Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
March 11, 2025
Town Hall
45 Everett Street

Attending:

Board of Aldermen	Town Affiliates	Public
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Sam Pattillo, Town Manager	Lee Allison
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem	Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk	Carolyn Allison
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	Charlie Robinson, Police Chief	Karen Proctor
Tim Hines	Michael Frue, Town Attorney	Gina Wiggins
	Charles Bryson, Fire Chief	Sara Eisinger, Smoky Mtn. Times
	Nate Bowe, Town Engineer	

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

Alderman Heidi Ramsey-Woodard gave the invocation.

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

No one signed up for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 11, 2025 regular meeting and the February 25, 2025 workshop. **Tim Hines made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Lee Allison, with the Rotary Club of Bryson City, presented the Board with a request to close one lane of Mitchell Street on Friday, July 4, 2025 from 6:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. for the 35th annual Firecracker 5K race. Mr. Allison has contacted all emergency services to help with the race as it travels its course. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to grant this request; Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a request from Kenneth Dyer for leak relief at 911 Main Street. **Tim Hines made a motion to forgive $1623.12 off the sewer portion of this bill; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a request from Westin Horne for a leak relief at 120 Twin Oaks Drive. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to forgive $823.32 off the sewer portion of this bill; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed an application for water services from Rachel and Cody McGaha at 978 Fontana Road. After this water connection, this area may not have the capacity for another water service until further investigation can be done by the Town staff. **Tim Hines made a motion to approve this service; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Ben King made a motion to approve the request for proposal from Fortiline for the meter change out program and to continue to negotiate a contract with Fortiline. The Town will also continue to look at financing for this project. Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded this motion that carried.

Ben King made a motion to add an eligibility requirement to the Planning Board. It states that up to one at large, who is a resident of Swain County. Tim Hines seconded the motion that carried.

In old business, the Fire Prevention Ordinance, the Flood Damage Ordinance, and the Fire Services with Swain County were all tabled until further information can be obtained.

The regular meeting for April will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the March workshop will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Michael Frue gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Town Engineer's, and Town Manager's Reports. **Tim Hines 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; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

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Mayor Tom Sutton **Town Clerk Lynn Thomas**