

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes

For

December 23, 2013

Attendance: Attending the meeting was Mayor Michael Talley, Vice Mayor Becky Headrick, Commissioner Jackie Suttles, Commissioner Ron Palewski, Recorder Shelia Moss, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Margaret Norris, Iva Butler, and Marcia Jaranowski

Pledge: Vice Mayor Headrick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 pm.

*Vice Mayor Headrick deferred Resolution 249-13-1C until Mayor Talley arrived.

Minutes: Commissioner Palewski made a motion to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes. Vice Mayor Headrick seconded and the motion passed with 3 yea votes.

**Mayor Talley arrived during the finance reports.

Finance Report: Recorder Moss gave the finance reports for the month of November 2013. Mayor Talley made a motion to approve the November 2013 finance reports. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

Resolution 249-13-1C, Charter Revision: Vice Mayor Headrick mentioned that she would like to make some comments. Her first comment was that section 1.4 Corporate Powers is vague and hard to understand. She also commented that she believes some things, such as condemnation, should be voted on by the public instead of five Commissioners. Mayor Talley stated that he has some of the same concerns. After some discussion Mayor Talley read Resolution 249-13-1C in its entirety aloud. Commissioner Palewski made a motion to approve Resolution 249-13-1C. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed with 3 yea votes. Vice Mayor Headrick voted nay.

Police Report: Chief Suttles spoke about the parade and then proceeded to give the Maintenance report.

Maintenance: Chief Suttles reported that Mr. Glen McCampbell would be "hit and miss for the next little bit". He asked the Commission about the road project. He also mentioned the projected inclement weather and the City road salt supply.

Fire: No Report

Recreation: Commissioner Suttles reported that the parade was cold. She also reported that \$419 was raised for the Roberts family. Recorder Moss reported that she had received a \$200 donation after the parade. Commissioner Suttles mentioned that her, Mayor Talley, and Fire Chief Don Stallions had a meeting. She reported that Fire Chief Stallions would like for a committee to be formed to handle the parade since there was such a negative response when the parade was rescheduled.

Library Report: Recorder Moss informed the Commission that the printed Library report was in their packets for them to review.

Old Business

Roadscapes Grant: Mayor Talley read a letter submitted by the Garden Club aloud. The letter stated that the Garden Club was agreeing to be responsible for one half of the twenty percent cash match for the Roadscapes Grant. Mayor Talley mentioned that the City needs to ask the Garden Club for security of their portion and that he will meet with Recorder Moss and sign the new grant application .

New Business

Ordinance 271-13-1P, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR DETACHED GARAGES/CARPORTS IN SIDE YARDS OF RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:

Mayor Talley explained the purpose of this Ordinance and then read the Ordinance heading aloud. Mayor Talley made a motion to approved Ordinance 271-13-1P on first reading. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

Recorder Moss mentioned that she had received an email request from Elizabeth Turner requesting that the City Commission add a link, AccreditedOnlineColleges.org, to our city website. There was some discussion. The Commission deferred this request until the next meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Palewski made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

Shelia Moss

Approved: _____ date

Title: _____