

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2006

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. George Holleman, & Comm. Jack Lerner

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by visiting Russian minister Lev Shul'ts. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

Open Forum:

No comments were made in open forum.

Motion by Commissioner Philips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to adopt the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2005 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to award the January 2006 Anchor Business Award to Lee Perdue, Downtown Shoe Shop for his 50 plus years of service in Taylorsville. Passed unanimously.

Sister City delegates Lev Shul'ts, and Elena Shults, and Olga Antonova from Chechuleno Russia were present at the Board meeting. Mr. Lev Shul'ts is the associate pastor in Novgorod Russia, which is approximately 15 miles from Chechuleno. Mr. Shul'ts expressed through an interpreter his honor at being here in the US and in Taylorsville and in being at the Town Council meeting. He stated what a privilege it is to worship freely and spread the word as we are able to do here in the USA. Many advances have been made there, both in the government and the churches; however, there is a need for more in both. He again expressed his gratitude in being able to visit and extended greetings from the Mayor, Council and Pastor of Novgorod to the Mayor & Town Council here. He also brought greetings from Chechuleno's head administrator, who visited last year. A short reception followed the meeting.

Mayor Barriger opened the first public hearing regarding allowing absentee voting. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt a Resolution of Intent to change the charter of the Town in order to allow for absentee voting. Passed unanimously. A public hearing will be scheduled for February 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the second public hearing regarding increasing the size of the governing board of the Town of Taylorsville. No comments were heard and the hearing was closed. Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt a Resolution of Intent to change the Charter of the Town of Taylorsville by increasing the size of the governing board to 4 members and a mayor, all serving 4 year terms beginning in 2007. The Mayor will have full voting rights. A second public hearing will be scheduled for February 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Decisions on action by the Town regarding the State's moving of highway funds into the general fund were tabled until more information could be obtained.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to appoint Commissioner Bob Phillips to the Jail Architect sub-committee. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holleman recognized the town crew for their work during the recent ice storms.

Town Planner, Jon Pilkinton mentioned that 38 zoning permits were issued for the year of 2005. The most notable openings were for the Movie Gallery, Dollar Tree, Peeble's and Advance Auto.

Mayor Barriger noted that the conservation is contagious awards are still on-going.

Town Manager, David Odom noted that a travel & tourism presentation of various arts & crafts will be held on January 12, 2006 at 6:30 to 8:00 in the Council Chambers. He also noted that US Congresswoman Virginia Foxx will be in Taylorsville on the 24th at 9:00 am.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Phillips made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Holleman seconded the motion to end the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk