

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

May 17, 2021

Special Meeting

Swain County Administration Building

50 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium

Attending:

<b>Board of Aldermen</b>	<b>Town Affiliates</b>	<b>Public</b>
Tom Sutton, Mayor	Regina Mathis, Town Manager	Jeremiah Wiggins
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem		Mary Anne Baker
Janine Crisp		Jessica Webb, <u>Smoky Mtn.</u>
Chad Smith		<u>Times</u>
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard		

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

**Ben King made a motion for the Town of Bryson City to set a fire inspection jurisdiction; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Jeremiah Wiggins and Mary Anne Baker with the Swain County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) presented the Board with a proposal for Swain County to present a resolution to the state legislature requesting an increase in the occupancy tax for Swain County from 4 to 6 percent. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to support this proposal; Ben King seconded the motion the motion passed with 3 yes votes and 1 no vote from Alderman Chad Smith.**

Town Manager Regina Mathis formally presented the proposed Town of Bryson City 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget to the Board of Aldermen.

**Janine Crisp made a motion to close the meeting; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

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Mayor Tom Sutton

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Town Clerk Lynn Thomas