

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

**March 7, 2022
Town Hall
45 Everett Street
6:00 p.m.**

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Charlie Robinson, Police Chief

Public

Greg Duff, Glory Hound
Events
Carolyn Allison, Rotary
Jeremiah Wiggins, TDA
Karen McCracken,
WBHN
Jessica Webb, Smoky
Mtn. Times

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

Heidi Ramsey-Woodard gave the invocation.

No one was present for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting. **Chad Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Karen McCracken with the local radio station, WBHN, presented a proposal to the Board. This proposal would use the radio station to help inform the citizens regarding Town events, water and/or sewer issues, and encourage community participation. The Board will look at this proposal during the annual budget process.

Greg Duff with Glory Hound Events presented the Board with a request for the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) inaugural Strawberry Jam Half Marathon & 5K to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The event will start and finish at Darnell Farms with the half marathon beginning at 7:30 am and the 5K starting at 7:45 am. Mr. Duff presented the route of the race along with a traffic control plan for key intersections. **Ben King made a motion to approve this request; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Carolyn Allison, with the Rotary Club, appeared before the Board requesting permission to have the 2022 Firecracker 5K on Monday, July 4, 2022 from 6:00am till 9:30am starting at Riverfront Park on Mitchell Street. Mrs. Allison presented the race route and steps to manage traffic control along the route using local law enforcement agencies. **Chad Smith made a motion to approve this request; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed an application from Impact Church for a 2-inch water service and a 4-inch sewer service for a church on 100 Impact Drive off of Highway 19 West. These services can be provided when Chris Green gets North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval and the completed construction of a water and sewer line under Highway 19 West.

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Ben King made a motion to approve this water and sewer request pending DEQ approval and completion of water and sewer under Highway 19 West; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.

Caitlin Quinnett presented an application for water services on Black Hill. The Board tabled this request until more information could be obtained.

No one was present regarding the Memorial Day Parade request.

The Board reviewed an application from Paula Bishop requesting two sewer services for her trailer park at 2626 Governor's Island Road. At this time, she is only requesting sewer services for two of the trailers currently occupying the property. **Ben King made a motion to approve the two sewer services, pending tap fees are paid; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the updated 2022-2023 Budget Schedule.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2021-2022 Budget Modification #2. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve this 2021-2022 Budget Modification #2; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Chad Smith made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for the American Rescue Plan Assistance (ARPA) State loan and/or grant assistance for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.

The Board has a joint meeting with Swain County on March 15, 2022 at 50 Main Street at 6:00 pm. The Board scheduled the March workshop for March 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Attorney Fred Moody presented 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. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to accept all the reports as presented; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas