

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
April 10, 2023
6:30 pm**

Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 10, 2023. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice-Mayor Dave Kelley, Anthony Carroll, Diana Dolan-Beulah (via phone) and Bill Brittingham.

Staff: Lt. Keith Darling and Town Manager, Amy Thomas.

Public: Melissa Clarke, Barbara Boone, Eddie & Linda Grace, Crystal Hamilton, Gerri Austin, John Lloyd, Sam Foy, Tina Stewart, Larry Howton, Johnny Miller, Carrie Sevzanici, Stewart Crouch and TPDL, LLC – Tyler Patterson, Roger Bradley and Frank Dimondi.

Vote on Change of Zoning Request – Turkey Point Road (Tax Map #SM 07-129.00-01-04.00/000)

Mayor Clendaniel stated this vote is to start the PLUS Process with the State for the amendment to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. There was discussion on the rezoning.

Motion: Councilmember Dolan – Beulah made a motion to start the Plus Process to amend the Town’s Comprehensive Plan for the rezoning of the property at #SM 07-129.00-01-04.00/000. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley-no, Councilmember Carroll- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes, Councilmember Brittingham-no.

Public Comments:

Mr. Miller asked why the speed limit on Peach Basket Road is so high, Lt. Darling stated that street is a stated maintained road and the Town cannot control the speed limit.

Police Report:

Lt. Darling presented the March 2023 police report. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to accept the March 2023 Police Report. Vice-Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

Councilmember Brittingham presented the Felton Fire company report. There were no questions or concerns

Public Works Report:

Amy presented the March 2023 Public Works Report. There were no questions or concerns.

Minutes:

Mayor Clendaniel presented the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and the April 5, 2023 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and the April 5, 2023 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Second Reading – Article IV, Title 32 An Ordinance Regulating the Noise in the Town of Felton and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof:

Motion: Vice-Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the Second Reading of Article IV, Title 32, An Ordinance Regulating the Noise in the Town of Felton and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, Councilmember Carroll- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes, Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

ICS Sweep Accounts – Shore United Bank:

Amy stated that she has spoken to other Municipalities that are participating in this program and received positive feedback.

Motion: Councilmember Carroll made a motion to participate in the Insured Cash Sweep Accounts with Shore United Bank. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, Councilmember Carroll- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes, Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

FY24 Draft Budget:

Amy presented the FY24 Draft Budget and stated the following changes to the budget:

- Administration Budget - Increased the Computer line; received notification from Response Computers that our server will expire October, 2024 and a server upgrade will cost \$8,046.
- General Budget – Increased Auditor Line \$5,000 and decreased Council Pay since we do not pay a Councilmember anymore when they perform the monthly in-house audit.
- Police Budget – Decreased Fines line to \$180,000 and decreased the Overtime Expense line another \$10,000 this year.
- Public Works Budget – Decreased Chemicals line since we purchased Macrolyte last year.
- Health Insurance increased this year.
- Used the same calculation to predict the carryover number and due to the increase of taxes the last few years it has increased from last year.

There was discussion about Councilmembers getting paid for more than one meeting a night. It was decided that Amy will check the charter and also see if other Town's get paid for more than one meeting a night.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Kelley made a motion to give employees a 3% raise and accept the FY24 draft budget. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, Councilmember Carroll- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes, Councilmember Brittingham- yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm for Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:32pm.

Motion: Councilmember Carroll made a motion to add the employee pay increase to the Draft FY24 budget that was discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, Councilmember Carroll- yes and Councilmember Brittingham – yes.

Motion: Councilmember Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Manager.

Amy Thomas, Town Manager

Date