Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
April 29, 2025
Town Hall
5:30 p.m.

Attending:

Board of Aldermen	Town Affiliates	Public
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Nate Bowe, Town Engineer	Sara Eisinger, *Smoky*
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem	Sam Pattillo, Town Manager	*Mtn. Times*
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	Charlie Robinson, Police Chief	Landon Green
Tim Hines	Charles Bryson, Fire Chief	Jason Webb
Chad Smith	Gina Wiggins, Town Planning Board	Mike Drinkwater
	Jamie Hampton, Deputy Town Clerk	

Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Gina Wiggins, on behalf of the Town Planning Board, and Greg Feldman, on behalf of Withers Ravenel, via telephone, reviewed updates and changes to the Unified Development Ordinance.

Charles Bryson discussed the Fire Prevention Ordinance and fire services with Swain County. Chief Bryson stated the Town needs to present an amount to the county for Fire Department support to include two more paid firefighter positions plus operational costs.

The Board discussed the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Swain County will be overseeing this ordinance.

Town Manager Sam Pattillo presented more information to the Board regarding the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Town Engineer Nate Bowe presented a Local Government Commission Resolution to apply for funding for the Town water meter replacement project through Fortiline. The project cost, at this time, is $991,399.72. Costs may change due to the rising cost of equipment. **Tim Hines made a motion to accept the Local Government Commission Resolution to apply for funding based on the amount of $991,399.72; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Nate also presented a State Revolving Fund Resolution to apply for funding for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There is a possibility of 100% principal forgiveness on this loan. The resolution is only to apply for funding and the offer can be turned down by the Town. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the State Revolving Fund Resolution to apply for funding for the Waste Water Treatment Plant; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

Nate asked the Board to add an additional action item to the Special Meeting to adopt an updated Capital Improvements Plan that was previously adopted. **Chad Smith made a motion to add the additional action item to the Special Meeting; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the update to the Capital Improvements Plan. **Chad Smith made a motion to adopt the update to the Capital Improvements Plan that was previously adopted; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.

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Mayor Tom Sutton Deputy Town Clerk Jamie Hampton