

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, September 09, 2019**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on September 09, 2019. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, Jackie Rensink and Larry McKinney. Staff in attendance included Richard Canipe and Darlene Butler. Others attended, including David Graham, Pam Cook, Jimmy Hinshaw, Jacqui Hinshaw, William Wygand, Claire Wygand, 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

Larry McKinney moved to approve the agenda, deleting department head reports. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2019. Rocky Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

David Graham presented the Mitchell County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Overview. Said overview is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes. He advised that the full CTP was adopted on July 29 by the Town of Bakersville, and on September 03 by Mitchell County. It identifies critical transportation needs in the county. Hard copies of the entire plan will be provided when it is finalized. Rocky Buchanan moved to adopt the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES - cancelled

CONSENT AGENDA - none

ACTION AGENDA

Jackie Rensink moved to release 2019 business personal property taxes in the amount of \$257.21 for New Day Ten LLC. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. The Pizza Shop has been out of business since 2016. Said release is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

Larry McKinney moved to release 2019 business property taxes in the amount of \$1509.80 for Mike Brown Ford-Subaru, which is out of business. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Said release is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jimmy Hinshaw thanked the Council for allowing the Toe Jam Festival. He hopes to repeat it next year, possibly on Memorial Day. He plans to use private security next year. Council Member Jackie Rensink stated that she had heard only positive comments, especially about only closing one block. Jimmy advised that if the festival grows, it may be necessary to close more. Council expressed their thanks for his efforts.

Jacqui Hinshaw, development director for WAMY, updated the Council about grants that WAMY is applying for through the AMY Wellness Foundation. One is to form a Community Housing Coalition. The second is to form a Food Insecurity Coalition. She asked for a resolution of support, as well as individual support for the grant application. The deadline is September 15th. Jackie Rensink moved to provide a resolution of support. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Town Clerk Darlene Butler will draft the resolution, which will be signed by Mayor Harding.

TOWN MANAGER

- ✓ Town Manager Richard Canipe noted that property tax bills were mailed today. Billed tax amounts are up from last year.
- ✓ Pizza Shop demolition and clean up will begin Wednesday.

- ✓ The old Hampshire Hosier Building has been demolished. Steel and recyclables are largely removed.
- ✓ Per James Acuff, Gouge Oil deserves an atta-boy for the clean up of the old Landmark Lumber property that they purchased..
- ✓ Richard addressed the Vaughn Lane request for water line extension. He is looking for grant funding for extending water. High Country Council of Governments is investigating grant possibilities, which are tied to unserved populations, health needs and poverty level. Council Member Larry McKinney will advise resident Martha Biddix of this.
- ✓ Richard left a message for Trey Oakley of the YMCA regarding the next steps in the attempt to build a YMCA in Spruce Pine.
- ✓ The appearance standards meeting with town attorney Lloyd Hise Jr. will be at one of the October Council meetings.
- ✓ Richard advised that Main Street is developing an application process for private festivals.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Larry McKinney moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 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