

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

December 6, 2021

Swain County Administration Building
50 Main Street, 3rd Floor Auditorium

Attending:

Board of Aldermen	Town Affiliates	Public
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Regina Mathis, Town Manager	Jessica Webb, <i>Smoky Mtn.</i>
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem	Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk	<i>Times</i>
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	Fred Moody, Town Attorney	
Steven Augustine	Charlie Robinson, Police Chief	

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

Heidi Ramsey-Woodard gave the invocation.

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

Ben King was nominated for the Mayor Pro-Tem position on the Board and his fellow Aldermen voted for him to continue being the Mayor Pro-Tem.

No one was present for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 1, 2021 Public Hearing, November 1, 2021 regular meeting, November 15, 2021 rescheduled meeting (no quorum), and the November 16, 2021 special meeting. **Ben King made a motion to approve all the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a request by Chad Choquette for two water taps at 535 Jordan Road. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the water taps pending all fees are paid; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a premium pay policy for the Town of Bryson City. **Ben King made a motion to approve this policy; Steven Augustine seconded the motion that carried.**

A letter from Tax Collector Carla Passmore was reviewed by the Board. It included tax refunds for Christie Anthony in the amount of \$751.59 and Robert Grimsley Trust in the amount of \$1,007.25. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve these tax refunds; Steven Augustine seconded the motion that carried.**

The Fire Department presented a letter requesting permission to apply for the State Forest Service Grant. **Ben King made a motion to grant permission for the Fire Department to apply for the State Forest Service Grant; Steven Augustine seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Manger Regina Mathis presented the Board with the bids for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) police vehicles. **Ben King made a motion to give the bid to low bidder**

Ken Wilson FORD in the amount of \$43,980.00 each with a total of five to be purchased; Steven Augustine seconded the motion that carried.

Town Manger Regina Mathis presented the Board with updated Title I and Title III sections of the Town's ordinance book. **Ben King made a motion to approve these updated sections of the Town's ordinance book; Steven Augustine seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Board reviewed changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance. **Ben King made a motion to adopt this Solid Waste Ordinance; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board will not have a December workshop and the next regular meeting will be held on January 10, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Department, Public Works, Wastewater, Streets, and Town Manager Reports. There was no Water Report presented. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas