

TYRONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - REVISED

MINUTES

May 01, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Eric Dial, Mayor

Gloria Furr, Mayor Pro Tem, Post 4

Jessica Whelan, Post 1

Dia Hunter, Post 2

Billy Campbell, Post 3

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Dee Baker, Town Clerk

Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney

Also present:

Linda Howard, Former Councilmember

Sandy Beach, Finance / HR Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

Former Councilmember, Linda Howard who lives on Lynnwood Ave. Spoke regarding alcohol in the parks. She stated that Tyrone's first government and the Town Charter in 1911 stated that alcohol should be forever prohibited within the Town. The Book of Romans also states that it was not good to drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. The Town does not need it. People like the family and country feel we are ignoring children and family rights. Do not expose children to alcohol, vote no.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA: *All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.*

1. Approval of April 17, 2025, Council minutes.
2. Approval to equip a 2024 Ford Interceptor Police vehicle for law enforcement use at 144th Marketing Group under state contract for \$5,985.00.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation of the Fayette County Safety Action Plan. Matt Flynn, POND Co.

Mr. Flynn presented the plan on behalf of Fayette County and gave the next steps and goals for the improvement of making our roads and intersections safer. The many variables included speeds, signage, signal timing, and protective green turn signals to name a few. There were more rear-end accidents than most due to distracted drivers. He shared statistics and the intersections of interest. Among them were Dogwood Rd. and Hwy 74, and Hwy 74 and Sandy Creek Rd.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Consideration for an Alcohol License application from DP&G Group d/b/a Modern Thai, located at 54 Carriage Oaks Drive, for retail consumption adding distilled spirits to their current retail consumption license for malt beverages and wine. Dee Baker, Town Clerk

Ms. Baker shared that Ms. Daranakoon already had an alcohol license for beer and wine and that she was adding distilled spirits.

Mayor Dial opened the public hearing for anyone who wished to speak in favor of the item. No one spoke.

Mayor Dial opened the public hearing for anyone in opposition to the item. No one spoke.

A motion was made to approve the alcohol license for DP&G Group, d/b/a Modern Thai located at 54 Carriage Oaks Drive to include retail consumption for distilled spirits.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

Voting Nay: Council Member Furr.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

5. Consideration to approve a Resolution to adopt the Fayette County 2024 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees (FY2024), including Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program (FY2025-FY2029). Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Trocquet reminded Council that the item was before them to be sent to the Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission in April for approval. Before them was the final adoption.

A motion was made to approve a Resolution to adopt the Fayette County 2024 Annual Report on Fire Services Impact Fees, including Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Updates to the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program.

Motion made by Council Member Furr, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

6. Consideration to approve Change Order 2 for Construction Administration Services on the Palmetto Road at Arrowood / Spencer Lane Roundabout PW-2021-13-04 to POND, Incorporated in the amount not to exceed \$37,801.84. Scott Langford, PE Public Works Director & Town Engineer

Mr. Langford stated that the item was initially part of the 2017 SPLOST list as a mini roundabout, which later became a full roundabout. Since then, the 90% design plans were approved, land acquisition was completed, and Southeastern Site Development, Inc. was awarded the construction contract. He added that construction administration services were required to ensure a durable and sustainable roundabout.

Council Member Campbell inquired about Change Order #1. Mr. Langford stated that it was for sewer realignment. Council Member Campbell asked if all administration services were coming out of SPLOST funds. Mr. Langford stated that they were.

A motion was made to approve Change Order 2 for Construction Administration Services on the Palmetto Road at Arrowood/Spencer Lane Roundabout PW-2021-13-04 to POND, Inc. not to exceed \$37,801.84.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

7. Consideration of a text amendment to Section 30-6 Rules and Regulations for parks regarding alcoholic beverage consumption on Town facilities. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Trocquet stated that the change requested from the workshop was to amend the ordinance reflecting the ability for alcoholic beverages to be sold and consumed on Town-owned property only for town-sponsored events that are approved by Council. The off-premises consumption ordinance must also be followed.

Mr. Trocquet stated that Section 30-6 Rules and Regulations, (j), stated that alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all town facilities. The added verbiage would be, *except as authorized in conjunction with Town-sponsored events in Shamrock Park*. Mr. Trocquet stated that Council would have full control over all Town or DDA events that would propose alcohol. He added that “Shamrock Park” could be removed in the future if Council wished. He added that each event proposing alcohol would only have one alcohol vendor and again, would need to be approved by Council.

Council Member Campbell clarified that during the workshop it was made clear that any event drawing children would not be approved for alcohol sales, including Founders Day. Council Member Hunter also mentioned that other municipalities confirmed that there were no additional incidences caused by alcohol.

Council Member Whelan shared her concerns about allowing alcohol at Town facilities. The potential of disorderly conduct and public intoxication, injuries crossing the railroad, pedestrian crossings, the increase of DUIs, quality of life, public peace, decency, morality, order, and justice for all. She added that it would burden the Police Officers and that no pros have been presented for the changing of the ordinance. Council has an oath to uphold the founding documents. She stated that we are our brother’s keepers; little foxes spoil the vine. She shared that citizens do not want Tyrone to change, let’s vote to ensure our citizens that our park will always be a good experience for everyone.

A motion was made to approve the text amendment to Section 30-6 Rules and Regulations for parks regarding alcoholic beverage consumption on Town facilities as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Hunter

Voting Nay: Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan

May Dial broke the tie, passing the motion.

8. Consideration of a text amendment to Section 4-7 of Article VI of the Alcohol Ordinance regarding consumption and open containers. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Trocquet stated that as part of what was just changed, Section 4-7 needed to be changed also for consistency. He read Section 4-7 (b), *No person shall possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage while walking, standing or otherwise occupying any public street, road, or highway, sidewalk adjacent thereto, public park, or public parking lot. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on other publicly owned properties of the town is prohibited.* He shared the addition would read, *unless as otherwise authorized in Section 30-6 regarding Parks and Recreation rules and Article VI of this ordinance regarding catered and special event functions.*

Council Member Campbell asked if it pertained to public and private events. Mr. Trocquet stated that it would, however, Council would have full control as it pertained to public property.

Mr. Perkins brought to everyone's attention that currently, the way the ordinance was written, if someone came to the park with alcohol in their own containers, they could be cited by an officer. Mr. Trocquet stated that if the change was made, citizens could bring their own alcohol. He asked Mr. Davenport to clarify. Mr. Davenport shared that it was a Town-sponsored event within Shamrock Park that allowed alcohol, a citation could not be issued. If it was not, then they could be cited. A discussion ensued regarding BYOB.

Mr. Davenport stated that the Town needed to be clear on the ordinance language. Mr. Trocquet shared that the Town would only have one alcohol vendor at an event and that they would have specific cups for use. Mr. Davenport shared that it was an issue of absence versus presence, the language needed to be clear.

A motion was made to table items 8, 9, and 10 to the June 5, 2025, meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

9. Consideration of a text amendment to Section 4-202-203 of Article VI regarding sales of alcohol off-premises for catered functions. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Item was tabled to the June 15, 2025, meeting.

10. Consideration of a text amendment to Section 4-1 of Article VI of the Alcohol Ordinance regarding definitions. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Item was tabled to the June 15, 2025, meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

11. Consideration to purchase three Dell Pro Rugged Laptops for \$6,569.28 Randy Mundy, Chief of Police

Chief Mundy stated that the purchase would complete the transfer from old laptops to more sturdy ones for the officers.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the laptops.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

12. Consideration to adopt a revision to the Town of Tyrone fee schedule regarding Building, Planning & Zoning, Environmental, and Engineering fees. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Trocquet recommended approval and reminded Council that the item was discussed at the annual planning workshop meeting.

A motion was made to approve the fee schedule for building, planning & zoning, environmental, and engineering fees.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Furr.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

13. Consideration to approve Amendment 2 to the Inspection Services Agreement contract with SAFEbuilt, Inc., regarding fee changes and retained percentages. Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Trocquet shared that the services agreement would recognize the newly updated fee schedule along with renegotiated percentages with the Town receiving from 0% to 25% of fees and Safebuilt at 75%.

A motion was made to approve Amendment 2 to the Inspection Services Agreement contract with SAFEbuilt, Inc. along with fee changes and retained percentages.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

14. Consideration to Award the 2025 Stormwater Inspection Services project number PW-2025-10 to Integrated Science and Engineering in the amount of \$24,712. Scott Langford, PE Public Works Director & Town Engineer

Mr. Langford shared that the Town was in their 3rd year of a mandated, 5-year stormwater infrastructure inspection program. Integrated Science and Engineering was approached for a proposal to inspect 431 pipes and 620 structures.

A motion was made to Award the 2025 Stormwater Inspection Services project number PW-2025-10 to Integrated Science and Engineering for \$24,712.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The second public comment period is for any issue. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

Ms. Linda Howard announced the first of many Tyrone Elementary School Reunions on May 17th at the museum beginning at 2:00 p.m. The first would include the classes from 1929-1960. Light refreshments would be served.

Ms. Sandy Dow approached Council by proposing that the Town allow local food trucks to begin serving at Shamrock Park while the new Food Truck Park was being constructed. She added that there was interest and would like to see it advance.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Langford announced that the bid opening for the 2025 Asphalt Resurfacing project was today, and the recommendation would be at the next meeting. He also shared that the Dogwood Road paving project would begin on May 5th from Farr Road to Hwy 74, followed by the other side.

Mr. Perkins stated that yesterday the Fayette County Business Summit was held, which included municipalities, business leaders, Trilith members, the Development Authority, the Fayette Chamber, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. He then shared a study that was conducted by Georgia Tech on the cost of community services for the county. He added that Tyrone could obtain their own study and that the Fayette County Development Authority would split the cost leaving Tyrone's portion at \$7,500. Council agreed to pay for the study as it would be invaluable to the Town's future budgeting and taxation decisions.

A motion was made to move forward with the Cost of Community Services study for the Town.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Furr.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

Ms. Beach announced that Ms. Devon Boullion would be leaving her position with the Town for a part-time position to pursue her Masters.

Mr. Perkins announced the First Friday event tomorrow night with musical guest, 6Feet Back, food truck, and vendors. The event will begin at 6:00 to 8:30 at Shamrock Park.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Campbell inquired about the new officer who was hurt during training. Chief Mundy stated that during training in Fulton County, Officer Flaughter injured his knee and was currently assisting Ms. Spradlin and Ms. King with Court duties. He was discharged with an Honorable Discharge and will resume his training at the Fayette County Police Academy when able. Chief Mundy clarified that Officer Flaughter was being paid for his administrative duties.

Council Member Whelan thanked everyone for coming out to the Fayette Square for the National Day of Prayer Celebration that day.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

By: _____
Eric Dial, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dee Baker, Town Clerk