Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
October 8, 2024
Town Hall
45 Everett Street
6:00 p.m.

Attending:

Board of Aldermen	Town Affiliates	Public
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Nate Bowe, Town Engineer	Audrey Robinson
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem	Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk	Mike Drinkwater
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	John Henning, Jr. Town Attorney	
Tim Hines	Charles Bryson, Fire Chief	
Chad Smith	Charlie Robinson, Police Chief	

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

Alderman Tim Hines gave the invocation.

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

No one was present for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2024 public hearing, the September 10, 2024 regular meeting and the September 24, 2024 workshop meeting. **Chad Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board discussed an application that Swain County presented for water and sewer at 35 East Ridge Drive for a Department of Social Services Foster Child House. Swain County is asking for the water and sewer connection fees to be waived for this location. Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. has been doing some research regarding the water bonds that built the water plant to see if any water revenue can be waived. This matter was tabled until the next regular Board meeting in November.

Paula Bishop was not at the meeting but had spoken to Mayor Sutton regarding eight sewer connections in her trailer park at Governor's Island to help with displaced people from the Ela Campground due to flooding from Hurricane Helene. The total sewer connections would be $25, 200 and Paula Bishop asked if she could have a payment plan for the sewer connection fees. Town Attorney John Henning, Jr., said that he would draw up a promissory note for this matter. Town Engineer Nate Bowe said he would discuss with Mrs. Bishop the option of having more sewer taps at this location if needed. **Tim Hines made a motion to approve the eight sewer connections and payment plan pending legal agreement drafted by the Town Attorney is signed by Mrs. Bishop; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Engineer Nate Bowe presented the Board a Procurement Policy for Projects using Federal Grants and Loans for the Town of Bryson City. **Ben King made a motion to approve this policy with the minor changes mentioned by Town Attorney John Henning, Jr.; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Engineer Nate Bowe gave updates on the North Carolina State Revolving Fund Loan application. Hurricane Helene's devastation of Asheville has delayed this process, but it will be rescheduled as soon as possible. He also gave a post Hurricane Helene update.

The Board set the October workshop for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. and the November regular meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

Town Attorney John Henning, Jr., had nothing further to report other than what has already been discussed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Town Engineer's, and Town Manager's Reports. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

The Executive Session was on the agenda but not needed.

Being no further business, **Tim Hines made a motion to adjourn; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

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Mayor Tom Sutton Town Clerk Lynn Thomas