

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, September 12, 2016**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on September 12, 2016. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Larry McKinney, Jackie Rensink and Rocky Buchanan. Staff in attendance included Richard Canipe, Dave Lindsey, Billy Summerlin and Michael Wood. Others attended, including Russell Lankford, Kenny Burleson, Jimmy Phillips and David Purtell (Mitchell News-Journal).

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry McKinney moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an appointment for Kenny Burleson. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 08, 2016. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Kenny Burleson, on behalf of the Lions' Club, requested to hold a White Cane Drive solicitation on Sunday, October 16th, with a rain date of October 30. Rocky Buchanan moved to grant the solicitation permit. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Department

- Chief Bill Summerlin updated the Council on the police department.
- He noted that there have been some issues at Central Park, with the restrooms. His department will address the issues. The campsite near First Baptist Church will be vacated.
- He will be closing the position by September 18th.

Main Street

- Libby is at Mayland Community College. Richard Canipe distributed a Main Street Report for the month of September. Said report is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- A proposal for a 4-camera system for Central Park was distributed. Larry McKinney moved to fund the system at a cost of \$2125. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Richard will clarify that the proposal is for four cameras.

Parks & Rec

- Michael Wood updated the Council on the parks for August.
- The new playground equipment is installed, with new mulch throughout the playground area. The Rotary Club and Public Works Dept. helped with the spreading of mulch.
- Staff also worked on the regular upkeep of parks and public spaces. Fall work will begin soon.
- Brad Ragan Pool closed for the season.
- Shelter reservations will be taken through September.
- Signage is still needed for the parks. A citation for a violation of the dog ordinance was paid last week.
- Richard advised Darla that we have looked into prices for a handicapped swing.

Public Works

- Phillip Hise was absent attending class in Durham. Richard Canipe distributed open and closed work orders. 137 were completed since last reported.
- Some problems with the pump station on Hwy. 226 have surfaced. Most of the clogging material is nursing care related. Richard will contact the health department for assistance. It is possible that fines may be issued.
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Water & Sewer

- Russell Lankford distributed the water/sewer August 2016 Monthly Operating Report. It is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- He noted the dangers related to clearing the debris in the pump station, especially with needles and syringes involved. Richard noted that a company has been engaged to wash the sewer line involved.
- Russell commended one of his employees for performing CPR during an emergency off the work site.

Finance

- Dave Lindsey presented a property tax release for Jerry Duncan in the amount of \$256.02. Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the tax release as presented. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Said release is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- Dave presented property tax discoveries in the amount of \$1076.25. Said discoveries are incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- Dave presented an Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy. It is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA - none

ACTION AGENDA - none

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

TOWN ATTORNEY

MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS

James Acuff moved to fund \$250 to Mitchell Safeplace "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" fundraiser. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER

- ✓ Richard Canipe noted that he will be on vacation next week.
- ✓ The next Town Council meeting will be held on September 26, and will include a roundtable with downtown merchants.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Rocky Buchanan.

Darlene Butler, Town Clerk

Darla Harding, Mayor

Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem

Rocky Buchanan, Council Member

James Acuff, Council Member

Jackie Rensink, Council Member