

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
February 5, 2018
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Greg Jones, Police Chief
Brian Jenkins, Asst. Police Chief
Charles Bryson, Fire Chief

Public

Dennis White Brad Walker
Shelby Winstead Jenna Hazelet
Karen Ciullo Jerry Ciullo
Janice Inabinett Ben Bushyhead
Brookes Peavyhose Kyle Henry
Priscilla Vega Bruce Toineeta
Brett Hackshaw Regina Mathis
Cathie Crew, Smoky Mtn. Times

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gribble gave the invocation.

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

The Mayor called for Public Comment with no one coming forward.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 8, 2018 regular meeting, January 11, 2018 special meeting, and the January 22, 2018 special/workshop meeting. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with one correction on the January 8, 2018 regular meeting page two changing the word applying to apply; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Shelby Winstead with ServLine presented a presentation to the Board regarding their company which can provide a leak and/or line insurance policy to the customers of the Town. All the billing for the policy goes thru the Town and is billed on the customer's water bill with an option to opt out of the program. The Board reviewed the proposal and will discuss it further at a later date.

Karen Ciullo with Grumpy Bear Campground appeared before the Board regarding her sewer bills. The Ciullo's do not receive water from the Town so the first two months they were open the Town charged the North Carolina state standard for a sewer only campground which was 100 gallons per site per day. In November the Ciullo's placed a meter on their well so that the Town can read this meter and only charge sewer for the water that goes thru their well. This drastically reduced the amount of the sewer bill and the Ciullo's are asking for relief for the first two months when they were billed the state standard. The board reviewed the account. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to take an average of the two months with the meter on their well and only charge them this amount of sewer for the months of September and October; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Karen Wilmot was on the agenda but not present for the meeting.

Janice Inabinett presented the Board with a proclamation designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month”.

Priscilla Vega appeared before the Board requesting water services at 1700 Franklin Grove Church Road. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve this application of water service pending tap fees are paid; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a new Grease Trap Policy for the Town of Bryson City and will discuss it further at a workshop meeting.

In old business, the ordinance expanding the Sunday hours during which alcoholic beverages may be sold within the corporate limits of the Town of Bryson City was brought before the Board for a second reading. **Ben King made a motion to adopt this ordinance change; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion with Alderman Crisp and Alderman Gribble voting no and Alderman King and Alderman Ramsey-Woodard voting yes and Mayor Sutton breaking the tie with a yes vote.**

The Board set the February workshop for February 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney’s Report.

Fire Chief Charles Bryson gave the Fire Chief’s Report and addressed his concerns regarding the Town and Swain County not having a current fire contract. He also spoke of his concerns regarding the Fire Marshal inspections of some businesses, a Swain County Fire and Rescue being formed, and the fire hydrant inspections that the Town needs to be performing. He suggested a joint meeting with Swain County to address some of these issues.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Tax Collector’s, Police Chief’s, Public Works, Water, and Wastewater Reports. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Janine Crisp 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