

# **Town of Tyrone Council Meeting Minutes**

November 4, 2010

## **Present:**

Mayor Don Rehwaldt  
Councilman Tracy Young  
Councilman Eric Dial  
Councilman Ken Matthews  
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Furr  
Town Manager Richard Newbern  
Town Attorney Dennis Davenport  
Town Clerk Pamela Megill  
Finance/HR Manager Penny Hunter

## **Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rehwaldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given Mr. Mike Renie of Operation Mobilization. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Public Comments**

### Mr. Mike Renie

More than \$8,000 has been fund raised in Tyrone to go towards some of the Operation Mobilization humanitarian projects in Spain, Pakistan, South Africa, Moldova and Zambia. Mr. Renie gave thanks to the Tyrone community.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Council Member Young requested that the agenda be amended to include a new business item to discuss an item regarding the Regional Transportation Roundtable

Mayor Pro Tem Furr made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment for an additional item. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

## **Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2010 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Council Member Matthews made a motion to approve the October 21, 2010 Council meeting minutes. Council Member Young seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

## **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:**

- 1. Presentation of a check to Mrs. Sharon Collins for the 1LT Robert Collins Patriot Scholarship Fund. *Jennifer Patton, Parks and Recreation Director***

Mayor Rehwaldt announced that Council Member Young, Parks Director Jennifer Patton and Mr. Warner Frey would be presenting the scholarship check. Ms. Patton thanked the Founders Day committee and Council Member Young for initiating the project and getting the ball rolling. Mr. Frey stated that a total of 180 shirts were sold, providing for a fund raising of \$2,340 to present to the scholarship fund. Mrs. Collins thanked the Council, Recreation Department and the Tyrone community for the contribution to the fund, and said she was honored and humbled to realize the support for the scholarship. Council Member Young stated the memory of 1Lt Robert Collins will never be forgotten in this community and thanked Mrs. Collins and her family for their sacrifices.

## **2. Proclamation – Retired Educators Day. *Don Rehwaldt, Mayor***

Council Member Dial read the proclamation and Mayor Rehwaldt presented it to Ms. Karen Bullock, representing FCREA (Fayette County Retired Educators Association). Ms. Bullock thanked the Mayor, Council members for the proclamation and stated she was appreciative of the recognition for the retired educators.

## **3. Proclamation – Find it in Fayette for the Holidays. *Don Rehwaldt, Mayor***

Council Member Young read the proclamation and Mayor Rehwaldt presented it to Ms. Connie Sewell, Communications Specialist, Fayette Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sewell thanked the Mayor and Town Council for the proclamation. Mayor Rehwaldt thanked the Fayette Chamber of Commerce for doing a great job!

## **4. Presentation – Tyrone Skate Park. *Liam Devlin***

Mayor Rehwaldt introduced Liam Devlin and said that Liam was a 14 year old Tyrone resident with a very keen interest in skate boarding. Master Devlin provided a very detailed power point presentation for the Town Council that illustrated various skate board park plans, potential costs, and the possibilities of receiving grant funding.

Council Member Young asked approximately how many youths in Tyrone skateboard. Master Devlin stated every kid on his block skates! And stated if Tyrone had a park, there would be a lot more. A discussion of possible sites for a skateboard park ensued. Council member Matthews asked if any research had been done on the safety and liability insurance factor. Master Devlin confirmed he had, and provided data. Council member Dial recommended that Master Devlin meet with Parks and Recreation Director, Jennifer Patton.

Mayor Rehwaldt and all council members thanked Master Devlin for his presentation and hard work.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Regional Transportation Roundtable (HB 277)**

Council Member Matthews provided a copy of a letter to the Mayor, Council Members, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk. Council Member Matthews read the following:

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*Several months ago, a debate began about leaving the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and joining the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC). The reasons for leaving ARC are primarily related to the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (HB 277). This debate began with Mayor Don Haddix, Mayor Don Rehwaldt and Steve Brown announcing their desire to move to TRRC. We, the undersigned, recognize their views and opinions but do not wholly support them.*

*After reviewing the pros and cons of such a move, the Council publicly discussed this topic at length and the consensus was to remain with ARC. With the amount of information provided, the Council has decided that leaving ARC to join TRRC is not in the best interests of the citizens of Fayette County.*

*Due to the adverse effect this public debate is likely to have on Fayette County, we believe it would be wise for Mayor Haddix to resign as Fayette County's Mayoral Representative to the Regional Transportation Roundtable. This recommendation is in conjunction with that of the Peachtree City Council dated October 29, 2010.*

*We respectfully request that the mayors reconvene for the specific purpose of electing a new representative to serve on the Regional Transportation Roundtable.*

*Sincerely,*

*Councilman Young, Councilman Dial, Councilwoman Furr, and Councilman Matthews.*

Council Member Matthews made a motion to adopt the letter (referenced above) calling for the resignation of Mayor Don Haddix from serving on the Regional Transportation Roundtable Committee. Council Member Young seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **5. Discussion on forming an advisory committee for Shamrock Park. Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney (Draft Ordinance No. 2010-06)**

Mr. Davenport provided a review of draft Ordinance No. 2010-06. Mr. Davenport asked the Town Council if five members for the committee was a good number. The consensus of the Council was, yes. Mr. Davenport stated that the adoption of the ordinance along with the selection and appointment of members to serve on the committee could be completed at the November 18, 2010 Town Council meeting, with an effective date of December 1, 2010. Council Member Dial asked how the appointments would be made if we have staggered terms. Mr. Davenport said that was the Council prerogative. Council Member Matthews stated that each volunteer committee member may have a preference of how long they would like to serve. Mayor Pro Tem voiced concerns that some citizens are requesting no further changes to

Shamrock Park, and stated the park was classified as a “Passive Park”. Council Member Young asked Mr. Davenport if the ordinance addresses a staff person serving on the committee. Mr. Davenport stated the ordinance requires a staff person to serve as the secretary.

No motion or action was taken on this item.

**6. Discussion on forming an advisory committee for the Centennial Celebration. *Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney*** (Draft Ordinance No. 2010-07).

Mr. Davenport stated this item and discussion was more or less a repeat of the previous item; Shamrock park Committee appointments, with the exception that the Centennial Committee is slated to terminate on December 31, 2011. This committee has a different purpose but the same structure. Council Member Matthews confirmed with the Town Clerk that there was a list of five individuals wishing to serve on the committee. Council Member Young stated his personal preference was to adopt the ordinance at the next meeting, along with the names of those appointed to the committee.

No motion or action was taken on this item.

**CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. None.**

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Mayor Rehwaldt**

There were no further comments from the Mayor.

**Staff Comments**

Penny Hunter, Finance/HR Manager

Ms. Hunter stated there was an issue that needed to be decided regarding the Christmas Holidays; Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, and normally the Town would have the previous Friday as a holiday, but as that is the Christmas Eve holiday it needs to be decided if the Christmas Day holiday should be taken on the previous Thursday or the following Monday. A discussion followed on various possible options of how to schedule the holidays. Council Member Dial asked if it was an option for staff to choose which day they would like to take, and Council Member Young asked if the employees had been polled to ask which day they would prefer for the holiday. Mr. Newbern answered no, to each question. Council Member Young

suggested the Town be flexible and let the employees decide which days they want to take, and keep a skeleton crew.

Meeting attendee, Ms. Rosalyn Eatman stated that if the employees had been asked which days they would prefer, she could guarantee they would select the Friday/Monday option.

Council Member Matthews made a motion to have the Thursday and Friday before Christmas as Town Holidays, and the following week, Friday would be the Holiday for New Year. Council Member Dial seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

#### Richard Newbern Town Manager

- Rivers Alive Event will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 am at Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.
- Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Christmas Tree Lighting at Shamrock Park.

#### Police Chief Brandon Perkins

- Chief Perkins stated he would like to pursue the Town adopting a fireworks ordinance and was seeking Town Council input. Chief Perkins stated the Town does not currently have a fireworks ordinance and normally this would not be an issue, but there is a resident that has a fascination with fireworks, and the police have been out to his residence 12 times.

The consensus of the Town Council was for Chief Perkins to pursue the framing of a fireworks ordinance.

#### **Council Comments**

##### Mayor Pro Tem Furr

- Mayor Pro Tem Furr made a motion to have the Veterans Park Christmas tree decorated with red, white and blue lights. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

##### Council Member Matthews

- Asked if the final figures were available regarding the Founder's Day festival. Mr. Newbern stated they were not, but would expect to present those figures at the next Town Council meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

## **Adjournment**

Council Member Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dial seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Rehwaldt, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela J. Megill, Town Clerk

