

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

**June 1, 2020  
50 Main Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium  
6:00 p.m.**

Attending:

**Board of Aldermen**

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

**Town Affiliates**

Regina Mathis, Town Manager  
Fred Moody, Town Attorney  
Lou Jones, Fire Coordinator  
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector  
Charles Robinson, Police Chief

**Public**

Jeff Helpman  
Shaun Adams, Smoky Mountain Times

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

Alderman Janine Crisp gave the invocation.

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

Jeff Helpman spoke during the public comment period regarding organizing a black lives matter rally/march on Monday, June 8, 2020 from noon till dusk at the Swain County Visitor Center property at the intersection of Everett Street and Main Street.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 4, 2020 regular meeting and the special meeting/workshop on May 18, 2020. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed an application from Chester Bartlett for water and sewer services at Toot Hollow Circle Lot #23. This is a re-approval since the first approval was granted in 2018 and if tap fees are not paid, they will expire a year from the approval date. **Ben King made a motion to approve the water and sewer services requested; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Modification #3. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve this Budget Modification #3 to the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a resolution and agreement to participate in the Southwestern North Carolina Home Consortium and for the Mayor to act as the executive officer of the Town in regards to this agreement. **Ben King made a motion to approve the resolution and agreement presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Town of Bryson City Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board will have a member coming off on June 30, 2020 and Nancy Gibson is resigning from her position on the Board. So therefore, July 1, 2020 there will be two vacancies. The Board reviewed the applications for the ABC Board positions and decided that Mark Pettit would fulfill the rest of Nancy Gibson's term which will end on June 30, 2022 and Mike

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Treadway would fill the vacant spot and his term will end on June 30, 2023. **Ben King made a motion to approve the aforementioned new ABC Board members and their terms; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

The Freedom Fest Annual Fourth of July festival status was discussed. Due to the coronavirus and the North Carolina Governor's orders regarding mass gatherings this issue was tabled until the June workshop.

Chris Green's application for water service at 2060 Hwy.19 South was re-visited because new information has been obtained that will make an 8-inch water line possible at this location. The North Carolina Department of Transportation encroachment, engineering, construction, and an encasement of the line under the highway with valves at each end of the line all paid for by Mr. Green are stipulations of this approval. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve this water service as long as fees are paid and all stipulations aforementioned are met; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Also, in old business, the backflow ordinance and the Town's ordinance Review were tabled until further information can be obtained.

An update on the Kelly Bennett Park was discussed. The Board would like a detailed proposal with a sketch of the trails along with whom will execute the proposal. This proposal will also be presented to the property owners of the adjoining development.

The Board along with the Town Attorney said the letters concerning stopper valves for campgrounds during flood/rain events was good and Town Manager Regina Mathis could proceed with the letters.

The Board has the June workshop set for Monday, June 15, 2020 along with the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing to be held at the Swain County Administration Building; 50 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium.

The Board set the July meeting for Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Swain County Administration Building, 50 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium.

Town 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 Town Manager's Reports. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve all the reports as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard 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**