

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
April 1, 2019
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Charles Bryson, Fire Chief
Hannah Farley, Admin. Assistant

Public

Randy Saunooke
Roger Roland
Lexi Perez
Dennis Anthony
Larry Roland
Terry Floyd
Lila Floyd
Dana Bolden
Joe Hayes
James Budd, Smoky Mtn.
Times

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

Alderman Janine Crisp gave the invocation.

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

No one came forward for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 4, 2019 regular meeting and the March 18, 2019 workshop. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Randy Saunooke appeared before the Board asking for a game room permit for the Corner Pocket on Everett Street. The Board requested that Mr. Saunooke get a background check and present it to Manager Regina Mathis. **Jim Gribble made a motion to grant this permit for a game room to Mr. Saunooke as long as the fee is paid and a background check is presented to Manager Mathis; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Dennis Anthony approached the Board requesting relief and a refund for property taxes on a piece of property that he does not own. Tax Collector Carla Passmore gave the Board the information regarding this matter. 2017-2018 amount of money to be released was \$507.85 and for tax years 2014-2016 the amount to be refunded was \$801.86. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to release and refund the aforementioned amounts; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Terry Floyd presented the Board with an application for water services at 434 West Deep Creek. **Ben King made a motion to approve the water services for 434 West Deep Creek pending the necessary fees are paid; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve a resolution to permit Absentee and One-Stop Early voting for the November 2019 election; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.

The Board reviewed the Planning Board applications presented due to a Planning Board members resignation. **Jim Gribble made a motion to appoint Chad Smith to the Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired time of Todd Lancaster's term; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Jim Gribble made a motion to approve a resolution to accept the State Grant in the amount of \$95,000 to perform asset inventory and assessment work for sewer infrastructure needs; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.

Ben King made a motion to approve a resolution to accept the State Grant in the amount of \$85,000 to perform asset inventory and assessment work on the Town's water system; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.

Town Manager Regina Mathis presented the Budget Modification #2 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve this budget modification; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a resolution supporting the opposition to Catawba Indian Nation Casino in North Carolina. **Ben King made a motion to approve this resolution; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Board tabled the personnel policy updates and the street lights on Main Street until further information could be obtained.

The April workshop will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This is part of the Budget Schedule for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget preparation.

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 Town Manager's Reports. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve all the reports as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas