

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

**October 7, 2019  
Town Hall**

Attending:

**Board of Aldermen**

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

**Town Affiliates**

Regina Mathis, Town Manager  
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk  
Tom Shook, Public Works Supv.  
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector  
Greg Jones, Police Chief  
Travis McCall, Public Works  
Foreman  
Russell Ball, O.R.C. Water Plant

**Public**

Tara Arch  
Peggy Thomas  
Mike Clampitt  
Pat McConnell  
David Sawyer  
Karen Proctor, Swain Chamber  
Ramji Senghani  
Kyle Henry  
Al Alemany  
James Budd, Smoky Mountain  
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Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Janine Crisp 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 September 9, 2019 regular meeting and the September 23, 2019 special meeting and workshop. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Al Alemany came before the Board to request a street light on Henderson Street to help light up this area. **Ben King made a motion to approve a street light be installed on Henderson Street; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Ramji Senghani appeared before the Board requesting water service for 22 Hummingbird Lane. **Ben King made a motion to approve the water tap pending tap fees are paid; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Pat McConnell owner of Bryson Village, a vacation rental community, wants to expand and add up to 13 or more vacation rentals to his property. Mr. McConnell has three plans for water services to this proposed extension of Bryson Village. He is asking the Board to accept the extension of the water line into his development. He understands that he will have to have the lines engineered and request permission from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. There will be a one-year workmanship agreement and the Town will take ownership of said lines in a year from completion of the project. Plan A for water is to run a line from Yona Springs area and this will require an easement agreement between Ms. Varner and Mr. McConnell. Plan B would require a water line extension from Slope Street which would

require a bore under the North Carolina Department of Transportation Road and the creek along Slope Street. Plan C would require investigating a bore that is currently under Slope Street to the upper edge of Mr. McConnell's potential expansion area. No one knows the size of the encasement under the road so a potential upsize of the water line encasement would need to be done, this also would require a new bore under Slope Street and the creek. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve Plan A and Plan B which ever one is feasible and easiest for the Town and Mr. McConnell; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Manager Regina Mathis presented the Board with a list of surplus vehicles. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the list of surplus vehicles; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Manager Mathis also presented the first budget modification for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. **Ben King made a motion to approve this budget modification #1 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Board reviewed the request for a variance of the mobile home park ordinance from Peggy Thomas regarding her mobile home park and the possible upgrading of a trailer in the park. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to deny a variance of the Town's mobile home park ordinance; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

**Jim Gribble made a motion to close Island Street on October 12, 2019 for The Great Bacon Chase sponsored by the Swain Chamber of Commerce from 6:00-6:30p.m.; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

**Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the additional funding of \$5,500.00 for Black Hill Project engineering costs; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board tabled the Town ordinance review until the next meeting.

The Board set the workshop for October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody was not present so there was not an Attorney's Report presented.

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

**Ben King made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried. Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to go out of Executive Session; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board returned from Executive Session and reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Tom Sutton

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Town Clerk Lynn Thomas