Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City

Town Hall
45 Everett Street
May 13, 2025

Attending:

Board of Aldermen	Town Affiliates	Public
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Sam Pattillo, Town Manager	Genivieve Spires
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem	Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk	Mark Fortner
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	Charlie Robinson, Police Chief	Virginia Zalman
Tim Hines	Michael Frue, Town Attorney	Mark Hamel
	Charles Bryson, Fire Chief	

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

Aldermen Tim Hines gave the invocation.

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

Genivieve Spires spoke during public comment regarding the recent fires in the Sam Davis Road area.

Mark Fortner spoke during public comment regarding the Fire Prevention Ordinance. Specifically, the Primary Fire Limits and the rules that buildings in this area must abide by regarding building codes.

Mark Hamel also spoke during public comment regarding the recent fires in the Sam Davis Road area.

The Board reviewed and discussed the April 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the April 29, 2025 special meeting/workshop minutes. **Tim Hines made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the letter for the Bryson City Fire Department's letter drive; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.

Ben King made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Modification #1; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.

The Board discussed and reviewed the draft budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year which includes an updated fee schedule.

In old business, the Board tabled the Fire Prevention Ordinance, the Flood Prevention Ordinance, and the Fire Services with Swain County.

The next regular meeting will be on June 10, 2025. The next workshop will be on May 20, 2025 at 5:30p.m. **Ben King made a motion to set the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing for June 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Attorney Michael Frue presented the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, and Town Manager Reports. There was no Town Engineer report due to his absence. **Tim Hines made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Being no further business, **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to adjourn; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

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Mayor Tom Sutton Town Clerk Lynn Thomas