

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

**July 7, 2020**

**Swain County Administration Building**

**50 Main Street, Bryson City NC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Charles Robinson, Police Chief

**Public**

Mark Day  
Patrick Smith  
Audree Robinson  
Shaun Adams, Smoky Mtn.  
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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.

Mark Day spoke during public comment and gave the Board information regarding a Trump Patriotic/2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights Rally planned for July 18, 2020 on the Heritage Museum/Old Courthouse Square.

The Board reviewed the June 1, 2020 regular meeting, June 15, 2020 budget public hearing, June 15, 2020 special/workshop meeting, and the June 25, 2020 special meeting. **Chad Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Jeff Jenkins was on the agenda but not present for the meeting.

The Board reviewed an agreement and a resolution for the Town to start a North Carolina Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan resolution which allows the Town to set up a 457 B retirement plan; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

In old, business the Board discussed the placement of antennas on Town Hall and the Fire Station by Skywave and the Swain County Chamber of Commerce to help with free Wi-Fi services on Main Street and Everett Street. The Board discussed the issues of access to the buildings and stated that access would be available only when locations are open not after hours or on weekends. The other stipulation was that the services from the antennas could not be used commercially by Skywave. **Ben King made a motion to approve the placement of the antennas; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

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Also, in old business, the Board tabled the Backflow Ordinance, Town Ordinances, and the Kelly Bennett Park until further information can be obtained.

The Board set the July workshop for Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Swain County Administration Building, 50 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium.

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, Streets, and Manager's Reports. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

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

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**Mayor Tom Sutton**

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**Town Clerk Lynn Thomas**