

TYRONE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

September 09, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Billy Campbell, Chairman

Jeni Mount, Vice-Chairwoman

Luci McDuffie, Treasurer

Ernie Johnson

John Kaufman

Nathan Reese

Adam She

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Phillip Trocquet, Asst. Town Manager

Ciara Willis, Secretary

E. Allison Ivey Cox, Town Attorney

Absent:

Ciara Willis, Assistant Town Clerk

Ernie Johnson, Board Member

John Kaufman, Board Member

Luci McDuffie, Treasurer

Also Present:

Dia Hunter, Council Member

Leonardo McClarty, Fayette Chamber of Commerce President

Lynda Owens, Recreation Manager

Krista McClenny, Recreation Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The first public comment period is reserved for non-agenda items. 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 DDA or staff may respond at a later date.*

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Seconded by Board Member Reese.

Voting Yea: Chairman Campbell, Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Board Member She, Board Member Reese.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Seconded by Board Member Reese.
Voting Yea: Chairman Campbell, Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Board Member She, Board Member Reese.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Consideration of a staff report regarding renovation and demolition options for the Fire Station at property address 935 Senoia Road. - ***Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager***

Mr. Trocquet shared that staff was directed to obtain information regarding the cost of exterior renovations and demolition of the property at 935 Senoia Road to make a more informed decision regarding the property's future. Quotes were obtained regarding different options, although not all vendors replied in time to approve services at this time. He added that staff was seeking recommendations from the board to formalize the procurement process for either renovation or demolition services to move the project forward.

The total quote for the roof, paint, doors, siding repairs, and asbestos remediation was \$96,526. He stated that if the total project amount was over \$100,000, the services would need to be published on the Georgia Procurement Registry. If this occurred, the services could not be individualized and would be bid out as an entire project.

The building demolition cost range was quoted at \$36,000-45,000. He received quotes from Crawford Grading and Southern Demolition & Environmental for demolition services. He added that another quote would be necessary if the board decided on this option.

A discussion began with the board regarding the next steps. Chairman Campbell expressed his desire to demolish the existing building and construct a more economical building closer to the street. Mr. Trocquet noted that the Fayette County Development Authority (FCDA) grant funds could not be utilized if we decided to go in this direction. Board Member Reese agreed that demolition was financially enticing and that a greenfield site would be more marketable for future purposes.

Mr. Trocquet suggested a food court concept with food trucks that could be used to occupy the site as a temporary option. Board Member She stated that the current challenge regarding making a decision one way or the other should be focused on the DDA's vision for the property. He added that having a defined vision of the property was prudent so the land was not vacant. Mr. Trocquet expressed that the board could source services from an architectural or civil firm to identify the optimum building layout for the property as a proactive assessment. Board Member She agreed with that recommendation.

Mr. Trocquet stated that the project would be progressing with asbestos testing and that he would obtain the costs for architectural rendering or preliminary site design. Attorney Cox then explained the risks if a developer constructed a new building. Board Members agreed they did not feel comfortable making a final decision regarding the property's future without the other members present.

Board Member She suggested erecting 6,000 sq ft. individual buildings for business owners as an option. He added that this idea was a potential vision for people to support and made sense for the town. Board Member Reese concurred with that suggestion. In response to that suggestion, Mr. Perkins mentioned several concepts of small cluster businesses for activating a green space. Examples included the Piazza Pod Park in Philadelphia, cottages in Auburn, and the Tionesta Market Village in Pennsylvania. The board discussed this option as a combo space that could include food and retail. This option would be low-cost and viable due to the uncertainty of the economy.

Mr. Trocquet stated that he would obtain costs to determine if building sheds on the property in the interim was feasible. He added that he would have that information and a quote for remediation by the next meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration to approve asbestos testing services to Bruce Environmental in an amount not to exceed \$817.00 for the Fire Station Property, 935 Senoia Road. - ***Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager***

Mr. Trocquet informed the board that he obtained three quotes to test for asbestos in the Old Fire Station at 935 Senoia Road. This work was deemed necessary regardless of the future of the building. Each company stated they could not provide a remediation quote without testing information. He explained that Bruce Environmental was the low quote for asbestos testing.

He stated that staff recommended approval of these services for the amount quoted.

A motion was made to approve asbestos testing services to Bruce Environmental in an amount not to exceed \$817.00 for 935 Senoia Road.

Motion made by Board Member Reese, Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Mount.
Voting Yea: Chairman Campbell, Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Board Member She, Board Member Reese.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. STAFF COMMENTS

XII. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Campbell recognized Leonardo McClarty with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce, who was present in the audience.

Mr. McClarty shared that he planned to attend future meetings to identify how the Fayette Chamber of Commerce could be a resource and partner for Tyrone moving forward.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion made by Board Member Reese.

Voting Yea: Chairman Campbell, Vice-Chairwoman Mount, Board Member She, Board Member Reese.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

By: _____
Billy Campbell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Ciara Willis, Secretary