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**TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 13, 2024**

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, June 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr., presiding.

Councilmembers Present: W. Paul Henkel, Nicholas D. Jaroszynski, Edward R. Nau, Felina L. Harris

Councilmembers Absent: Jerry R. Oxsher

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Andrew Ventresca, Interim Planning Director; Justin Mundy, Finance Director; Austin Waugh, Public Works Director; Lou Borek, Human Resources Director; Jessica Davidson; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney; Travis Goldstein, Senior Systems Administrator

Press Present: Debbie Page, Iredell Free News

**I. MAYOR TEROSS W. YOUNG CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**MAYOR YOUNG WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**INVOCATION** – Delivered by Councilmember Paul Hemkel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (\*\*)**

Upon motion by Councilmember Nau, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved adoption of the June 13, 2024 Town Council meeting agenda as presented.

**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. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024
2. Consider Approval of Agenda Briefing Meeting Minutes of May 06, 2024
3. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 09, 2024
4. Consider Approval of Closed Session Minutes of May 09, 2024
5. Consider Approval of DRB-24-03; Façade Approval for Smith Village Commercial Development as Recommended by the Design Review Board

6. Consider a Request to Waive Fines for UDO Violation at 152 Pine State Road
7. Consider Approval of FY 2023-2024 Year-End Budget Amendment(s)

Upon motion by Councilmember Nau, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

(Copied in full, FY 2023/2024 Budget Amendment is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with a request memo to waive fines, and façade/elevations and staff report)

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

#### **8. Recognition of Jason Edwards as "Town of Troutman Employee of the Month" for May, (*Ron Wyatt, Town Manager / Austin Waugh, Public Works Director*)**

Austin Waugh, Public Works Director recognized Jason Edwards as Employee of the Month for May. Hired as a Public Works Technician in October of 2022, Mr. Edwards quickly learned about wastewater pump stations by watching educational videos and studying on his own time. He has created wastewater inspection spreadsheets and is always trying to find better ways of improving the Town. With his recent promotion to Wastewater/Streets Supervisor, he is now over 17 pump stations, all wastewater inspection documentation for the state, and sewer right-of-ways. He recently passed his water distribution exam and came up with the idea to put the Town logo on town street signs as a way to distinguish them from NCDOT and private street signs. Mr. Waugh concluded by presenting Mr. Edwards with a Certificate of Recognition stating that Mr. Edwards is an asset to the town and the town is fortunate to have him. Mayor Young thanked him on behalf of himself and the Council for all he does for the Town and in representing our community.

#### **9. Recognition of Gary W. Thomas, Town Attorney on his Retirement**

Mayor Young recognized Town Attorney Gary Thomas on his retirement by presenting him with a Certificate of Retirement and a personally engraved Paddle with the Town of Troutman logo. Mayor Young read the certificate aloud thanking him for 27 years of trusted service. His dedication and expertise have been invaluable to our community and he has served our Town with integrity, leaving a lasting legacy. Mayor Young wished Mr. Thomas the best in a new chapter in his life. His legal guidance and unwavering support made a significant impact on our Town. Mayor Young stated that although he is being presented tonight, he will remain with the Town until a replacement is found.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **10. System Development Fee Analysis, (*Benjie Thomas, West Consultants*)**

##### **a. Call for a Public Hearing**

### ***Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing***

Mr. Benjie Thomas, Town Engineer presented the final draft of the Water and Sewer System Development Fee Analysis stating that he presented the draft document to the Council 2 months ago as required by the state of North Carolina by General Statutes (NCGS) 162(a) Article 8 which says if any municipality needs to charge a fee for water/sewer connections above the actual physical tap fee, then that has to go through this analysis. He explained that the purpose of the analysis is to look at and estimate the cost to provide the water/sewer capacity for the Town's future customers being an exercise in forecasting. Looking ahead as much as 20 years. If Council adopts this tonight, it will set a maximum for a 1-time fee that can be charged for new water/sewer customers (currently called an availability fee) to cover water and wastewater treatment, capacity, and major infrastructure such as pump stations, water lines, and water tanks. Mr. Thomas stated that GS requires that the analysis be updated every 5 years, but it can be updated more frequently if desired. Per the analysis, he noted that the System Development Fee that the Town could charge for water can be as much as \$5,555.19 for single residential connection (3/4" meter), and for sewer, it could be as much as \$6,139.73 based on the 3/4" water meter. The results of the study and all calculations are in the report. The report has been on the Town's website for more than 45 days as required by statute. The Town Clerk received 2 comments on the report, passing them on to Mr. Thomas. One citizen commented that the fees are too high, and the other, that the fees are too low. To update actual fees charged would go through the Town's fee structure process. Currently, the fee is \$2,000 for water and \$3,000 for sewer. Mr. Thomas clarified for Council that in the next 20 years, it is estimated that the Town will need an additional 2½ million gallons a day of water capacity (325 million per year).

### ***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

(Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet is attached to these minutes)

#### **b. Consider Adoption of Resolution 12-24 Titled: "*Resolution Adopting A Water And Sewer System Development Fee Analysis*"**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Nau, and unanimously carried, Resolution 12-24 Titled: "*Resolution Adopting A Water And Sewer System Development Fee Analysis*" was approved.

(Copied in full, Resolution 12-24 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 12-13)

(Copied in full, Resolution 12-24 is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with the analysis, analysis maps, summary, and public responses)

#### **11. Request by Jeremy Shaw, Owner of Cedar Stump Pub**

Jeremy Shaw addressed Council with a request to lease a portion of the property located to the back of his establishment from the Town or the Town to allow the landlord, Dr. Amrish Patel to purchase that portion of the land. In presenting a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Shaw provided a brief history regarding how

the outdoor area and the clearing and cleanup of the property resulted in outdoor seating and stage area that is infringing .06 of an acre onto the town's property. He stated that he was told his landlord owned the property, and once it was discovered that it was not, Tracy Fox, the previous owner of the property was going to lease him the area before deciding to sell to the town. Mr. Shaw provided a copy of that agreement and a copy of a letter from Dr. and Jodi Patel stating that they are willing to purchase that portion of land if it is for sale. He stated that if the Town decides to lease the property, he would provide the town as an "additional insured" for liability coverage and cover the town in the event a claim occurred. Town Manager Wyatt suggested not to sell the property until NCDOT defines the intersection for the proposed Lytton Street Extension. Manager Wyatt pointed out that several things need to be dealt with. One, he has an existing facility there and regardless if the Council decides to lease or sell the town still needs the extra indemnity on his insurance until the stage is removed or an agreement for it to stay. Mr. Shaw stated he would contact his insurance company about adding the town and possibly increasing the liability amount; Attorney Thomas to review. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is the value of the property, which is to be determined by the Town's Real Estate Agent to come up with the cost of purchase or lease; then get an agreement which the Town Attorney would also review. He also informed the Council that the property is currently zoned residential and will need to be rezoned. Manager Wyatt stated that Mr. Shaw had done his due diligence.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved to postpone a decision to lease or sell to Council's next meeting, until Council has lease options in front of them and to allow for proper due diligence in the amount of property Mr. Shaw wants and what he would like to do with it; have the appropriate zoning request, and that the insurance rider be added tomorrow in the amount of \$2.5 million. Town Manager Wyatt to meet with Mr. Shaw to look at the property for Council's consideration of all options.

Upon the suggestion of Attorney Thomas, Mayor Young requested that Manager Wyatt get with Mr. Shaw regarding providing a survey to the Town.

(Copied in full, PowerPoint is filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

**12. Rezoning Request CZ-RM-24-01**, Applicant: Atlas Principals, LLC; 13.55(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741428488, 4741427067, 4741425114 located at 129 & 131 Shermill Lane to rezone from Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS) to Town of Troutman Conditional Zoning-Mixed Residential (CZ-RM)

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

***Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing***

Planning Director Ventresca commented that this case has asked to be continued to the Council's July meeting upon the applicant's request.

Upon motion by Councilmember Nau, seconded by Councilmember Jaroszynski, and unanimously carried, approved to continue the Public Hearing to Council's July meeting.

**13. Annexation Request AX-24-04 (Non-Contiguous),** Applicants/Property Owners: William and Samantha Deal; 2.2 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4740-68-8959; 774 South Main Street

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

*Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing*

Andrew Ventresca, Planning Director presented the voluntary annexation requests of 2.2 (+/-) acres located at 774 South Main Street by property owner/applicant William and Samath Deal. Staff recommends approval.

No public comments were made.

*Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing*

**b. Adoption of Ordinance 14-24 Titled: “An Ordinance to Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”**

Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 14-24 Titled: “An Ordinance to Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”

(Copied in full, Ordinance 14-24 in filed in Ordinance Book 10, Pages108-109)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 14-24 is attached to these minutes and are filed on CD Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” along with the application, legal description, plat, aerial map)

**14. Rezoning Request RZ-24-04;** Applicants/Property Owners: William and Samantha Deal; 2.02 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4740-68-8959; 774 S. Main Street to rezone from Iredell County-Residential Agricultural (IC-RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB)

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

*Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing*

Planning Director Ventresca presented the rezoning request for the 2.2 (+/-) acres from Iredell County Residential Agricultural (IC-RA) to the Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB). He stated that this is a traditional rezoning, therefore no site plan is required as part of the application. In a PowerPoint presented Mr. Ventresca presented a location map, current zoning map showing surrounding properties as HB, and the town’s Future Land Use Map which shows the property as medium density residential. He presented a map showing the zoning activity in the vicinity since 2021 with properties transitioning from residential to non-residential stating that the likelihood of this property being developed medium density residential is very small. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the request subject to it being consistent with recent zoning changes and consistent with current development in the vicinity of the request,

No public comments were made.

***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

**b. Adoption of Ordinance 15-24 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County-Residential Agricultural (IC-RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB)”**

Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved adoption of Ordinance 15-24 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County-Residential Agricultural (IC-RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB)”.

**c. Approval of Statement of Consistency**

Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved that though the Highway Business District is not consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Map, the request is consistent with current development patterns and the zoning designations of adjacent and nearby properties. The request is reasonable and in the public interest as it proposes to allow commercial development in areas of Troutman where it is appropriate. Also, medium-density residential uses are not compatible with the zoning and development patterns in the immediate area.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 15-24 in filed in Ordinance Book 10, Page 110)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 15-24 is attached to these minutes and are filed on CD Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” along with the staff report, application, maps, P&Z Board Certification of Recommendation, adjoining property owners notification, Public Hearing Notice)

**15. Annexation Request AX-24-05 (Non-Contiguous)**, Applicant: Gerardo Cruz; 1.227 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4721-95-7529 & 4721-95-7792; 466 and 470 E. Monbo Road, (*Ventresca*)

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

***Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing***

Planning Director Ventresca, presented the voluntary annexation requests of 1.227 (+/-) total acres located at 466 & 470 East Monbo Road by property owner and applicant is Gerardo Cruz. The reason for the annexation requests is for town water stating that it is now a policy of the town if utilities are requested they have to be annexed into the Town. Staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Henkel asked how close is the town’s water line to these properties, Mr. Ventresca replied that the line runs in front of the properties. Mayor Young inquired about the homes on the property. Mr. Ventresca replied that there are 2 currently and 1 under construction. The property to the north has not been built upon, but it will be.

No public comments were made.

***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

**b. Adoption of Ordinance 16-24 Titled: “An Ordinance to Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Jaroszynski, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 16-24 Titled: “An Ordinance to Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”

(Copied in full, Ordinance 16-24 in filed in Ordinance Book 10, Pages 111-112)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 16-24 is attached to these minutes and are filed on CD Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” along with the application, legal description, plat, aerial map)

**16. Rezoning Request RZ-24-05;** Applicant: Gerardo Cruz; 1.227 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4721-95-7529 & 4721-95-7792; 466 and 470 E. Monbo Road to rezone from Iredell County- Single Family Residential-Conditional Use District (IC-R20-CUD) to Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS)

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

***Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing***

Planning Director Ventresca presented the rezoning request to rezone 1.227 (+/-) acres from Iredell County Single Family Residential-Conditional Use District (IC-R20-CUD) to the Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS). The request is for town water; town policy requires all properties requesting town utilities to be annexed. This is a traditional rezoning therefore, no site plan is required as part of this application. In a PowerPoint presentation a location map, current zoning map, and Future Land Use Map were presented. The current zoning shows that there are properties across the street that are Town of Troutman RS and Rural Preservation (RP), and the Future Land Use Map presents the property as low-density residential. The Planning Board unanimously approved the request as it is consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

No public comments were made.

***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

**b. Adoption of Ordinance 17-24 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County- Single Family Residential-Conditional Use District (IC-R20-CUD) to Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS)”**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and unanimously carried, approved adoption of Ordinance 17-24 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Iredell County-Single Family Residential-Conditional Use District (IC-R20-CUD) to Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS)”

**c. Approval of Consistency Statement**

Upon motion by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved that rezoning the property to Suburban Residential is consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Map to allow appropriate low-density residential development at this location. The request is consistent with the currently adopted Unified Development Ordinance. The request is reasonable and in the public interest as it proposes to allow residential development in areas of Troutman where it is appropriate.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 17-24 in filed in Ordinance Book 10, Page 113)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 17-24 is attached to these minutes and are filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with the staff report, application, maps, adjoining property owners notification, P&Z Board Certification of Recommendation, Public Hearing Notice)

**17. Text Amendment TA-24-04: 6.2.2 Multi-Tenant Signs of the Troutman UDO, (Andrew Ventresca, Interim Planning Director)**

**a. Call for a Public Hearing**

***Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing***

Planning Director Ventresca stated that the request for text amendment TA-24-04 is from Brite Lite Signs who are requesting to allow Multi-Tenant Monument Signs to be increased from the current 10' maximum height to 12' maximum height. The purpose is to increase the size of the panels on a high-speed roadway making it easier for the public to see, and with the additional 2' it can improve some of the aesthetics of the sign. He stated that the Planning Board did recommend approval as presented with the additional language as follows: "the cap of the sign shall have a distinctive aesthetic element within the 12-foot parameter." He stated that staff also recommends approval with the additional language as suggested by the Planning Board. Mr. Ventresca noted that this is an ordinance approval and not based on any particular site.

No public comments were made.

***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

**b. Approved Adoption of Ordinance 18-24 Titled: "An Ordinance Amending The Town Of Troutman Unified Development Ordinance"**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Jaroszynski, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 18-24 Titled: "An Ordinance Amending The Town Of Troutman Unified Development Ordinance".



### **c. Approval of Statement of Consistency**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Jaroszynski, and unanimously carried, approved that the TA-24-04 is consistent with the 2018 Strategic Plan and the Unified Development Ordinance and reasonable and in the public interest as it is consistent with the goals of the Troutman Strategic Plan.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 18-24 is filed in Ordinance Book 10, Page 114)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 18-24, is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with the staff report, application, sign elevations, P&Z Board Certification of Action Taken, public hearing notice)

## **18. Proposed FY 2024-25 Town of Troutman Budget**

### **a. Call for a Public Hearing**

#### *Mayor Young Opened the Public Hearing*

Town Manager Ron Wyatt presented the Budget Message to Council stating that there is no fanfare or hidden items. This budget will have an increase of approximately 31% over the accepted budget of last year. The General Fund is increasing around 26%, mostly due to an increase in personnel in the Police Department, Parks And Rec Department, and the Admin Department to keep up with the Town's needs as the Town grows. Our budget proposal includes the tax rate remaining at .50 cents per \$100 assessment. The Utility Fund budget is increasing by approximately 42%. This is mainly due to a budgeted increase in additional personnel that is anticipated to be needed, as well as an increase in water rates that the Town is charged. Also, with the Town's growth, the volume of water and sewer expenditures increases along with the increased cost of supplies and equipment needed to maintain the Water & Sewer Department. This budget proposal will leave current water and sewer rates for citizens intact. The Town will continue to benefit from unprecedented growth residentially and commercially. We are aware of the future demands that growth places on staff to provide services our current residents are use to receiving. We have also increased full and part-time staff in Parks and Rec as that facility is continuing to be built methodically per the Park Masterplan. The Police Department is also gaining staff positions. We are better prepared to serve citizens by having backup Clerks or Utility Department personnel ready to fill in as needed. The Town still playing catch-up in certain areas, however. We are mindful that previous patches to town-owned parking lots got us some needed time. We will continue making necessary street repairs and replacements and those items are in our budget proposal. We will also continue growing our Troutman/ESC Park per previously approved plans. We have and will continue to make necessary upgrades to the landscaping around the new amenities and are hoping to add more structures for picnic areas. This will be subject to certain projects being on budget or less, and the Town's streetscape will continue to be added to. The security of our citizens is not only a statutory obligation but our priority. Troutman Police Department is growing and in need of personnel. We continue providing the needed training and getting appropriate certifications for officers to perform their duties more proficiently. However, we are out of space. There are insufficient locations for evidence storage as officers continue making more arrests. Also, officers need more room to do their admin duties and training in a suitable environment. We continue to plan for growth by adding properties. We need some of them for space to continue serving our citizens until a new Town

Hall is built. Other properties were purchased so the town can revitalize the downtown area and be prepared for future growth. The Town adopted a plan for that growth back in 2016/2017. Also, future streets coming from development will require additional liability to the Town for maintenance and repair. We are planning appropriately. This budget allows us to continue properly serving the citizens with as little cost as possible. More importantly, it is reflective of our team's dedication to performing frugally and proficiently for each taxpayer. It also allows us to continue preparing for our future needs. I will reiterate my closing statement of last year as it remains true. "It is unnecessary to do extraordinary things to get extraordinary results" ~ Warren Buffet. That quote exemplifies our team of staff and their dedication and job performance.

He thanked the Mayor and members of the Council expressing appreciation for providing staff with the necessary funding so that we can continue serving the Town relevantly. Mayor Young thanked Manager Wyatt, Finance Director Mundy, and staff for the many hours put-in preparing the budget.

No public comments were made.

### ***Mayor Young Closed the Public Hearing***

#### **c. Approved Adoption of Ordinance 19-24 Titled; "Town of Troutman FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance"**

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Jaroszynski, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 19-24 Titled: "*Town of Troutman FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance*"

(Copied in full, Ordinance 19-24 is filed in Ordinance Book 10, Pages 115-118)

(Copied in full, Ordinance 19-24, is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in CD Book #1 Titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" along with the Manager's budget report, budget, posting, and public hearing notice)

### **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"*

(For Live Streaming, go to the link on the home page of the Town Website at [www.troutmannnc.gov](http://www.troutmannnc.gov))

- Tonya Wood addressed the Council in support of Mr. Shaw and Cedar Stump Pub.
- Audrey Flemings, a resident of Talley Street addressed Council with a road repair request for Talley Street. Mayor Young stated that the Town will get with the state. Manager Wyatt asked that Ms. Fleming get with him and Planning Director Ventresca following the meeting for the location needing to be repaired.

## **VI. ELECTED / OFFICIALS / STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **Elected Reports and Comments**

#### **Councilmember Jaroszynski**

- Commented how good the Town is looking. Complimented Park's and Rec. on doing a great job with the greenway.
- Commented that it is good to see paving taking place at Exit 42
- Commended Attorney Gary Thomas for his service to the Town.
- Addressed Jeremy Shaw in effort of making sure he gets with the Town Staff and Town Attorney as soon as possible on the details and agreements needed.
- Thanked staff for running and managing the Town.

#### **Councilmember Harris**

- Expressed appreciation and thanks to Attorney Gary Thomas for his service to the Town and for his knowledge.
- Commented that she loves the Town, expressing appreciation to staff for all they have done in taking such good care of it.
- Addressed Jeremy Shaw commenting that the Council is not trying to take away what you have and what you are doing for the Town, commenting that it will all get worked out. She thanked Ms. Wood for her comments.
- Stated that she hopes to see everyone at Party in the Park tomorrow night and at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks.

#### **Councilmember Nau**

- Thanked Attorney Gary Thomas for all his years of service to the Town commenting that it has been a pleasure working with him for the last 4½ years.
- Invited all citizens to come out to the Town's upcoming events that is to be held in June and July.

#### **Councilmember Henkel**

- Addressed Attorney Gary Thomas stating that he will save his goodbyes for when he actually leaves, commenting that he concurs with everything already said by his fellow councilmembers.
- Commented that he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Party in the Park tomorrow night.
- Addressed Jeremy Shaw stating that he looks forward to next month to hear the options available to discuss. He commented that he wants to see the business flourish and that hopefully, we can work this out.

#### **Mayor Young**

- Thanked Staff for the work they have done on the budget. He expressed appreciation to Finance Director Mundy and Manager Wyatt for setting priorities for the Town and our citizens.
- Addressed Jeremy Shaw stating that this Council has wrestled with many questions. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Shaw for the spirit he has approached the Council. He is not sure what the outcome will be. He appreciates his business being located here, his support, and his giving back to the Town.
- Expressed appreciation to the staff for the hours they put in for Town events commenting that those hours do not go unnoticed.

## **Staff Reports and Comments:**

### **Ron Wyatt, Town Manager**

- Thanked Mayor Young and Council for their comments and each department director and their staff for the budget and all they do. He also thanked all who came out tonight regardless of the motivation commenting that it is nice to have people here. He stated that the Town is still saving money for a new Town Hall and the remodeling of this building to be a stand-alone Police Department.
- Expressed appreciation to Jeremy Shaw for his professionalism in looking for solutions.
- Expressed appreciation to those citizens who take the time to contact either Department Directors or himself directly rather than posing on social media.
- Announced upcoming events: Party in the Park tomorrow night; upcoming parade stating that there is still time to get applications in; and the Fireworks.

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 143-318.11(a)(6) TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER**

Mayor Young called for a Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) 143-318.11(a)(6) to determine qualifications and conditions regarding the appointment of a public officer.

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Henkel, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to hold a Closed Session to determine qualifications and conditions regarding the appointment of a public officer.

### ***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\****

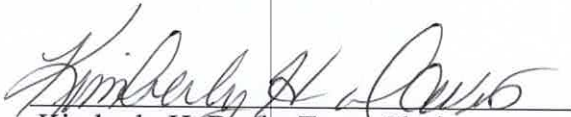
### ***Closing of Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session***

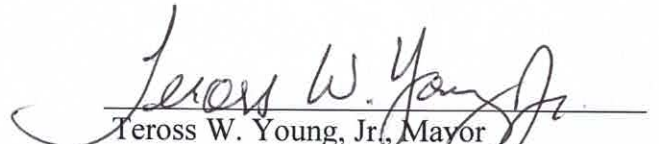
Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved to reconvene open session.

**Action taken as a result of the Closed Session: None**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Councilmember Jaroszynski, seconded by Councilmember Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the June 13, 2024 Town Council meeting at 9:37pm.

  
Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

  
Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor



(\*\*) Adjustments to the Agenda