

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
July 7, 2015
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

Tom Sutton, Mayor
Kate Welch
Janine Crisp
Jim Gribble
Rick Bryson

Town Affiliates

Larry Callicutt, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Fred Moody, Town Attorney

Public

Jack Kersten
Peggy Gracey
Medina Wilson
Annette Hommel
David Robinette
Larry Henriott
Dotty Bryson
Brenda Fortner
Russ Harris
Ginger Gaither
Robert McKim
Sagar Patel
Angela McCall, Smoky
Mountain Times

Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Kate Welch gave the invocation.

Mayor Sutton led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 1, 2015 regular meeting. Alderman Janine Crisp made a correction. Freda Livingston's name was left of the list of attendees. The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 15, 2015 public hearing and special meeting. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes with the necessary changes; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

Peggy Gracey appeared before the Board regarding sewer relief for the filling of the swimming pool at Gracey Manor. The Board reviewed the account. The swimming pool is approximately 30,000 gallons. **Jim Gribble made a motion to forgive \$78.00 off the sewer bill; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

Brenda Fortner appeared before the Board regarding a leak at Water Street Trailer #2. The Board reviewed the account. **Rick Bryson made a motion to forgive \$192.09 off the sewer portion of the bill; Kate Welch seconded the motion that carried.**

Sagar Patel approached the Board and asked for release of the penalty and interest added to a tax bill he received. Attorney Fred Moody didn't know if a Town can release penalty and interest on a tax bill. Attorney Moody said he would do some research and get back to the Board regarding this matter.

Frederick Weeks and Ronnie Brendle were on the agenda but not present for the meeting.

Robert McKim with Thompson Gas Company approached the Board regarding the placement of a large gas tank at 1211 Main Street next to the Fortner's strip mall. The Board discussed this

matter with Mr. McKim and asked that a plat of the property where the tank is to be placed, with all utilities marked, be presented back to the Board.

James Clark was on the agenda but not present for the meeting.

Jack Kersten representing H. T. Hackney appeared before the Board regarding the BP Station and the sewer lines under the proposed new building site. The BP Station would like a variance to allow the sewer lines under the building from the Board. This variance is to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (NCDENR) for approval. **Kate Welch made a motion to approve this variance to be submitted to NCDENR for approval; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Frankin Grove Sewer Project was tabled due to further information being obtained.

Ginger Gaither was not on the agenda but was given time to speak by Mayor Sutton. She wanted to go on record and ask if the Town had helped Alderman Rick Bryson in any way on his new bridge to his home. Alderman Bryson stated that the Town had not helped him in any way on his new bridge.

The Board set the workshop for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody had nothing further to report at this time.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, and Manager's Reports. **Jim Gribble made a motion to accept all the reports as presented; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

Being no further business, **Rick Bryson made a motion to adjourn; Kate Welch seconded the motion that carried.**

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Manager Larry Callicutt

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