



Town Council Meeting Recap

February 25, 2025

Presentations

- New Business: Katrina's Mexican Grill

Approved

- Funding for Tasks 1 and 2 in the amount of \$59,700 to McAdams, Inc. for a site analysis for an alternative plan for Chestnut Square Park Phase 2B. The alternative plan includes removing Shady Bluff, building a new access road, locating a community center along Chestnut Lane, slightly shifting the location of the multi-purpose field, and adding more parking. Tasks 1 and 2 of the site analysis are a Topographic Survey and Conceptual Design Services, respectively. The Conceptual Design Services will include 40,000-square-foot and 80,000-square-foot community center options.
- Regular meeting minutes for the Feb. 11 Town Council meeting.
- The contract to audit the Town's financial accounts to JB Watson & Co. The Council discussed whether it was time to rebid the audit contract, as it is recommended to do so every five years. Staff shared that the Town rebid the contract three years ago and that JB Watson was the only firm to respond. Due to changing regulations, many accounting firms no longer perform governmental audits.

Denied

- To delay a review of the Feb. 11 Town Council meeting minutes until Council Member Barber could put his requested changes in writing.

Discussed

- Law Enforcement update from Captain Andy Mullis.
- Old Monroe Road Widening Delay: NCDOT delayed the start of construction on the Old Monroe Road widening by at least two years due to increased construction costs and funding limitations. Staff sent six questions to NCDOT representative Brett Canipe about the delay. Council Member Alsobrooks read the questions and NCDOT's answers into the record at the meeting. To hear this portion of the meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/4kkynzd> and skip to timestamp 40:50.
- Litter: The Town Council discussed options for reducing litter around the Town, such as Adopt-a-Highway programs and updating the UDO to require outside trash receptacles at business establishments. Staff shared all the proactive ways the Town tries to address litter, including the Spring and Fall litter sweeps, staff picking up litter as part of right-of-way maintenance, and promoting the volunteer litter pick-up opportunities. Staff will continue to make residents aware of what the Town is doing and how they can get involved.
- Business Incentives: The Town Manager recapped the history of economic development in Indian Trail. The Town budgets approximately \$100,000 annually, which is available for potential business incentives. The Town has a flexible business incentive policy that allows the Council to make decisions on a case-by-case basis. Planning Director Brandi Deese reported that some large industrial businesses coming into the Town are not interested in financial incentives and the metrics often tied to them. The Town gets a lot of interest from companies interested in locating here, but the limited sewer capacity is a deterrent. Staff are in regular contact with Union County regarding the sewer capacity issue.

The next Indian Trail Town Council meeting is on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road).



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Discussed

- Potholes: The Town Council discussed the Town's policy for fixing potholes. While there is no official policy, if there is a pothole in the travel lane on the road, Town staff will investigate it and fix it if warranted. Citizens can report potholes directly to the state or the Town via the work order system. The Town does not fix potholes in Town-owned easements if they are part of someone's driveway or parking lot.

Manager's Report

- The Town has invested heavily in staff training over the past few years. The Town Clerk is in the process of becoming a certified Clerk through the School of Government and recently completed a week of classes. Additionally, the Finance Director and Senior Accountant attended the NCGFOA Spring Conference.
- Windscreens were installed at the ball fields at Crooked Creek Park. Scoreboards will be installed by the end of the month.
- A large proposed light industrial project will come before the Town Council in March or April.
- Staff have been meeting with the Union County Sheriff's Office regarding panhandling. Based on these meetings, staff and the Town attorney are working on updates to the ordinance, which will come before the Town Council at a future meeting.
- Staff are working on the FY26 budget. All department directors have submitted their budgets. The first budget workshop will be on March 11 at 5 p.m. before the regular Town Council meeting.
- The Town Clerk will be contacting the Council Members to schedule one-on-one meetings with staff to review the proposed 10-year CIP. During the budget workshop, one of the goals will be to discuss the CIP and options for funding the various projects.
- At a recent Union County Commissioners meeting, the County Tax Assessor gave an update on the property revaluation process and provided a list of the latest tax valuations. He presented the gross amount to the County, not the net amount, which will be less. The Tax Assessor will be at the March 11 Town Council meeting to discuss the property revaluation.
- Mayor Cohn, Council Member Alsobrooks, Council Member Buchaluk, and the Town Manager will attend the Town-State Dinner hosted by the League of Municipalities on Feb. 26. They have arranged to meet with the local delegation to discuss House Bill 382 and the Old Monroe Road widening delay.
- At the upcoming **March 11 meeting**, the council will vote on a public hearing and a stormwater fee adjustment and discuss some of the Town's investments and consider a recommendation to invest some money into a new fund that yields a higher rate of return. These items are subject to change.

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