

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
January 8, 2018
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

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

Public

Dennis White
Brad Walker
Michelle Walker
Regina Mathis
Chad Wood
Trey Barnett
Brett Hackshaw
Kyle Henry
Edward Ciociola
Cathie Crew, Smoky Mtn. Times
Jessi Stone, Smoky Mtn. News

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

Janine Crisp gave the invocation.

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

The Mayor called for Public Comment. Mr. Chad Wood with Budweiser spoke before the Board at the request of his local clients supporting the Brunch Bill Ordinance. Mr. Trey Barnett who works with Wildwater Rafting Company voiced his support for the Brunch Bill Ordinance.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 4, 2017 regular meeting and the December 18, 2017 workshop meeting. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Jade Shuler was on the agenda but not present for the meeting. Ms. Shuler is getting more information regarding this 5-K race before presenting this request to the Board.

Edward Ciociola owner of the Calhoun Inn and Suites appeared before the Board regarding the paving of Wheeler Street. This is a short Town Street that Mr. Ciociola's guests use to access the upstairs of his establishment. Mr. Ciociola was told that the Board will be reviewing Town Streets that are in need of repair. They will establish a Town Street paving list for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget.

An ordinance for expanding the hours during which alcoholic beverages may be sold within the corporate limits of the Town of Bryson City on Sunday was presented to the Board for discussion. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Ben King to adopt the aforementioned ordinance with an addition that the ending time be the time limit of the North Carolina State Statute regarding alcohol sales; Heidi Ramsey seconded the motion. The vote was as follows Ben King-yes, Heidi Ramsey-Woodard-yes, Janine Crisp-no, Jim Gribble-no, and Mayor Sutton- yes. There was not a two thirds majority vote by the Board, so therefore a second reading will take place at the February 5, 2018 meeting.**

The Board reviewed the Audit Contract from S. Eric Bowman for the Town of Bryson City's 2017-2018 Audit. The amount presented was \$25,600. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve this contract; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board set the workshop for January 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody presented the Attorney's Report to the Board. He has been working on a cross-connection ordinance with Manager Simons and researching ownership regarding the Police Station building at 200 Main Street. He reported that the building is owned half by the Town and half by Swain County.

Fire Chief Charles Bryson presented the Fire Chief's Report and asked for approval from the Board for the Fire Department to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the North Carolina State grants. **Ben King made a motion to give permission to the Fire Department to apply for the grants; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Manager's Reports. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Jim Gribble made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss personnel; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried. Janine Crisp made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried. The Board reported no actions were taken during the Executive Session.

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas