

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, October 10, 2016**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on October 10, 2016. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Larry McKinney, Jackie Rensink and Rocky Buchanan. Staff in attendance included Richard Canipe, Darlene Butler, Phillip Hise, Dave Lindsey, and Michael Wood. Others attended, including Russell Lankford, Bob Rodgers, Dave Houser 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

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the agenda as presented. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jackie Rensink moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2016. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS - none

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Water & Sewer

- Russell Lankford distributed the Water/Wastewater September 2016 Monthly Operating Report. It is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Police Department

- Chief Bill Summerlin was unable to attend.

Main Street

- Libby Phillips was unable to attend. Richard Canipe distributed a Main Street Report for the month of October. Said report is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- Four security cameras will be installed in Central Park next Monday.

Parks & Rec

- Michael Wood updated the Council on the parks for September.
- He noted that there were 31 shelter reservations for September. Shelters are on a first-come-first-serve basis from now to May.
- Regular grounds work is ongoing at all parks and intersections.
- Jackie Rensink complimented Riverside Park.
- A new pet waste station has been installed at Riverside Park.
- Signage addressing bicycles, skateboards, etc. is needed at Riverside Park for the walking paths. A clearer ordinance will be drafted and sent to legal counsel

Public Works

- Phillip Hise updated the Council on the Public Works Department for September. He distributed open and closed work order reports. 106 work orders were completed, with 10 remaining open. Several big projects are not on the reports, such as working on the 2" water line that crosses the creek on Carters Ridge. A new line has been run under the creek but is not connected yet.
- This season's paving is completed.

Finance

- Dave Lindsey distributed a Financial Summary Report for the 1st quarter of 2016. Said report is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

- He also distributed an Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy. The property tax collection rate at 23.8%. Said report is attached to these minutes and incorporated by reference.

CONSENT AGENDA - none

ACTION AGENDA - none

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

TOWN ATTORNEY

MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS

Mayor Darla Harding passed along an invitation for Council to attend the announcement of the new EDC Director. The announcement will be at the EDC office at noon tomorrow.

Mayor Harding expressed her appreciation for the donation of the caboose to the Town. Where to place it is the question. Richard will approach CSX Railroad about placing the caboose on their property.

TOWN MANAGER

- ✓ Richard Canipe noted that in 2011, the Town of Spruce Pine entered into a Memo of Understanding with Mayland Radio Club to place equipment on Town property near the water plant. The Radio Club has an opportunity to increase availability of services by partnering with a commercial entity, Sky Runner. Attorney Lloyd Hise has approved the deletion of wording prohibiting commercial use from the Memo of Understanding. Rocky Buchanan moved to amend the Memo of Understanding by deleting the phrase "commercial or" from the section of prohibited uses. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Said Memo of Understanding is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- ✓ Consensus of Council was to cancel the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of October 24th due to use of the boardroom for one stop voting. The meeting that will focus on city resident participation has been changed to November 28.
- ✓ Consensus of Council was to set a date for ethics training of November 14th after the regular Meeting.
- ✓ An employee breakfast will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 9:00 AM at the Town Hall.
- ✓ Richard advised the Council that the Town has been approved for a \$300,000 ARC grant for the bar screen project. High Country Council of Governments did the application. Per Mayor Harding, Richard Canipe should be commended for all the grant money he has obtained for the town. Rocky Buchanan asked that Richard look into grants for greenway monies to extend the Riverside walking path further down river.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Rocky Buchanan at 6:16 PM.

Darlene Butler, Town Clerk

Darla Harding, Mayor

Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem

Rocky Buchanan, Council Member

James Acuff, Council Member

Jackie Rensink, Council Member