

**Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City**  
**March 19, 2018**  
**Town Hall**

Attending:

**Board of Aldermen**

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

**Town Affiliates**

Regina Mathis, Town Manager  
Travis McCall, Public Works  
Foreman

**Public**

Cathie Crew, Smoky Mtn. Times

Mayor Tom Sutton called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Travis McCall presented the Board with a list of the Town's pump stations. The list included working pumps at each station and whether or not the station has a generator option and a by-pass port.

The Board reviewed the bid from Collins Masonry for the sidewalk repairs on Everett Street and Main Street. **Ben King made a motion to go ahead with the bid in the amount of \$24,150.00; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

**Ben King also made a motion to approve the materials for the Presbyterian Church sidewalk handrails in the amount of 681.14; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the current lease agreement by Swain County for the Federal Building space for the Police Department. Attorney Fred Moody had reviewed the document and presented some corrections to Town Manager Regina Mathis. Manager Mathis presented these corrections to the Board. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the lease agreement pending the necessary corrections are made to the document; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The ordinance review committee gave the Board the first part of their recommendations regarding changes to the existing ordinances for the Town of Bryson City. The Board made corrections to be presented back to the review committee.

**Janine Crisp made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

**Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

No actions were made in Executive Session.

**Heidi Ramsey Woodard made a motion to make two changes to the Personnel Policy Section 6. Political Activity Restricted (f) to be rewritten as the following: Be a candidate for the Board of Aldermen while in a pay status with the Town. However, if the employee is a candidate for partisan election the employee must take a leave of absence without pay 30 days prior to the primary election. If successful in any primary election, the leave without pay must be extended until the day after the general election. If successful, the NC General Statutes concerning dual office holding shall apply, also Section 7. (c) Leave Without Pay-Effect on Benefits strike out the part from “subject to any regulations adopted by the Board of Aldermen and the regulations of the respective insurance carriers” and insert “if the employee chooses to pay the monthly insurance premium for the approved leave period”; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

**Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to adjourn; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

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**Mayor Tom Sutton**

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**Town Clerk Lynn Thomas**