

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
March 2, 2015
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Larry Callicutt, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Rick Tabor, Police Chief

Public

Stephanie Rose
Dotty Bryson
Jim Strickland
Mary Ann Graham
Jessica Webb, Smoky Mountain Times

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Kate Welch gave the invocation.

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

Stephanie Rose appeared before the Board regarding a water leak at 204 Pine Avenue. The Board reviewed her account. **Kate Welch made a motion to forgive \$1,132.51 off the sewer portion of her account; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

Mary Ann Graham, representing the Back Country Horsemen of Western North Carolina, approached the Board about using the horse riding arena for a Coggins Clinic on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 1-5 p.m. **Rick Bryson made a motion to grant this request; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Jim Strickland appeared before the Board requesting water services at 75 Green Acres. **Jim Gribble made a motion to grant this water request pending fees are paid; Kate Welch seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 2, 2015 regular meeting. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board of Elections needed to know if the Board of Aldermen wanted absentee ballots in the upcoming November election. The Board decided to leave the election process as is with no absentee ballots.

The Board would like to discuss parking spaces and the color of crosswalks at the workshop this month.

Town Manager Larry Callicutt asked the Board to replace a Town truck that was in an accident. Manager Callicutt said he would bring estimates to the Board for a new truck.

In old business, the street light on Jenkins Branch Road North and the Franklin Grove Sewer Project were both tabled due to further information being obtained.

The Alcoholic Beverage Sales on Sunday Ordinance change and the closure of Frye Street were removed from old business.

The March workshop was set for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody was present but had nothing to report.

The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector, Police Chief's, Public Works, and Wastewater Reports.

The Board reviewed the Water Report. Alderman Rick Bryson commented about the unaccounted for water percentage only dropping from 34.04 to 32.42. He wanted to know why this percentage was still so high when all the new radio read meters are in place. There are still fire protection accounts un-metered and the Town is in the process of placing master meters on main Town lines to spot leaks as well as a meter on the output of the Water Plant.

Town Manager Larry Callicutt presented the Manager's Report. Swain County sent a letter requesting a modification of the cleaning agreement for the new Visitor's Center. Instead of cleaning the restrooms they are requesting that the Town use their street sweeper to clean the parking lots several times a week as well as any ice/snow removal. The Board agreed to this agreement.

Jim Gribble made a motion to approve all the reports as presented; Rick Bryson seconded the motion that carried.

Alderman Rick Bryson gave an update on the Trout City status for the Tuckaseegee River.

Mayor Tom Sutton requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board returned from Executive Session and reported that no actions were taken.

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Manager Larry Callicutt CHD