

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
July 9, 2018
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Charles Bryson , Fire Dept.
Fred Moody, Town Attorney

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Raymond McGill
Kyle Henry
Brett Hackshaw
Jessica Webb, Smoky Mountain
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Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Janine Crisp gave the invocation.

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

Raymond McGill spoke to the Board during the Public Comment regarding possible projects on Island Park.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 4, 2018 regular meeting, June 18, 2018 public hearing, and June 18, 2018 special meeting/workshop. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The River Street/Walgreen' s sewer project was tabled until a preliminary plan of the project can be reviewed by Eugene and Shirley Sutton so that an easement can be drawn up and signed by the Sutton's.

The Board reviewed a Public Comment Policy presented by Town Manager Regina Mathis. Attorney Fred Moody suggested changing the term Mayor to Presiding Official. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the policy with aforementioned changes; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a letter from the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad requesting the Town close Fry Street from Everett to Collins Street by abandoning its road right of way. Another letter was sent to the Board from Joe and Kate Sawyer requesting the closure of Greenlee Street from Fry to Bryson Street by abandoning its road right of way. Town Attorney Fred Moody presented the Board with a resolution of intent for both of these street closure requests. The Board set the Public Hearing regarding this matter for August 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Swain County Administration Building Superior Courtroom at 101 Mitchell Street. **Ben King made a motion to approve this resolution of intent; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion with King, Ramsey-Woodard, and Crisp voting yes and Gribble voting no.**

The Board reviewed a list of the newly elected Fire Personnel. **Ben King made a motion to approve the elected Fire Chief and Officers of the Bryson City Fire Department; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Swain County is applying for a \$150,000 grant for erosion control and eco friendly water access points for the Island Park. **Ben King made a motion to approve Swain County to apply for this grant; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, Manager Mathis presented the Board with the updated Fire Contract with Swain County. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve this contract as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Also, in old business the vacation rental water and sewer rate policy was tabled due to further information being obtained.

The Board set the workshop for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody presented the Attorney's Report. He gave an update on the Monteith Campground issue. The Board requested that some action take place this month regarding this matter.

Chief Charles Bryson gave the Fire Chief's Report.

Carla Passmore gave the Tax Collector's Report. She requested from the Board a release of all personal property over 10 years which according to State law cannot be collected. A list was provided for the Board to review. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to release all the personal property taxes listed over 10 years old in the amount of \$375.97; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

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