

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
January 4, 2021
50 Main Street
Swain County Administration Building
3rd Floor Auditorium
6: 00 p.m.

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

Tom Sutton, Mayor
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem
Janine Crisp
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard
Chad Smith

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town clerk
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Charlie Robinson, Police Chief

Public

Jessica, Webb, Smoky Mountain Times

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

Alderman Heidi Ramsey-Woodard gave the invocation.

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

No one was present for Public Comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2020 regular meeting. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board discussed a policy regarding COVID-19 leave for Town employees. The Federal COVID-19 leave of 80 hours per employee expired on December 31, 2020. **Ben King made a motion for a policy to be drawn up allowing up to 80 hours of leave for Town employees out of work due to COVID-19 for the 2021 calendar year; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board also discussed the coronavirus vaccine. **Chad Smith made a motion for the Town to encourage employees to take the vaccine but not to make it mandatory; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Board a proposed maximum building height ordinance for review. The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance and still had questions to be answered. The Board will set a Public Hearing regarding this matter when all the questions regarding this proposed ordinance have been addressed.

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Also, in old business, the Backflow and other Town Ordinances were tabled due to further information being obtained.

The Board set the January workshop for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

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

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas