

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, January 10, 2022**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on January 10, 2022. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Larry McKinney and Jackie Rensink. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler, Billy Summerlin, Phillip Hise, Crystal Young, Libby Phillips, and Shelley Buchanan. Others attended, including Russell Lankford and Michelle Ball.

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. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 9th, 2021. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. Larry McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the closed session held on December 9th, 2021. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried with everyone present in favor.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parks and Rec

- Michael Wood was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
- Darlene gave the Council updates on the request from Harris Middle School concerning use of the Riverside Side Park baseball field for the middle school baseball and softball seasons. Some of the issues/challenges with this request are: the control box for the scoreboard is missing, the scoreboard has not been used in 12 years and the power running to it needs to be replaced, only a few of the lights are working on the field, the press box floor is rotten, and the selling of concessions. The size of the field is suitable for youth use but not for adult use.

Police Department

- Police Chief Bill Summerlin gave report on his department. He stated that things are going well.
- He gave the Council each a t-shirt from the Shop with a Cop program and said the program was a success again this year with plenty of funds to help those who needed it at Christmas.
- He advised his officers are going to begin stopping skateboarders in town. There are some teenagers riding skateboards down the middle of the main road.
- This coming Spring Chief Summerlin will be asking each of his officers to spend a few hours at the dispatch office in Bakersville to get a better understanding of the things they do on a daily basis and the struggles they face when trying to get information back to the officers as quickly as they can.
- Darlene Butler asked Chief Summerlin to look into what Mitchell County is paying their K-9 officer so that we can pay ours comparatively.

Finance

- Finance Officer Crystal Young presented the second quarter financials. Said reports are incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- Crystal advised that 89% has been collected to date on property taxes. .
- She shared that she has been researching the possibility of using the general fund to help support the water and sewer fund with capital projects.
- She updated the Council on the ARPA funds. She advised the money has to be spent by 2026. And that she is working to make sure we have all of the proper documentation to provide to the government. She briefly mentioned that we could use these funds to replace the Carters Ridge well pump at approximately \$76,000.00.
- She asked the Council to be prepared to start next year's budget discussions in March as opposed to April.
- She mentioned that the Mitchell County DSS has been given \$27,000 to help local citizens pay their utility bills. We have provided the DSS with our delinquent accounts and water disconnect list. They have pledged \$2,294.24 so far.

Water and Sewer

- Russell Lankford presented his water and sewer report from Veolia. Said report is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.
- Russell advised the Council the Carters Ridge well pump needs to be replaced or rebuilt as soon as possible. He has a quote from Blue Ridge Waterworks to replace it for \$76,000. James asked to check into having the pump rebuilt versus replaced. After further discussion it was the consensus of the council members present that Russell call his contact back to purchase and install the new well pump at \$76,000 if it is still available.

Main Street

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

Public Works

- Phillip Hise presented open and closed work orders since the last Council meeting. There were 221 completed work orders and 7 open work orders.
- He commented on the extremely busy brush pickup and leaf season they had and that it has slowed down a lot with the winter weather.
- The street sweeper is currently down. He will have his men take it to Monroe this week for repairs.
- They have worked on several water leaks the last month, with the most recent being this past Sunday in the Spruce Pine Commons shopping center parking lot.
- Phillip advised that his replacement, Rick McDonald had completed his first week and he believes he will make a good Public Works Director.

ACTION AGENDA

James Acuff made a motion to closeout and submit paperwork for the CDBG Economic Development Grant #13-E-2643. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

Crystal presented a tax release for Foxfire Real Estate LLC in the amount of \$138.68. James Acuff made a motion to approve the tax release. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

APPOINTMENTS-none

MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS-none


Town Manager

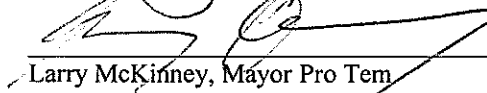
- ❖ Darlene updated the Council on her research into the possibility of having electric vehicle charging stations installed downtown. She received a quote from Whitson Electric on the installation of a charging station which was \$1,165 and an additional \$1,000 if a new power line has to be dropped. She believes this would make Spruce Pine a destination point for individuals and car clubs with electric cars. There will be more discussion and research presented soon.
- ❖ She has got the ball rolling on a request from Southwest Trading for additional street lighting behind their store.
- ❖ She advised the Council there are covid related absences in every department at this time. But all work is being completed.
- ❖ Whitson's Electric will be taking the Christmas decorations in town down in the next couple of weeks.
- ❖ Darlene requested that the Council make an amendment to the current personnel policy to include three days of bereavement pay to all full time employees in the event they have a death in their immediate family. James Acuff made a motion to adopt this change to the personnel policy. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.
- ❖ Due to rising covid cases in the area the second meeting in January may be canceled.
- ❖ Darlene and Mayor Harding recently met with a prospective town attorney. Mr. Chad Donahoo is a local attorney with many years of experience and is interested in Municipal Law. He quoted the Town a rate of \$215 per hour with no retainer and no contract. James Acuff made a motion to begin using Mr. Donahoo as the Spruce Pine town attorney and have him present at the first Council meeting in February. Larry McKinney seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion Jackie Rensink moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

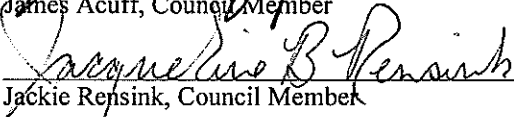

Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem

Absent
Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member

Town of Spruce Pine
 Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy
 12/31/21
 excluding vehicle taxes

	Property Valuation	Town-wide Rate	Amount of Levy
Original levy:			
Real property	253,269,273	\$0.51	
Personal property	48,080,000		
Public service companies	16,271,553		
Penalties			
Exemptions	69,487,609		
	<u>248,133,217</u>		<u>1,265,479.41</u>
Discoveries:			
Current year taxes	7,610		38.81
<i>*Rounding</i>	<i>234</i>		<i>1.19</i>
Prior year taxes	501,806		2,559.21
	<u>509,650</u>		<u>2,599.21</u>
Abatements			
Min Bill	31,345		159.86
Releases	27,670		141.12
Total property valuation	<u><u>248,583,852</u></u>		
Net levy			<u><u>1,267,777.64</u></u>
Uncollected taxes at			<u>289,856.38</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u><u>977,921.26</u></u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u><u>77.1%</u></u>

Town of Spruce Pine Financials
Ending December 31st, 2021
2nd Quarter
FY 2021-2022



	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Y-T-D December 31st,</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<u>2021-2022 Budget Figures</u>			
<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>			
Charges for Water	\$1,421,096	\$628,394	44%
Charges for Sewer	\$998,771	\$427,648	43%
Water & Sewer Taps	\$3,000	\$6,500	217%
Water & Sewer Interest	\$250	\$0	0%
Misc Revenues	\$30,500	\$36,362	119%
Retained Earnings Appropriated	\$0	\$0	0%
Water & Sewer Revenue	\$2,453,617	\$1,098,904	45%
<u>Water & Sewer Expenditures</u>			
Water & Sewer Debt	\$61,020	\$0	0%
Water & Sewer Administration	\$1,158,330	\$510,944	44%
Water Expense	\$599,288	\$311,548	52%
Sewer Expense	\$489,096	\$317,635	65%
Contingency	\$145,883		
Water & Sewer Expenditures	\$2,453,617	\$1,140,126	46%
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over Expenditures</i>	\$0	-\$41,222	

are more effectively addressed by the use of project ordinances. Expenditures for capital assets that are not expensive relative to a local government's annual budget or that recur annually can usually be handled effectively in the annual budget ordinance.

A grant project ordinance may be used to appropriate revenues and authorize expenditures for operating or capital purposes in a project financed wholly or partly by a grant from the federal or state government. According to GAAP, a grant is a gift of cash or other assets from one government or entity to another that must be used or spent for a specific purpose. A project is a temporary activity. Thus a grant project ordinance should be used only to appropriate moneys for federally aided or state-aided activities that serve specific purposes and are temporary in nature. Grant project ordinances are often used for multiyear grants that counties and cities receive. Grant project ordinances should not be used to appropriate state-shared taxes or other federal or state revenue or aid that is provided on a continuing basis to a local government. Such revenue or aid, even if it is earmarked for a specific purpose, should be budgeted in the annual budget ordinance.

A project ordinance must identify and authorize the project, identify the revenue sources for financing it, and make all appropriations necessary to complete the project. Like the annual budget ordinance, a project ordinance must be adopted by the governing board. A project ordinance may be adopted at any time during the year. A public hearing is not required in relation to the adoption of a project ordinance. Once a project ordinance has been adopted, it need not be readopted in subsequent fiscal years; it has a project life rather than an annual life. Correspondingly, a project ordinance is balanced for the life of the project rather than a fiscal year and may be amended at any time as long as it remains balanced.

A project ordinance authorizes all forecasted revenues and appropriated expenditures necessary for the completion of the project [G.S. 159-13.2(b)]. Revenues may include grants, bond proceeds, capital reserve fund transfers, annual revenues, fund balances, and other sources of revenue. Of course, bond proceeds and moneys from a capital reserve fund may generally be spent only for capital purposes. Annual revenues may be appropriated directly into a project ordinance, or they may be appropriated initially in the annual budget ordinance and transferred to the project ordinance. If property taxes are used to finance a project authorized in a project ordinance, such taxes must be levied in the annual budget ordinance and then transferred into the project ordinance. Appropriations for expenditures in a project ordinance may be a lump sum, that is, a single sum for the entire project, or they may be broken down into line-item or functional categories—for example, land, construction, and equipment.

The annual budget must include information about capital or grant project ordinances to be approved during the year and about previously adopted capital and grant project ordinances for which appropriations are available for expenditure in the budget year. Moneys appropriated and spent under grant project ordinances must be accounted for in a special revenue fund [G.S. 159-26(b)(2)]. Moneys appropriated and spent under a capital project ordinance in which bond or other debt financing is involved must be accounted for in a capital project fund [G.S. 159-26(b)(6)]. GAAP encourage the use of a capital project fund for any major capital project authorized under a project ordinance, even if bond or debt financing is not involved.

Financial Plans for Internal Service Funds

An internal service fund may be established to account for a service provided by one department or program to other departments in the same local unit, and in some cases to other local governments. If a county or city uses an internal service fund, the fund's revenues and expenditures may be included either in the annual budget ordinance or in a separate financial plan adopted specifically for the fund [G.S. 159-8(a), -13.1]. The governing board must approve any financial plan adopted for an internal service fund, with such approval occurring at the same time that the board enacts the annual budget. The financial plan also must follow the same July 1–June 30 fiscal year as the budget ordinance. In practice, the approval of a financial plan occurs simultaneously with the adoption of the annual budget ordinance; the ordinance may include a special provision indicating the approval of each financial plan. An approved financial plan must be balanced; according to the law, a financial plan is balanced when estimated expenditures do not exceed estimated revenues of the internal service fund [G. S. 159-13.1(a)]. An approved financial plan may be amended only with the approval of the governing board.

Estimated revenues and appropriated expenditures in an approved financial plan may be, but are not required to be, recorded in the local government's accounting system. They are planned, but strictly speaking, not legal limits on revenues and expenditures and therefore do not have to be included in the accounting system. Actual spending from an internal service fund is limited by revenues to the fund that arise from charges to the departments that use the fund's services. Such charges are expenditures of the using departments that the board has approved in the annual budget

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND
Adopted Budget 2021-2022

11-335-00 Covid Relief Fund Income	\$ 341,484		
Total Income	<u><u>\$ 341,484</u></u>		
 11-510-02 Covid Relief Fund Expense	 \$ 341,484	 \$ 166,900	 Hendredon Pump Station
		\$ 11,500	Roof Replacement - Pump Station
		\$ 46,750	Shaft Replac. - Oxid. Ditch
		\$ 100,000	GoldenLeaf
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 341,484</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 325,150</u></u>	

Release Notice

Taxpayer name: FoxFire Real Estate LLC
 Address: 286 Oak Ave Spruce Pine
 Account #: 555782033
 Parcel #: _____

Reason for Release or Refund: Mobile homes picked up from TMA because they were listed on their depreciation schedule. We are taxing as personal property
 Date: 12-6-21

Year	Bill #	Real Value	Personal Value	County Tax	Fire Tax	Total to be Released	Penalty Adjustment	Cost of Advertising Adjustment	Interest Adjustment
2021	17524	—	24720	143.38	—	143.38	14.84		

Amount to be Refunded: _____
 Authorized by: [Signature]
 Affirmed by: _____

Chairman Mitchell County Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners

Town of Spruce Pine
 Tax Release Amount: 126.07
 + Penalty Release 12.61
\$ 138.68

Discovery Notice

Taxpayer Name: Foxfire Real Estate LLC

Address 286 Oak Ave Spruce Pine

Account #: 565782033

Parcel #: Business Personal Property

Date: 11-29-21

Description of Property: TMA Audit

Authorized by: _____

As per N.C.G.S. 105-312 this listing and appraisal will become final unless written exception is filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Year	Real Value	Personal Value	County Tax	Fire Tax	Penalty	Total
2021	-	55,170	319.99	-	32.00	351.99
2020	-	61,891	358.97	-	71.79	430.76
2019	-	67,951	394.12	-	118.24	512.36
2018	-	11,284	66.45	-	26.18	91.63
2017	-	10,862	62.94	-	31.47	94.41
2016	-	12,032	68.77	-	38.26	102.03
					Total	\$ 1583.18

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Discovery Notice

Taxpayer Name: Mountaineer Land Surveying

Address 29 Summit Ave Spruce Pine

Account #: 555552217

Parcel #: Business Personal

Date: 11-29-21

Description of Property: TMA Audit

Authorized by: _____

As per N.C.G.S. 105-312 this listing and appraisal will become final unless written exception is filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Year	Real Value	Personal Value	County Tax	Fire Tax	Penalty	Total
2021	-	61,305	355.57	-	35.56	391.13
2020	-	76,296	442.52	-	88.50	531.02
2019	-	55,799	323.63	-	97.09	420.72
2018	-	57,526	333.65	-	133.46	467.11
2017	-	60,143	348.83	-	174.41	523.24
2016	-	65,998	349.79	-	209.87	569.66
					Total	2892.88

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Discovery Notice

Taxpayer Name: Mineral City Oil Co

Address 211 Doc Howell Rd. Spruce Pine

Account #: 565782045

Parcel #: Business Personal

Date: 11-29-21

Description of Property: TMA Audit

Authorized by: _____

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Year	Real Value	Personal Value	County Tax	Fire Tax	Penalty	Total
2021	-	167,394	970.89	-	97.09	1067.98
2020	-	6178	36.83	-	7.17	43.00
					Total	\$ 1,110.98

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November/December, 2021 Monthly Report
Spruce Pine Water/Waste Plants
Operated by Veolia North America Water

Compliance: Both Plants and the wells ran in compliance for November and December.

November Flows: The water plant produced 32.77 million gallons in November. That was an average of 1.09 million gallons per day. We used 760,000 gallons to backwash our filters. Well #1 produced 1.8 million gallons. The waste plant received 15.65 million gallons in November. That was an average of receiving 522,000 gallons per day. The dam is overflowing well even though we have had almost no rain. We have been cutting it off 8 hours every day for three months.

December Flows: The water plant produced 32.92 million gallons in December. That was an average of 1.06 million gallons per day. We used 820,000 gallons to backwash our filters. Well #1 produced 3 million gallons in December. The waste plant received 16.15 million gallons. That was an average of 521,000 gallons per day.

Water: We averaged 1.02 NTU's on raw water turbidity. On the finished water turbidity we averaged .03 NTU's for both months. The federal limit is .3. We averaged a chlorine residual leaving our plant of 1.53. We caught 12 bacteriological samples in the distribution system. They were all good. We also caught THM's and HAA5's in the distribution system in November. We also caught TOC's on raw and finished water at the plant. All results were good. The new Beaver Creek raw water turbidimeter was installed at the water plant. It is working great. Carver roofing took off the Henredon pump station roof and put a new one on. It needed it desperately. That roof was on there since 1967. Blue Ridge Waterworks of Boone pulled well #2 on 12-3-21. The pump was bad. The wires had skinned places on them. Also the soft start was messed up and the wire between the top of the well and the controls is showing issues. The contractor thinks that the power has ongoing issues for a while that lead to the pump demise. It could also be our muddy water issue from the pump not running at full speeds. Our electrician gave a price on a new soft start and running new wire to the wellhead. It was \$13,035.52. I also had them give me a price on running a camera down the well while it was empty to check the casing. It was \$1601.25. A PO was issued and they are going to inspect it February 3rd. We received a price on new pump, wire and installation. It was \$63,144.70. They checked on pump costs and availability with 4 different contractors. BRSP got quotes on new generators for the well, Henredon, Summit and Overlook water stations. As requested by Darlene.



Waste: We averaged 220.5 and 228.4 on influent BOD respectively. The effluent BOD average was 1.6 and 1.7. That is a 99 percent removal rate both months. We averaged 310.2 and 352.4 on influent TSS respectively. The effluent TSS average was 4.9 and 6.1. That is a removal rate of 99 percent both months. We pressed out 683 tons off our belt press in 2021. That was 100 tons less than 2020. We are still awaiting a price for a lower prison pump. Kemp is awaiting parts to do several jobs for us soon. They did complete the replacement of the digester drops on one side of our aerobic digester. We sampled BRP in November for our pretreatment permit. We also sampled chronic toxicity, TNTP, COD, Hardness and Bis (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate. All results were good. The new Beaver Creek lift station pump finally come in. One of the pumps quit right after arrival and we replaced it with the new one. We still need to get that one that quit rebuilt or a replacement sometime soon. We have a PO for the lab tile to be redone at the waste plant lab. We will schedule that soon when the tile comes in. Carter's ridge lift station was cleaned totally out by KRG on 12-7-21.

Safety: We covered Cold Stress and working and driving in extreme cold conditions in November. We covered Bloodborne pathogens and Office safety in December. These classes are still online due to covid. Michael McClain our safety manager for this region did a safety audit on both plants and several other things. It seemed to go very good.

Work orders: We completed 153 and 164 work orders throughout our system in both months.

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Spruce Pine Main Street Directors Report

PR- Small Business Saturday was a success. Town was packed all day with shoppers and we had events scheduled from 10-6. We raised over \$600 on the wreaths which will be used for another round of downtown dollars this winter. We gave out \$500 in downtown dollars and 5 Fraser fir trees, free cocoa, pet parade, ugly sweater contest and wrapping station open the month of December in the visitor center. Sponsor forms were mailed out Christmas week and we have already received 3 back @ \$2000. We hosted a ribbon cut for L&L furniture and Mitchell Transportation Pine Line. I have made several inquiries for the ice skate rink but have yet to get a response from a new vendor. We bought an ad on behalf of SPMS to thank Peoples and Dellingers for years of service. FOM meetings are underway with some potential changes for April. We have picked local recipient, Gabe Pendley for the John C. Campbell scholarship.

D&B- TRAC took elements from all 3 of the design renderings and have a final design and other plans for the building. Per last committee meeting, I met with the Ark Church and assisted with the design assistance application for UNCG. I requested an update from DOT regarding bridge bid. They have now pushed this to April 6th, 2022. I requested a sooner bid, as promised, but they said that is the earliest they can bid. We discussed sidewalks project and I have a call into DOT to discuss Mabel's point. Abby will be working on taking the decorations down this week (if weather permits) so if anyone can help, please do. We will schedule a day when I return to get the rest down.

ERC- The Mayland building closed last month, per contract requirements and guidelines and I paid off the town loan. I will be closing out the bank account this month. Dellingers is now closed and the Ark is making plans to move in the coming months. Treats, LLC bought the Mayland building from the Schlabachs. They will offer studio, retail and event space to artists along with marketing services on the street level floor. Loam Marketing has rented this space and will offer multiple services from ecommerce, shipping, social media marketing and more for artists.

Organization- The recommendations are back from Greenberg Consulting. The report has several great opportunities for us to improve and focus on in the new year. It will be reviewed by executive and then we will set up a meeting to discuss with the board. Please be prepared for several lengthy meetings as we dissect these recommendations and create a plan to move forward. Thank all of your for participating in this workshop. Accreditation assessment has been completed and sent to NCMS. Big Brother program coordinator Michelle Pellersels is new to town and looking to expand their footprint here. Offered to assist with possible projects for clean up and such with the kids in the program.

**Town of Spruce Pine CDBG Economic Development
Grant #13-E-2643
Closeout Public Hearing January 10, 2022**

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the opportunity for citizen input concerning the closeout of the **Spruce Pine CDBG Economic Development Grant #13-E-2643**. The grant provided funds to install gravity sewer line from PRC Industries to the town system, bypassing a non-operational treatment system that is no longer necessary, and the rehabilitation of two town water tanks on adjacent property.

The Town of Spruce Pine received \$338,575 from the NC Department of Commerce to aid in the installation of 2,250 lf of gravity sewer line and 9 new manholes to by-pass the old non-operational treatment system that was used for the old Henredon furniture facility. The new line will eliminate the problematic system that is not necessary for the PRC facility that now occupies the property. In addition, the funding rehabilitated two existing Town water tanks adjacent the PRC property. The repairs to the tanks allow for both tanks to be able to be filled to capacity and will provide adequate fire suppression to PRC and to the eastern part of Town.

As a condition of the CDBG funding, the business was required to retain at least 232 new jobs. Of these 232 new hires at least 140 (or 60%) had to have previously had a household income less than 80% of Mitchell County's median household income as determined by HUD (or \$37,450 for a 2-person household). As of April 30, 2021, when required employment surveys were conducted, 234 full-time employees had been hired with 198, or 84.62% under the low- and moderate-income requirements, which well exceeds their commitment for CDBG funding.

Additional funding for the project came from the US Environmental Development Agency (\$318,000), Mitchell County (\$35,105), Mitchell County EDC (\$18,000), Spruce Pine (\$11,525), and from the Krantz Corporation (\$50,000) bringing the total available funding for the project to **\$771,305**.

Of the \$338,575 in CDBG-ED funds the Town was awarded for the project, the following was expended during the program:

Engineering	\$ 29,040.41
Water Improvements	\$115,488.53
Sewer Improvements	\$150,407.40
Planning & Administration	\$ 30,000.00
Total CDBG Expenditures	\$324,936.34

There is a total of **\$13,638.66** in CDBG funding that was not expended by the project. These remaining funds will be deobligated or returned to NC Department of Commerce to be used in future CDBG programs.

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PUBLIC HEARING

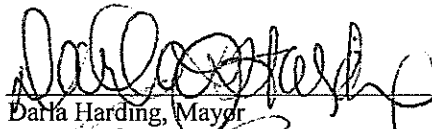
Mayor Darla Harding opened a public hearing to solicit and receive public comment regarding the closeout of the Spruce Pine CDBG Economic Development Grant #13-E-2643. The grant provided \$338,575 to install a gravity sewer line from PRC Industries to the town system, bypassing a non-operational treatment system that is no longer necessary, and the rehabilitation of two town water tanks on an adjacent property.

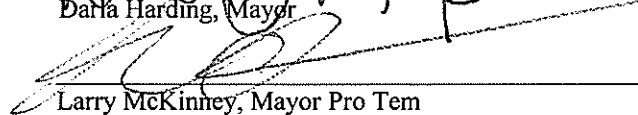
Michelle Ball with the HCCOG presented the grant closeout letter citing the total expenditures were \$324,936.34 leaving \$13,638.66 to be de-obligated and returned to the NC Department of Commerce. This letter and the closeout performance report are incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional public comments, Mayor Darla Harding closed the public hearing.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem

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James Acuff, Council Member


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Town of Spruce Pine Financials
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2021-2022 Budget Figures				
		<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Y-T-D December 31st,</u>	
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Percent</u>
General Fund Revenue				
Levied Taxes and Penalties		\$1,414,500	\$1,046,243	74.0%
Local Sales Tax		\$615,699	\$359,631	58.4%
Franchise Taxes		\$281,000	\$137,431	48.9%
Powell Bill		\$75,000	\$89,010	118.7%
Interest Earned		\$1,000	\$137	13.7%
Recreation Park Revenue		\$26,000	\$2,147	8.3%
Revolving Loan Repayments		\$39,122	\$169,250	432.6%
Misc Income		\$79,515	\$19,192	24.1%
Grants		\$24,110	\$2,133	8.8%
Fund Balance Appropriated		\$67,214	\$0	
General Fund Revenue		\$2,623,160	\$1,828,507	69.7%
General Fund Expenditures				
Governing Body		\$22,165	\$9,916	44.7%
Total Administration & Finance		\$232,585	\$128,457	55.2%
Cost of Elections		\$2,500	\$0	
Tax Collections Fees		\$4,600	\$2,045	44.4%
Economics		\$142,140	\$52,439	36.9%
Total Public Building & Facilities		\$209,509	\$33,218	15.9%
Fire Department		\$149,000	\$0	0.0%
Building Inspections		\$26,611	\$6,653	25.0%
Police Department		\$957,368	\$491,238	51.3%
Public Works		\$227,434	\$141,987	62.4%
Powell Bill		\$140,825	\$108,274	76.9%
Sanitation		\$79,913	\$32,061	40.1%
Parks & Recreation		\$299,393	\$102,669	34.3%
Library		\$105,577	\$56,773	53.8%
Trac Grant		\$5,000	\$5,000	100.0%
Cemetery		\$18,540	\$10,740	57.9%
Loan Disbursements		\$0	\$0	0.0%
Covid Relief Fund		\$0	\$0	
Total General Fund Expenditures		\$2,623,160	\$1,181,470	45.0%
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over Expenditures</i>		\$0	\$647,037	