

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

September 8, 2020

Swain County Administration Building
50 Main Street
3rd Floor Auditorium

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Fred Moody, Town Attorney

Public

Karen Wilmot, Swain Chamber
Jessica Webb, Smoky Mountain
Times

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

Alderman Heidi Ramsey-Woodard 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 August 11, 2020 regular meeting. **Ben King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Chad Smith seconded that motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the upcoming street closures for Downtown Trick or Treat and the Christmas Parade. The Board will make decisions regarding these street closures using the guidelines presented by the Governor regarding gatherings due to coronavirus.

The Board reviewed possible expenditures from the General Fund. Town Manager Regina Mathis gave the Board a list of potential large items including: a fire apparatus (fire truck), Police Dept. viper radios, Street Dept. dump truck, a new recycling truck, street lights on Island Street, a new Police Dept. vehicle, and extra paving of Town Streets at the cost of approximately \$568,000.00. **Ben King made a motion to approve the purchasing of the aforementioned items; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Police Chief Charlie Robinson gave a report to the Board regarding switching to a viper radio system. Swain County is switching and in order for the Town Police Officers to talk to other law enforcement officers in Swain County the Town Police officers will have to be on the viper system also. Chief Robinson presented a map that showed the viper radio coverage system area and the coverage will be greatly increased over the current radio system coverage area. **Heidi**

Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to switch our radio system for the Town's Police officers to the viper radio system; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.

The Board reviewed a list of uncollectable personal property taxes that Tax Collector Carla Passmore asked to be released. The Board reviewed the list. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to release the listed uncollectable personal property taxes that totals up to be \$137.34; Ben King seconded that motion that carried.**

Also, in new business, Fire Chief Charles Bryson gave the Board a list of the newly elected Fire Department officer positions for Board approval. **Ben King made a motion to approve the Fire Department Officers as presented; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

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

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas