

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
March 4, 2019
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

Tom Sutton, Mayor
Jim Gribble, Mayor Pro-Tem
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard
Ben King

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Travis McCall, Public Works
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Charles Bryson, Fire Chief
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Greg Jones, Police Chief

Public

Sue Bentivogli
Justina Bentivogli
Jaime Greene
Cristina Greene
Catherine Sawyer
Brianna Snyder
Charles McGaha
James Budd, Smoky Mountain
Times

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gribble gave the invocation.

No one came forward for Public Comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 4, 2019 regular meeting, February 18, 2019 special meeting/workshop, and the February 22, 2019 special meeting. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Brianna Snyder presented a race course and a request for the street closures for the Rainbow 5K race to be held on April 20, 2019. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the street closures for the race; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Jaime and Cristine Greene presented the Board with an application for sewer services at 970 Fontana Road. The Greene's will be responsible for a bore and jack under the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) road and the installation of a manhole to get sewer services to their side of Fontana Road. The Town will inspect the work and take over responsibility of the line and manhole. **Ben King made a motion to approve the sewer services pending approval from the NCDOT, aforementioned installation of sewer line and manhole, and payment of pending tap fee; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Sue Bentivogli appeared before the Board requesting late fees be forgiven off her account due to her check being lost in the mail. The board reviewed Ms. Bentivogli's account. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to forgive \$104.15 in late fees off the account; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a resolution supporting the current ABC control system for the sale of liquor. A correction of a date was pointed out in paragraph 5. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve this resolution with correction; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Police Chief Greg Jones presented the Board with information regarding a grant program through USDA to replace old police vehicles. This would be a 45% matching grant for the Town. Chief Jones asked for permission to apply for the grant. **Ben King made a motion for the Town to apply for this grant; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Manager Regina Mathis presented the Board with an update on the Main Street Project funding. The project has increased by \$140,000 and the Town will need to apply to Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for an additional grant of \$90,000 with the Town to pay \$50,000. **Ben King made a motion to apply for the additional funding with ARC; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Manger Mathis reviewed the information regarding financing of the new garbage truck. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to purchase the new garbage truck out right and not use financing; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the two new policies that were needed for the Governor's Crime Commission Grant. **Jim Gribble made a motion to adopt the conflict of interest and whistleblower policies for the Town of Bryson City; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the personnel policy updates and the Planning Board's suggestions for lighting on Main Street were both tabled until further information can be obtained.

The March workshop was set for Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Manager's Reports. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the reports as submitted; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas