

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

**July 1, 2019**

**Town Hall**

Attending:

### Board of Aldermen

Tom Sutton, Mayor  
Jim Gribble, Mayor Pro-Tem  
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  
Greg Jones, Police Chief

### Public

Kaye McConnell  
Tabatha Hampton  
Sophia Medford  
James Budd, 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 gave the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 3, 2019 regular meeting, June 17, 2019 Public Hearing, June 17, 2019 special meeting/workshop. **Jim Gribble made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Tabatha Hampton appeared before the Board requesting the extension of a water main to her potential property. Ms. Hampton had been approved for a water tap with the Town and was going to get the easements across property owners to come to our water main. However, the North Carolina Department of Transportation said that she could not be in their road right of way with the water lines. So, Ms. Hampton would like the Town to extend their water line approximately 400 feet to her potential property. The Board told Ms. Hampton that projects outside city limits requires permitting and easement acquisition. This will set a precedent for extensions of water and/or sewer lines outside city limits. The Board is not going to allow the extension of any water and/or lines at this time outside city limits.

Kaye McConnell gave the Board an update and an invite to the Recovery Alliance Initiative's 7 County Western NC Community Summit on Friday, August 16, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Bryson City.

Town Manager Regina Mathis asked the Board to make a decision about the permit renewal for sandwich board signs. **Janine Crisp made a motion to make this permit an annual fee; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the information from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the railroad signal crossings at Collins and Ramseur Streets. The Board did not make a decision at this time and tabled this matter until the workshop and more information has been obtained.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Giving Spoon non-profit organization asking for \$1,000 from the 2019-2020 Town Budget. **Janine Crisp made a motion to add this organization to the special appropriations for this year; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, Town Manger Regina Mathis presented the updated personnel policy. Town Attorney Fred Moody brought up the issue of being an at will employer but having a policy and process for appeal for a terminated employee. The Board discussed this issue but decided to leave the policy as presented. **Jim Gribble made a motion to adopt the personnel policy as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board removed the planning board suggestions for moving or adding street lights at crosswalks on Everett from old business.

The Board set the July workshop for Monday, July 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody presented the Attorney's Report and presented a request for a potential right of way for Margaret Varner for a road across the Town's property on Buckner's Branch Road. Attorney Moody said he would proceed with the process if the Board was interested in giving this road right of way. The Board said for Attorney Moody to proceed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Wastewater, and Manager's Reports. There was not a Water Report presented this month. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

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

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Mayor Tom Sutton

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Town Clerk Lynn Thomas