

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, March 11, 2019**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on March 11, 2019. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, Larry McKinney and Jackie Rensink. Staff in attendance included Richard Canipe, Darlene Butler, Phillip Hise, Michael Wood, Kelly Johnson, Crystal Young, and Libby Phillips. Others attended, including Russell Lankford, Bill Wygand, Claire Wygand, Jan Hamilton and Corey Spiers (Mitchell News-Journal).

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jackie Rensink moved to approve the agenda as presented. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2019. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Department

- Officer Kelly Johnson updated the Council on the purchase of a drug dog. He will visit the vendor on Wednesday to be matched with a dog. He has found a 2018 Chevy Silverado that would work well to transport the dog, which should be trained and available by mid-June. Larry McKinney moved to purchase the truck, funding one-half from the drug forfeiture fund and half from the Town's General Fund. Rocky Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Water & Sewer

- Russell Lankford distributed the Veolia Monthly Operations Report for February, which is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Public Works

- Phillip Hise distributed open and closed work orders. There were 106 completed work orders and 10 open ones.
- His crew has been busy, working on cleaning up the cemetery and collecting brush and leaves.
- The street sweeper is working great.
- He has plenty of road salt on hand.

Parks & Rec

- Michael Wood updated the Council on park work for February.
- Mulch work has been completed.
- Lots of limbs and trees have been cleared.
- Riverside Park restrooms have been scrubbed on the exterior.
- The drainage pond has been dredged to clear it.
- Shelter reservations begin in April for May through September.
- His crew has been picking up garbage in town.
- Council member James Acuff requested that the Riverside merry-go-round be repaired or replaced.

Main Street

- Libby Phillips presented the Spruce Pine Main Street Executive Director's Report for March, which is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Finance

- Finance Officer Crystal Young presented a Property Tax Discovery for Fitness Express - Jonathan Allen. The total bill is \$496.82.
- She distributed an Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy, which is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes. The current levy collection percentage is 95.6%. Taxes due letters were mailed last week.

- Financial spreadsheets for the General and Water/Sewer funds were distributed.
- The budget kick off meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall. The regular Council meeting will be cancelled.

APPOINTMENTS

Amber Briggs, AMY Regional Library, did not attend.

CONSENT AGENDA - none

ACTION AGENDA

Crystal described the general fund and enterprise fund budget amendments. Jackie Rensink moved to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment as presented. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Said amendment is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the Enterprise Fund Budget Amendment. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Said amendment is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Larry McKinney moved to release \$489.43 in property taxes for Jason Hobson, 31 Cross St., Ste 268. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Said release is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

James Acuff moved to release \$29.57 in property taxes for Timothy McKinney, 25 Loafers Glory Hill, Bakersville. Rocky Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Said release is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan Hamilton spoke about the library. She noted that the water fountain is out of order. Two computers are out of order. One stall in the women's restroom has no door and the other door is not stable. She was advised that the regional library provides the computers. Claire Wygand noted that the sink in the women's restroom runs all the time. Work orders will be issued.


TOWN MANAGER

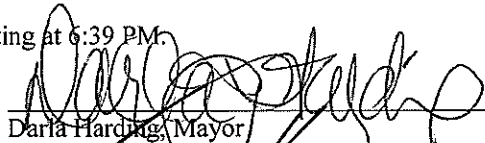
- ✓ Town Manager Richard Canipe advised that Attorney Lloyd Hise is working on an ordinance for downtown debris around buildings. He is also checking on the noise ordinance in regard to unloading train cars at night.
- ✓ He and Lloyd will meet with YMCA representatives tomorrow.
- ✓ Town Clerk Darlene Butler advised the Council that a public hearing for a zoning change request from Mildred Hudson is scheduled for March 25th at 5:45 PM. The zoning request is to change a parcel on Overlook Drive from R-1 to R-2.
- ✓ Council was requested to appoint a fifth person to the Planning and Zoning Board.

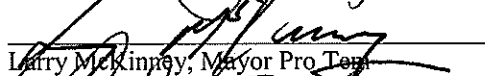
MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS - none


ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Rensink moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

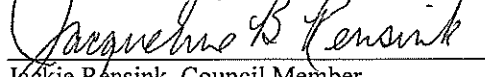

Darlene Butler, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member