

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at White Bluff Town Hall. Present were Council members Linda Hayes, Connie Reed, Carl Kincaid, Scott Glover, Bryan Hill, and Stephanie Murrell. Also present included Town Recorder Melody Lewis, Deputy Recorder Misty Rodgers, Town Planner Amanda Harrington, Town Attorney Andrew Mills, Projects Administrator and Public Works Director Jeff Martin, Fire Chief Eric Deal, Police Chief Chris Fulcher and members of the public.

Mayor Linda Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

1412 Motion to approve minutes of the June 4, 2024, regular meeting:

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike McArdle, Diane Loop, spoke regarding the budget.
- Charles Buck, Westcott Rd., spoke regarding the budget.
- Trey Thomas, Sunset Dr., spoke regarding the budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted prior to second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of White Bluff budget. **No one spoke for or against this measure.**
- A Public Hearing was conducted prior to second and final reading of the Town of White Bluff fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. **Charles Buck, Westcott Rd. addressed the Council regarding the 2024-2025 Town of White Bluff budget.**
- A Public Hearing was conducted prior to second and final reading of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of White Bluff by rezoning property located at Map 096J, Group A, Parcel 012.00 (1022 Taylor Town Rd.) from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-2 (Medium-density Residential). NOTE: Applicant has proposed the following self-imposed condition: If the parcel is rezoned as requested, it will be developed only as a single-family home. **No one spoke for or against this measure.**
- A Public hearing was conducted prior to second and final reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article III, General Provisions, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 3.130, Woodland Protection. **No one spoke for or against this measure.**
- A Public hearing was conducted prior to second and final reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article III, Section 3.090, Access Control, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section (H), Access Management Minimum Standards. **No one spoke for or against this measure.**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Hayes and Council member Reed updated the Council on the Thursday, July 4, 2024, Independence Day Celebration in downtown White Bluff.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Melody Lewis provided the Council with a copy of the May 2024 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on second and final reading Amendment of the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 Town of White Bluff budget. After discussion:
#1413 Motion to approve on second and final reading Amendment of the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 Town of White Bluff budget.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.
- Consider on second and final reading the Town of White Bluff Budget for fiscal year 2024 – 2025. After lengthy discussion:
#1414 Motion to approve on second and final reading the original, all-inclusive budget including an additional \$2/hour increase in Police Patrol Officer and Starting Police Officer pay.
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, additional discussion ensued:
#1415 Motion to amend the original, all-inclusive budget by removing funds allocated for the key card access security project (\$87,875.00).
Motion by Stephanie Murrell, second by Scott Glover, with roll call voting as follows: Murrell and Glover voting yes, Reed, Kincaid and Hill voting no; motion failed 2-3.
Being no additional amendments brought forth, Council member Hill called for the initial budget motion (#1414) to be considered.
#1414 Motion to approve on second and final reading the original, all-inclusive budget including an additional \$2/hour increase in Police Patrol Officer and Starting Police Officer pay.
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, with roll call voting as follows: Reed, Kincaid and Hill voting yes; Murrell and Glover voting no, carried 3-2.
Council member Murrell requested a copy of the approved budget be distributed to all Council members at the next meeting.

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Consider on second and final reading rezoning request for Map 096J, Group A, Parcel 012.00 (1022 Taylor Town Rd.) from C-1 (Central Business District to R-2 (Medium-density Residential). NOTE: Applicant has proposed the following self-imposed condition: If the parcel is rezoned as requested, it will be developed only as a single-family home. After discussion;
#1416 Motion to approve on second and final reading the rezoning request for Map 096J, Group A, Parcel 012.00 (1022 Taylor Town Rd.) from C-1 (Central Business District to R-2 (Medium-density Residential), accepting the applicants self-imposed condition that if the parcel is rezoned as requested, it will be developed only as a single-family home.
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, with roll call voting as follows: Hill, Glover and Kincaid voting yes, Murrell and Reed voting no, carried 3-2.

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend Article III, General Provisions, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 3.130, Woodland Protection. After discussion;
#1417 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend Article III, General Provisions, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 3.130, Woodland Protection.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, with roll call voting as follows: Reed, Kincaid, Murrell, Hill and Glover voting yes, carried 5-0.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend Article III, Section 3.090, Access Control, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section (H), Access Management Minimum Standards. After discussion;
#1418 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend Article III, Section 3.090, Access Control, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section (H), Access Management Minimum Standards.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, with roll call voting as follows: Kincaid, Hill, Reed, Murrell and Glover voting yes, carried 5-0.
- Public Works Director Jeff Martin reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued zero (0) building permits during the month of June 2024 and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 375 calls during the month of June 2024 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 82 calls during the month of June 2024 and responded to Council questions.
- Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported via printed report that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court processed 107 cases during the month of June 2024.
- Council member Glover requested printed copies of the Police and Fire Departments monthly reports.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider Resolution acknowledging receipt and endorsing the White Bluff Transportation Safety Action Plan. After discussion;
#1419 Motion to approve Resolution acknowledging receipt and endorsing the White Bluff Transportation Safety Action Plan.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.
- Consider Offer of Irrevocable Dedication accepting the accepting the portion of Ellington Way from property line to property line of DG Market as a Town Street and accept one-year maintenance bond of \$20,380.50. After discussion;
#1420 Motion to accept the portion of Ellington Way from property line to property line of DG Market as a Town Street and accept one-year maintenance bond of \$20,380.50.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Consider Resolution approving Professional Contracts regarding the Town's Nature Park. After discussion;
#1421 Motion to approve Resolution approving Professional Contracts regarding the Town's Nature Park.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss the current zoning in the area immediately north of the Hwy 70 / Taylor Town Rd. intersection. (This was requested to be added to the agenda during last month's Town Council meeting.) After discussion;
Council member Kincaid requested Staff prepare an RFP to develop a Municipal-wide Land Use Master Plan. He asked that the plan be hyper-focused on the downtown area.
- Council member Kincaid asked that a review of the Rural Fire Service fee structure by conducted by the Council at next month's (August 2024) meeting.

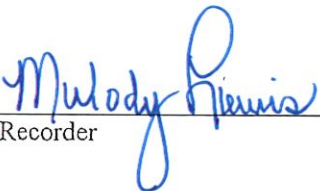
ADJOURNMENT:

1422 Motion to adjourn at 8:59p.m.:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.



Mayor



Recorder