

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
September 9, 2019
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

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

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Charles Bryson, Fire Dept.
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Greg Jones, Police Chief
Travis McCall, Public Works
Foreman

Public

Gregg Livingston
Dean Schmidt
Audrey Schmidt
Karen Kiehna, McGill Assoc.
Chris Green
James Budd, Smoky Mtn. Times

Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gribble gave the invocation.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 5, 2019 regular meeting and the August 19, 2019 special meeting/workshop. Alderman Janine Crisp made some corrections to the minutes before the meeting and the minutes presented reflect those changes. Therefore, **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes presented; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

Gregg Livingston appeared before the Board requesting a 1-inch water tap for lot 1 and water and sewer for lot 2 at 50 Bryson Patch. The Board reviewed the application presented. **Ben King made a motion to grant the water and sewer services requested pending necessary fees are paid; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Dean and Audrey Schmidt submitted an application for sewer services at 1801 and 1802 West Deep Creek Road. The Board reviewed the application presented. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the sewer taps requested pending necessary fees are paid; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Chris Green appeared before the Board requesting water and sewer services at his property located at 2060 Hwy. 19 South. Mr. Green will have pay for the water and sewer bores and extensions of the lines under the road. He will also pay for the manhole on his property's side of the highway. The Town will assume responsibility for the lines under the road and the manhole. He will also pay a tap fee for each business that is served by the Town's water and sewer. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve this request for water and sewer services pending all the aforementioned stipulations are met; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the bids for the roll back truck. **Ben King made a motion to accept the low bid from Freightliner at \$113,299; Jim Gribble seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the bids for the excavator. Town Manger Regina recommended the Board go with the Carolina Cat bid even though it was the higher bid at \$107,806.62 due to the Bob-Cat which was low bidder at \$97,259.22 failing a demonstration test. The Town needs this excavator to lift and set manholes which was the demonstration that Bob-Cat failed. Therefore, **Jim Gribble made a motion to go with the Carolina Cat bid of \$107,806.62; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the resolution to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for the water distribution system project along Carringer Street. **Janine Crisp made a motion to adopt this resolution; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the resolution to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for the wastewater collection system project along Carringer Street. **Janine Crisp made a motion to adopt this resolution; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to this regular meeting. The minutes were presented to the Board for approval. **Ben King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Black Hill water project has been delayed due to easement issues with a land owner. The land owner is asking for \$10,000 for an easement. The Board discussed this matter and decided to get an alternate design from the engineering firm that would not need an easement from the land owner requesting payment. **Ben King made a motion to get an alternate design for the Black Hill project; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the Master Planning Service Agreement regarding way finding signage on Main Street. **Ben King made a motion to approve this agreement; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed a request from the Town of Murphy to buy our old 1998 Freightliner garbage truck for \$10,000 as is with no warranty. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to accept this offer; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board set the September workshop for Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

Fire Chief Charles Bryson gave the Fire Chief's Report.

Tax Collector Carla Passmore gave the Tax Collector's Report and requested the release of \$148.36 of personal property taxes over the ten-year mark that are uncollectible. **Jim Gribble made a motion to release the uncollectable taxes in the amount of \$148.36; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board reviewed the Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Town Manager's Reports. **Jim Gribble made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

In old business, the Board reviewed the first two sections of the revised Town Ordinances received back from American Legal Publishing Company. The Board will continue reviewing sections over the next two to three months.

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

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas