

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
May 23, 2016, 5:30 PM**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on May 23, 2016. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Larry McKinney, and Rocky Buchanan. Staff in attendance included Richard Canipe, Darlene Johnson Butler, Kasey Cook and Dave Lindsey. Also attending were John Pendley, Jimmy Phillips and David Purtell (Mitchell News-Journal).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harding called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Rocky Buchanan gave the invocation. Larry McKinney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry McKinney moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of a closed session at the end of the meeting. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2016 regular meeting. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2016 closed session. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Darla Harding moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 budget work session. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

ACTION AGENDA - NONE

MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Richard Canipe stated that the contract documents have been signed for Phase II of the water plant project, which will provide chemical storage and a generator at the water intake.
- The police department has identified two likely suspects in the park fire. The loss has been filed with the Town's property insurance. Richard commended the good job done by the police department.
- Harris Street has been milled and is ready for paving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REQUESTS / COMMENTS

Rocky Buchanan directed several budget questions to Finance Officer Dave Lindsey. Rocky stated that he is not in agreement with funding \$5000 each for the Mitchell County Chamber and TRAC. He was advised that the other 3 members agreed to the \$5000.

Rocky stated that he would like to allocate the \$50,000 for sidewalks over two budget years. He stated that he feels that street paving is higher priority. James Acuff disagreed with that proposal, stating that he wants to fully fund the new sidewalks that Main Street has identified. Dave Lindsey stated that he feels that more concrete figures on paving costs are needed, and Mayor Harding responded that concrete figures for sidewalks have been identified. She stated that she thinks Main Street recommendations on sidewalk repairs should be followed. Larry McKinney stated that he thinks we should leave the budget figures as they are.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Harding called for a motion to enter into closed session, citing N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(2): To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award. Larry McKinney moved to enter into closed session. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mayor Harding asked that Richard Canipe, Darlene Butler, and Dave Lindsey remain for the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon return to open session, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Larry at 6:10 PM.

REOPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Harding reopened the meeting of May 23, 2016 in order to set the public hearing for the budget. Larry McKinney moved to set the public hearing on June 27 at 5:30. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Larry McKinney at 6:30 PM

Darlene Johnson Butler, Town Clerk

Darla Harding, Mayor

Rocky Buchanan, Council Member

James Acuff, Council Member

Larry McKinney, Council Member