

TYRONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Eric Dial, Mayor

Gloria Furr, Mayor Pro Tem, Post 4

Linda Howard, Post 1

Melissa Hill, Post 2

Billy Campbell, Post 3

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Dee Baker, Town Clerk

Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney

AGENDA

Social Distancing will be observed, and seating is limited. The meeting can be accessed live at www.tyrone.org/youtube. If you do not plan to attend, please send any agenda item questions or comments to Town Manager Brandon Perkins (bperkins@tyrone.org).

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The first public comment period is reserved for non-agenda items. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Furr.

Voting Yea: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hill.

VI. 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.*

1. Consideration to approve the minutes from April 7, 2022.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Furr.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hill, Council Member Campbell.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

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2. Proclamation for the Retirement of Cindy Ferrill, Library Assistant.

Mayor Dial read the proclamation. He stated that Mrs. Ferrill had been the Children and Youth Coordinator for over 25-years. She had also prepared children for school with the Summer Reading programs. She also worked with the CAREing Paws program, where children were able to read with therapy dogs. Mrs. Ferrill was supported by her husband, sister, library staff, current and former, and also Friends of the Library representatives were in attendance too.

Ms. Ferrill gave a heart-felt speech sharing her appreciation for her husband, daughters and sister, parents, friends, and fellow staff members, Mayor and Council, all town departments, Friends of the Tyrone Library, and especially the children and patrons. She added that working for the library for over 25-years included everything that she loved; books, crafts, children, and dogs. She was looking forward to her new chapter. Mayor Dial spoke on behalf of everyone, sharing that Mrs. Ferrill was a Town treasure and it was truly a privilege honoring her.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the South Hampton Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for the Town to serve in an advisory capacity on the CIC Watershed Advisory Committee.

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Mr. Perkins informed everyone that the South Hampton HOA owned a piece of property (Parcel ID 073902023) that contained a stream channel that had been damaged by extreme erosion over the last several years. The HOA, through a newly formed nonprofit called the South Hampton Community Improvement Corporation, had teamed up with a third-party entity to apply for a 319(j) grant through the Environmental Protection Division to assist them with the funding necessary to mitigate their erosion issues. He added that as part of the process, the CIC had requested that the Town provide staff resources to serve in an advisory capacity on its Watershed Advisory Committee. He shared that the MOU was in their packets and that no funding was involved. Staff had been meeting with the HOA since July of 2021 and by approving the MOU, the state may find them worthy of grant approval.

A motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the South Hampton Community Improvement Corporation for the Town to serve in an advisory capacity on the CIC Watershed Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Council Member Furr, Seconded by Council Member Howard.
Voting Yea: Council Member Hill, Council Member Campbell.

4. Consideration to approve a letter to the Georgia EPD 319(h) grant program for the purpose of expressing the Town's support of the South Hampton Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) in its endeavor to receive funding for erosion mitigation on its property. **Brandon Perkins, Town Manager**

Mr. Perkins stated that the letter reflected the Town's support of the HOA's endeavors and for the approval of the grant. Mayor Dial informed Council that the HOA had received its non-profit status and had been working with the Fayette County School Board regarding environmental topics to make their grant status more powerful. He added that the HOA had been working hard to make this work.

A motion was made to approve the letter to the Georgia EPD 319(h) grant program to express the Town's support for the South Hampton Community Improvement Corporation.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Hill.
Voting Yea: Council Member Howard, Council Member Furr.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The second public comment period is for any issue. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

Tyrone resident, Bob Swenson spoke regarding the ongoing railroad crossings being blocked by the train. Mr. Perkins shared that unfortunately, the Town had no control and no recourse regarding the issue. Mayor Dial added that he had to take four different routes to arrive on time for the meeting.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Perkins announced that the Sandy Creek Jazz Band would be performing in Shamrock Park tomorrow night from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Mr. Perkins informed Council that in 2009, as part of the Town's Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) (insurance safety program), the Town was required to comply with certain policies to be eligible to apply for safety grants. If awarded, the grants could be used for various safety supplies. He thanked Mr. Bowman for stepping up to the plate to take over his position. Mr. Bowman was beginning his classes to maintain the Town's status. Mr. Perkins added that just this week, he and several other staff members were educated by Mr. Bowman at a Lunch and Learn session. He added that we all wear different hats, and he thanked Mr. Bowman for continuing the program.

Mr. Perkins updated Council regarding the Redwine Park SPLOST project. He stated that the current project concept included parking lot improvements, multiuse courts, playground improvements, and a pavilion. This was a large project for the \$350,000 funding.

A couple of months ago began the next phase to acquiring an engineering firm to create a master plan. After meeting with three firms, a local firm seemed to be a great fit. He shared that he planned on meeting a representative at the park tomorrow.

He suggested planning for 4-6 pickleball courts and a small pavilion. The following would be phased in, parking lot, playground, and path improvements. If the meeting went well, an agreement with the firm should be on the May 5th agenda for Council's consideration.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hill shared her appreciation for Mrs. Ferrill's tenure and added that her daughters were now in college but Mrs. Ferrill played a part in their education with many visits to the library.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Furr.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hill, Council Member Campbell and Council Member Howard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

By: _____
Eric Dial, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dee Baker, Town Clerk