. One was from Republic, the Town's current provider who proposed \$17 per unit per month and the 2nd proposal was from Waste Pro at \$18.52 per unit per container. The proposals are for 5 year contracts with an additional 2 year option. Ownership of the containers were also discussed. Town Manager Wyatt stated that he would like to proceed with discussions with both companies to verify their notification process if a route was not picked up; and their final bid price with branding on the cans to see if equivalent then provide Council with updates at Council's Thursday meeting having proposals in writing, following Attorney Gary Thomas' review, for Council to consider. Manager Wyatt added 'for the record', he instructed Finance Director Justin Mundy to call other municipalities that use Waste Pro for references. In doing so he received excellent recommendations. Manager

Wyatt recommended Council consider the proposal by Waste Pro. He stated that Waste Pro verbally proposed that at the end of 7 years, the containers would become the Town's and would carry the Town branding. Councilmember Jaroszynski asked the Town Manager that since he was going to go back for negotiations on a 7-year plan to see if that would reduce the cost; and what the year-after-year potential increase is annually. Manager Wyatt stated that the cost would increase annually with the inflation rate, with no cap.

III. Overview of Town Council's Upcoming Regular April 11, 2024 Meeting Agenda Items Scheduled to be Presented

Items 1-2. Minutes to be approved.

No discussion was held.

Item 3. Consider Approval of DRB-24-01; Building Elevation as Recommended by the Design Review Board to Include Materials and Colors for a Waffle House Restaurant to be Located at 175 Julian Place

No discussion held.

Item 4. Recognition of Amber Ward as "Town of Troutman Employee of the Month" for March 2024

Manager Wyatt commented that Ms. Ward has done a phenomenal job and we look forward to recognizing her.

Item 5. Proclamation Recognizing Kevin Reed, Jr., Crew Chief for Venturini Motorsports

Manager Wyatt commented that this is an opportunity for the Mayor and Council to recognize Mr. Reed for his accomplishments.

Item 6. Proclamation for 'National Child Abuse Prevention Month'

Manager Wyatt stated that last week he and Councilmembers Henkel and Harris attended the 'National Child Abuse Prevention Month' Ceremony on the Greenway where ribbons were tied to the tree located in front of the Fire Department. The Proclamation was read at the ceremony for all the attendees.

Item 8. Selection of Town of Troutman "Citizen of the Year"

No discussion was held.

Item 9. Selection of Town of Troutman "Organization of the Year" Manager Wyatt stated that several great nominations have been made for Councils to choose from. Discussion was held regarding organizations that have received the award. Council requested verification. Town Clerk to verify and email Council the list of past awardees.

Item 10. Request for Demolition of an Abandoned Residential Structure Located at 135 Ruffin Loop, Troutman, North Carolina, 28166 (HC-22-09)

a. Hold Public Hearing / b. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 10-24 Titled: *"An Ordinance Requesting The Demolition Of An Abandoned Residential Structure Located At 135 Ruffin Loop, Troutman, North Carolina, 28166"*

Town Manager Wyatt explained that the demolition would be at the Town's expense if the Council proceeds with demolition. Once the process is complete the Town has no specific need, use, or interest in the property other than ensuring that they comply with our town ordinances. A brief history of past and current notification attempts by prior and current Code Enforcement, but the property owner has not attempted to make contact with the Town. Councilmember Henkel wanted assurance of being able to recoup taxpayer's money. Councilmember Henkel asked Attorney Thomas if the Town goes through the process and continues to hear nothing from the owner, at what point can the Town put the property up for auction. Attorney Thomas replied that he does not know anything about the procedure because the Town has never had to do this in Troutman. Most likely the Town will have to file an action to get a court order that says what the Town can do.

Item 11. Request from Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club of South Iredell High School (SIHS) in Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month

No discussion was held.

Item 12. Consider Appointments / Nominations to Town Boards

a. Board of Adjustment

Manager Wyatt stated that the Board of Adjustment went through the process of recommending applicants to the Board. Pauline Grant-Jones applied and was recommended to fill the vacant inside voting position. Lee Geiger was recommended for consideration of reappointment as ETJ voting member.

b. Planning and Zoning Board

Manager Wyatt stated that inside voting member Karen VanVliet term is expiring in May and has applied for reappointment. and current ETJ voting member Mark Taylor's term will expire in June. There are 2 applicants, Mr. Taylor who has applied for reappointment, and new applicant Lauren Cummings. Manager Wyatt explained that the ETJ positions have to go before Iredell County Commissioners for consideration of appointment.

Councilmember Henkel led a discussion proposing that Mark Michel remain on the DRB as a voting member. He stated that once it was discovered that Mr. Michel resides outside the Town's ETJ, Planning Director Lynne Hair and members of the DRB discussed the situation at their last meeting and Board recommended that Mr. Michel remain as a voting member on the Board..

Ms. Hair provided a brief history as to how the Board was originally created. She stated that Council can appoint anyone that they like. The DRB would just need to amend the membership section in their Rules of Procedure, but Staff wanted Council's direction before making any changes. Mayor Young asked if the membership is in the UDO and asked that Ms. Hair share the proposed revisions to the Rules of Procedure with the Council for review. Attorney Thomas verified that the UDO will need to be amended. Ms. Hair to present a text amendment. Council suggested that the membership in both be amended to read 5 voting members and 2 alternates.

IV. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(3) TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Mayor Young called for a Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney.

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

*Upon motion by Councilmember Paul Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved to hold a Closed Session to consult with attorney.

Mayor Young Opened the Closed Session

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

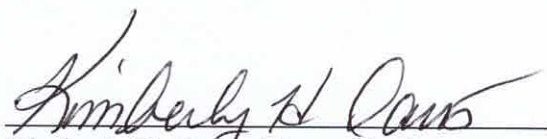
Closing of Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

*Upon motion by Councilmember Nicholas Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Paul Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved to reconvene open session.

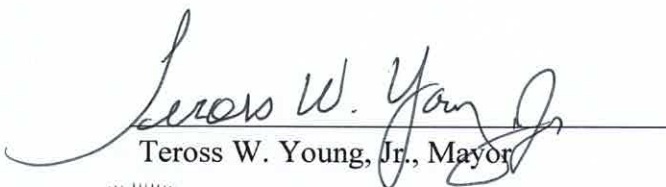
Action taken as a result of closed session: None

V. Adjournment

*Upon motion by Councilmember Nicholas Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the April 08, 2024 Town Council meeting at 5:52 p.m.



Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk



Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor



(*) Motion