

Town of Perryville
Mayor and Commissioner Special Meeting
March 24, 2020 7:40 pm Town Hall Meeting Room

March 24, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor: Robert R. Ashby Jr., Robert Taylor, Town Administrator: Denise Breder, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample.

Remote Participation: Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Pete Reich, Timothy Snelling, Finance Director: Debra Laubach, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia, Planning and Zoning Coordinator: Amanda Paoletti

Mayor Ashby called the March 24, 2020 Special Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., which was rescheduled from March 17, 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve the Special Meeting agenda as written. Roll Call Votes: Commissioner Linkey, Aye, Commissioner Reich, Aye, Commissioner Snelling, Aye, Commissioner Taylor, Aye, Mayor Ashby, Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2020-03 - Debra Laubach

Ms. Breder announced that this is a Budget Amendment Ordinance 2020-03 to be voted on to true up the money that we had for Trego Park, this is the excess funds leftover that we wanted to put back into the unreserved funds. We are also requesting additional funding to upgrade our internet for Town Hall, and funds for a water and sewer rate study. This is also to true up the reed bed cleanout funding by putting it into unreserved funds.

Mayor Ashby asked the board individually if they had any comments or questions, to which they did not.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance 2020-03. Roll Call Votes: Commissioner Linkey, Aye, Commissioner Reich, Aye, Commissioner Snelling, Aye, Commissioner Taylor, Aye, Mayor Ashby, Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Trash Bids - Debra Laubach

Ms. Laubach stated that we had put out an RFP to contractors for trash services for the FY 2021-2023 for the Town of Perryville for the current services that the town now has. Two of the contractors had also put in a bid for weekly trash removal and twice a month recycling, and one contractor also put in a bid for the current service. The bids ranged from \$286,140 to \$387,068 a year. Currently our trash services are \$426,895.92. She has been in contact with Trash Tech, the low bidder, regarding some clauses that we wanted to be included in our contract, which they had no issues with agreeing to. The clauses include, making sure that all of the drivers are DOT certified, and drug tested, and the vehicles are clean. They stated that they do not wash them weekly in the winter but wash them weekly, if not bi-weekly in the summer.

We had also wanted them to provide two months of a performance bond versus a one month, and they were agreeable to that too.

Mayor Ashby asked the board individually if they had any comments or questions, to which they did not.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to accept the bid from Trash Tech for our waste management services for FY 2021-2023. Roll Call Votes: Commissioner Linkey, Aye, Commissioner Reich, Aye, Commissioner Snelling, Aye, Commissioner Taylor, Aye, Mayor Ashby, Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Declaration of Civil Emergency

Mayor Ashby stated that this vote needed is to extend the Declaration of Civil Emergency indefinitely until the Mayor determines that it may be lifted.

Ms. Breder explained that on March 13th the initial Declaration was issued and things progressed quickly with the corona virus, so another Declaration was issued on the 16th of March, and the most recent one was on March 20. Some of the prior things are still in place, such as Town Hall is closed to the public, Outreach is closed to members, Public Works is continuing to work on a modified response basis to eliminate employee contact with the public and other essential personnel will continue to work as planned. The new orders with the latest Declaration were to resume meetings with trying this webinar format, which seems to be working fairly well, limiting purchases to only essential needs and the conferences would be cancelled and a combination of furloughs and layoffs will be instituted to cover budgetary shortfalls due to lost revenue related to the pandemic. The Town Hall hours have been changed to 8am-4pm Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. Ms. Breder is asking for a vote to allow Mayor Ashby's Declaration of Civil Emergency to continue indefinitely until he determines that it is lifted. Ms. Breder commented that he has made some very good decisions throughout this and has been on the phone with us every day to stay on top of what is going on with the pandemic.

Mayor Ashby asked for comments from the board individually, Commissioner Linkey stated that things seem to be going smoothly considering what is happening, and Commissioner Snelling thanked the Mayor for what he has done during this Civil Emergency situation and realizes that he had some tough decisions to make, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Reich had no comment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to extend the Declaration of Civil Emergency indefinitely until the Mayor and Commissioners determine that it may be lifted. Roll Call Votes: Commissioner Linkey, Aye, Commissioner Reich, Aye, Commissioner Snelling, Aye, Commissioner Taylor, Aye, Mayor Ashby, Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Taylor asked to amend his motion, he realized that he included the Commissioners in his motion, when it should have been just the Mayor that determines the Civil Emergency.

Commissioner Taylor amended his original motion as the following:

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Reich to extend the Declaration of Civil Emergency indefinitely until the Mayor determines that it may be lifted.

Roll Call Votes: Commissioner Linkey, Aye, Commissioner Reich, Aye, Commissioner Snelling, Aye, Commissioner Taylor, Aye, Mayor Ashby, Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Ms. Breder asked if we can allow for comments since this is a Special Meeting and asked for people that were listening in through the webinar to type their questions in through the webinar app regarding the Special Meeting content.

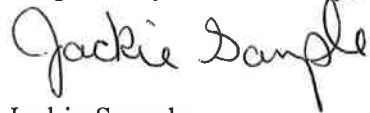
Jane Bellmyer inquired how much money the town is losing each month with the closure of Hollywood Casino.

Ms. Breder responded that on average it is around \$125,000 a month, and she typed her response in.

Mayor Ashby responded that we estimated that if the casino was to remain closed until June 1st that there would be a budgetary loss of \$423,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the March 24, 2020 Special Meeting at 7:55 p.m. **All called out in Favor: Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted by,



Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk