

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

August 5, 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
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Fred Moody, Town Attorney

Public

Eric Bowman
Mitchell Jenkins
Mark Fortner
Jennifer Scott
Kyle Henry
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 July 1, 2019 regular meeting and the July 15, 2019 special meeting and workshop. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Jennifer Scott with Nate and Nick's Pizza appeared before the Board regarding a water leak at the restaurant on Everett Street. The Board reviewed the account. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to forgive \$1,227.31 off the sewer portion of her bill; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Mitchell Jenkins appeared before the Board requesting water services at 1585 Franklin Grove Church Road. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve this water request pending necessary fees are paid; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Mark Fortner appeared before the Board requesting water and sewer taps for Morning Star Drive. He is looking at building two apartment buildings with 4 units in each. So, he will need 8 water taps and two sewer taps. Mr. Fortner asked that the Town's water line be extended to his property and he would pay for this extension of the water line. The Board is not doing any extensions of water lines outside city limits. So, therefore Mr. Fortner's water taps will be at the end of the Town's current water line and he will have to bring lines to said line. **Ben King made a motion to approve the water and sewer services with the stipulations that our current water lines not be extended and pending tap fees paid, Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Eric Bowman gave the Board an overview on the 2018-2019 Town Audit and said that everything looked great.

The Board discussed future ABC Board member appointments and put in a stipulation that ABC Board applicants have to reside inside city limits. **Jim Gribble made a motion that all ABC Board members must reside inside city limits; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the two applicants for the Planning Board. The Board had three vacancies and two applicants so Mayor Sutton asked Kyle Henry in the audience if he would apply and Mr. Henry said he would. **Therefore, Jim Gribble made a motion to appoint Brett Hackshaw, Catherine Gantt, and Kyle Henry to the Planning Board each with a three year term to start September 1, 2019; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Manager Regina Mathis presented the Board with a request to do a Lands Creek Dam Map which has to be engineered. McGill and Associates will do this for approximately \$4,000. **Ben King made a motion to go ahead with this map; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Manager Mathis also wanted the Board's recommendation regarding compensatory time for exempt and non-exempt employees. The Board would like for the cap to be at 240 hours with paid out for non-exempt employees over 240 and anything over 240 hours for exempt employees to be lost. The Board would like for compensatory hours to be looked at throughout the year for each employee. **Ben King made a motion to approve the aforementioned policy regarding compensatory time for exempt and non-exempt employees; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Board discussed being the clearing house for the Tuckasegee River Alliance in order to receive grant funding. One stipulation was that the Board of Aldermen must have approval of any plans prior to construction on Town Property. **Janine Crisp made a motion that the Town be the clearing house for the Tuckasegee River Alliance but must have approval of plans prior to construction on Town property. Before a second could be made, Alderman Crisp amended her motion to also include that any grant have an administration costs included which would help cover the Town's staff and auditing costs; Jim Gribble seconded the amended motion that carried.**

The August workshop will be on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The Board also set the September regular meeting for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday.

Attorney Fred Moody presented the Attorney's Report. He reported that he had met with Brenda Fortner regarding the easement requested for the Black Hill project. Attorney Moody said that the Town may have to pursue alternate easements. The Board instructed Attorney Moody to proceed getting information about possibly using the North Carolina Department of Transportation's easement for this project.

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

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas