

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2023

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Laggis requested that Niki Vanderslice be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Councilman Smith made the motion to amend the agenda and he was seconded by Councilman Carden. Councilman Wright concurred and motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from the April minutes as written. Councilman Carden seconded him and Councilman Smith concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Councilman Carden made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Councilman Wright seconded him and Councilman Smith concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Laggis introduced Niki Vanderslice, the new President of the Fayette County Development Authority (FCDA). The FCDA is a nine member Board made up of five members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, one member from Fayetteville, Peachtree City and Tyrone and one member from the PTC Airport Authority. In 2014 the entire board was new. In 2017, the FCDA asked the county and municipalities for a five year commitment for funding, but only received one year and were told to find a path to financial independence. The FCDA acquired options on 615 acres off of Lester Road and went looking for buyer. They focused on five areas: Corporate, Manufacturing, Technology, Aviation/Aerospace, and Film. In, 2022, Quality Technology Systems purchased all 615 acres, a \$5 billion dollar investment. The FCDA repaid the municipalities and put \$75 million in the bank. QTS is a data center that will employ approximately 50 – 100 people but will provide a huge tax revenue increase. The FCDA plans to put aside \$16 million to offer grants to the communities that had invested in them to assist with economic development. These grants should start being available in the next fiscal year. These grants will be both in-kind and cash in hand. They will also be offering loans up to \$2 million for 3% over 15 years. Councilman Smith asked how many buildings will the data center make up and was told that the proposed plan is for 16, with first one scheduled to open in Fall of 2024. Councilman Carden commented that he had heard that they were noisy and Ms.Vanderslice said that they were quiet. A question was also asked in regards to any upcoming development on this side of the County and she responded by saying that proximity to transportation was an issue.

Old Business

1. Review 5 year work program – Councilman Wright made a motion to table this to the June meeting. He was seconded by Councilman Smith and Councilman Carden concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Transportation Committee Update – Caitlin Storc reported that Tyrone is looking at chicanes to help with speed abatement. The Roundabout is still in the design phase. Councilman Wright expressed concern with the high speed of traffic on the east side of Hampton Road. Mayor Laggis said that we may be able to get the speed awareness sign over there.

3. Other – None

New Business

1. Fayette County Development Authority – Niki Vanderslice – see above.
2. Insurance Limits- Mayor Laggis reported that GIRMA has upped the limits to \$4 million for the same premium as we have been paying.
3. Other – Clerk needs to reach out to Alan Grant regarding the yearly Agreed Upon Procedures.

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and Councilman Smith concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk