

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

November 4, 2019

Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Charles Robinson, Police Chief
Charles Bryson, Fire Chief

Public

Jim Blankenship
Jeanell Yougbird
Brian Estes
Jenn Huston
James Budd, Smoky Mountain Times

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gribble gave the invocation.

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

No one came forward for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 7, 2019 regular meeting and the October 21, 2019 special meeting/workshop. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Jim Blankenship appeared before the Board regarding a water leak at Maple Street. The Board reviewed Mr. Blankenship's account. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to forgive \$1,737.40 off the sewer portion of the account; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Jenn Huston appeared before the Board regarding a water leak at Nantahala Brewing on Depot Street. The Board reviewed the account. **Ben King made a motion to forgive \$1,423.45 off the sewer portion of the account; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Brian Estes came before the Board representing Troy and Margaret Estes for approval for water and sewer taps. The Estes' gave an easement to Swain County when the 1986 water and sewer project went thru West Deep Creek. The agreement with Swain County states that the Estes' get at least one but not more than two water and sewer taps free for the water and sewer line easements across their property. However, the Town just received a letter from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality putting a moratorium on sewer expansions for the Town of Bryson City. Therefore, the Board tabled a vote on the water and sewer taps requested until further information can be obtained from the State. Also, the Board asked Mr. Estes to find out what the owners are planning on putting on the property.

Ben King made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Charles Robinson as the Town's ABC Officer; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.

Town Manager Regina Mathis is working on an agreement with Payment Service Network for the Town's online, debit, and credit card payment services.

In old business, the easement request for a driveway from Margaret Varner at Buckner's Branch was reviewed. **Ben King made a motion to grant this easement to Margaret Varner at Buckner's Branch; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.** Ms. Varner will be responsible for all easement document costs.

The Board decided to wait on the Tremont Topography Survey until the next budget year.

The Board also tabled the Ordinance Review until the workshop meeting.

The Board set the workshop meeting for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5: 30 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Attorney's, Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Manager's Reports. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Being no further business, **Jim Gribble made a motion to adjourn; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas