

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 3, 2017 - 7 p.m.**

Mayor Mark Baker called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Myron Marion gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials and staff were present: Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Myron Marion, Council Members Darrell Rogers and Lori Shore-Smith, Administrator Dan Corder, Attorney Elliot Fus and Clerk Robin Key. Council Member Lee Ault was absent. Total attendance: 32

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Rogers made a motion to approve the July 6, 2017 Minutes and the July 31, 2017 Called Meeting Minutes as presented. Council Member Shore-Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Corder advised the Council that the Audit for Fiscal 2016-2017 is almost complete. He is also securing bids for painting the outside of the Alice Watts Tuttle Community and for parking lot repair work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Boy Scout Joseph Lopez, from Troop 900, was in attendance to earn his *Citizenship In Community* and *Communication* Badge.

JUNE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Administrator Corder reviewed the June financial report. (Attachment) Mayor Pro Tem Marion conducted an internal audit of the records and found no discrepancies.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED LOVE'S TRUCK STOP LAND USE PROPOSAL

Mayor Pro Tem Marion spoke regarding recent visits he made to several Love's Truck Stops. He said even though the facilities were clean and well-kept, there was a strong odor of diesel fuel and loud noises from the idling trucks. He said it is his opinion that a Love's Truck Stop is too intense for the area in question, and he would not vote for their land use proposal. He referenced the *Village Development Guidelines*. He said that a major variance to the plan would be required in order to be in compliance with the VDG. Mayor Baker summarized by advising that while Love's Truck Stop has not submitted a finalized site plan or a rezoning request to the Forsyth County Zoning Department, the majority of the Council of the Village of Tobaccoville could not support a plan for this facility.

SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE VILLAGE

Mayor Baker said he and Council Member Shore-Smith had a meeting with Chief Deputy Brad Stanley with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department. Regarding the Village hiring an officer, Council Member Shore-Smith said the deputy would be based in Tobaccoville Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., but if an *assistance needed call* came in, he would be required to leave our area to help because of the shortage of deputies in Forsyth County. The cost for a deputy is

approximately \$94,000, and this would result in a tax increase for the Village. There was a consensus that a Village officer was not affordable. Mayor Baker advised that Administrator Corder is reviewing the cost of placing security cameras in the park to monitor areas susceptible to vandalism and crime. He will report back his findings at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Marion made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rogers seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robin S. Key, Village Clerk

Mark Baker, Mayor

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