

Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, February 28, 2022

A meeting of the Town Council was held on February 28, 2022. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, Jackie Rensink and Larry McKinney. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler, Billy Summerlin, Shelley Buchanan, Crystal Young, Corey Blevins and Michael Wood. Others attended, including Phillip Hise, Chad Donnahoo, Sheila Blalock, Jimmy Hinshaw, Andrew Branum, Noah Miller, Hector Herrera, Zac Taylor, Cheech Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Anthony Pham, Alex Wences, Howard Larsen, Risa Larsen, Brandon Dylewski, Nick Bowman, Caleb Bowman, Bethany Chenoweth, Aaron Buchanan, Laura Pittman, Tony Pittman, Cole Pittman, Elizabeth Habanec, Emma Cadman, Adrian Cadman, Craig Jones, Dean Corn, Jerry Prosser, Lori McIntyre, Dori Settles, Kelly Georgeou, Lex Georgeou, Amy Taylor, Michelle Pellersels, Claudia Pile, Charles Bierhauer, Joshua Hernandez-Pile, Victor Hernandez, Teleia Salmeron, Dustin Salmeron, Athen Weatherman, Samuel McClellan, Roger Hinshaw, Nancy Hinshaw, Lacey Pendley, Sarah Cole, Victoria Stroup, Jose Juarez, Jewel Romero Martinez, and Salvador Arvizu.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry McKinney moved to approve the agenda with replacing Noah Worely with Jimmy Hinshaw. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2022. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT

Sheila Blalock, with Mitchell County Transportation, updated the Council on the Pine Line Shuttle. She provided updated schedule information and flyers to promote the bus routes. She stated the shuttle is being used more and more each month since the route started. The number of passengers has gone from 258 in the month of November to 533 passengers for the month of February. The Pine Line averages 4,125 miles per month and 230 hours driven. She noted the shuttle is assisting residents in getting to and from work, shopping, dining, and medical appointments. They now have a smart phone app and QR Code on the flyers to hopefully attract tourists to the area. She has also incorporated a flyer in Spanish to better serve the Latino community. She is hoping in the future to expand the fixed route to include connecting Spruce Pine to Bakersville. This will serve even more citizens. The plan for the summer is to target Brad Ragan Park and possibly extend the hours, if they can find drivers. Sheila also took the opportunity to praise and thank Chief Billy Summerlin for being so good to her and her employees. She went on to say he has gone above and beyond what he needed to do to accommodate them. She noted that the grant for the Pine Line goes through February 2023, and they may come back to the town for future funding requests. The Council responded with positive remarks and expressed how happy they are the Pine Line is here and thanked Sheila for her fantastic report.

APPOINTMENT

Jimmy Hinshaw, in replacement of Noah Worley on the agenda, presented a proposed plan for a new skateboard park. He shared a power point presentation with the Council entitled Skateboard/Multi Use Park Planning Proposal. This proposal is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes. Following his presentation town manager Darlene Butler noted what would be required by the Town's insurance. These requirements include passing an ordinance and filling out a supplemental application; park must be built by licensed contractor; park must be fenced and have proper signage; and park must be visited by the NCLM loss control department. Skateboard parks are excluded from general liability coverage, but the Town can buy back the liability for around \$500 per year depending on jumps/ramps. Mr. Hinshaw explained that their intention is for the skateboard park to be self-funded. He has met with park designers and funding contributors including the Tony Hawk Foundation. He advised he can provide a blueprint drawing of the skateboard within thirty days and that he is donating a state of the art surveillance camera system for the park. James Acuff asked about the inevitable issue of increased trash and littering. Mr. Hinshaw as well as Chief Summerlin spoke to the fact that the camera system will alert law enforcement of any issues and help identify persons littering the park. Mayor Harding addressed some social media posts concerning the Town Council not supporting a skateboard park in the past even though this current presiding Council had not been approached with this request or proposed plan. She asked Darlene Butler to clarify for everyone present that these allegations were untrue. Ms. Butler explained that a request for a skate park came before the Council 20 years ago. She

advised that Grant Maltba had asked the Council to give their blessing and provide a location for a skateboard park if he could do fund raising for the project in 2001. At that time he presented a petition for the plans with 52 signatures. After several months he returned to the Council to say the Tony Hawk Foundation did not approve his request for funding and the donations he had received were not enough. In April of 2003 he advised the Council he would be returning these donations. Darlene then shared the current monies being awarded to the Town of Spruce Pine through the PARTF Grant and the SCIF Grants. She noted that the concrete pad being requested as a potential location for the new skateboard park has already been earmarked for playground expansion and handicapped parking in the scope of work submitted to the state. She also noted that funds will be used to construct an additional parks and recreation area on the Stroup Road property owned by the Town. Darlene then asked Mr. Hinshaw if the back tennis court at Brad Ragan Park could be a possible location for the skateboard park. His response was the area was not large enough. Mayor Harding asked what the minimum dimensions would be for the skateboard park. His response was no less than a 100ft X 100ft space would be needed, which he thought could be built for \$25,000-\$50,000. Kelly Georgeou stated the most important at this point is to nail down a location so that the group can apply for funding through grants and others avenues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Branum addressed the Council in support of the skateboard park. He noted he is in law enforcement and has lived in the Town of Spruce Pine for 6 years and loves the sport of skateboarding. He said we have skateboarders here and we need to give them a place to go. He offered his help with this project as he stated he has been involved in this kind of project before. He has friends with the Tony Hawk Foundation as well as contractors who could help with design. He feels a skateboard park would give kids something to do and cut down on crime.

Noah Miller spoke in favor of the proposed skateboard park. He stated he has been skating for a few months and would love to have a safe place to continue learning.

Hector Herrera spoke in favor of the proposed skateboard park. He said he loves to skate and a park would keep kids from skateboarding in the streets and would be a lot less dangerous.

Zac Taylor addressed the Council in support of the proposed skateboard park. He is a member of the Boy Scout Troop in Spruce Pine and is currently skating on his driveway. He said he wants the skateboard park because he dreams of being able to get better at skateboarding and learn to do tricks.

ACTION AGENDA- none

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Crystal Young presented a response letter to the LGC addressing Financial Performance Indicators of Concern noted by the Town's auditor. This letter acknowledges the cash flow concerns in the water and sewer funds and what the Town plans to do to increase the balances, and is attached to these minutes. She advised the general fund balance is in great shape but we need to build up the water and sewer fund with rate increases. She provided a budget discussion packet to the Council. This packet is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes. She advised the Veolia contract is going up 4.95% next year. She spoke about the revaluation of property by the county. She explained that if the county raises their tax rate the Town would need to follow suit. She asked the Council to be thinking about Cost of Living Adjustment for next year. Crystal was asked if she knew what the department heads would asking for in their budget requests. She believes most of the departments are going to ask for new vehicles. James asked if the Police Department is happy with having assigned vehicles. Darlene said they seem to be very happy and are taking more pride in their vehicles.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Billy Summerlin addressed the Council concerning the littering problem on the sides of the roads in the Town. He has approached local businesses in town and asked for their support in cleaning up the trash on our streets. He commended the Council and others that volunteered this past weekend and picked up trash for over three hours. He wants this initiative to continue and for business owners and citizens to get involved and do this on a regular schedule, possibly a couple times a month. Billy asked that the Council consider purchasing trash grabbing tools, large trash bags, and gloves. Larry McKinney said he may have a way to get several grabbers at no charge. Billy also suggested these volunteers wear reflective vests and stated he would provide officers to patrol the area the volunteers would be working. Mayor Harding suggested Darlene put this new initiative on the Town's Face Book page to get more community involvement. Rocky Buchanan suggested the Council as a whole be part of the Adopt a Highway Program. It was the consensus of the Council to purchase the items needed to begin the trash clean up.

TOWN MANAGER

- ✓ Darlene updated the Council on Ella Edwards. She had knee surgery and is doing very well, she will be out a few more weeks.
- ✓ Both SCIF Grants initial paperwork has been completed and contracts have been signed. Work can begin as soon as funds are released.
- ✓ Phillip Hise's last day was Friday and he is officially retired.
- ✓ The EDC is currently hiring a new director as Mickey Duvall has resigned.
- ✓ Mitchell County Chamber Director Patti Jensen is retiring the end of March.
- ✓ Darlene took part in an online grant workshop webinar and hopes to apply for more grant funding in the Spring and Fall.
- ✓ She advised that the new town attorney is looking into the buildings on South Dale St and Pitt Road for possible condemnation and the legal procedures of these actions.
- ✓ The Spruce Pine Recreation Park Activity Permit Application is now instated and we have had one request made so far. Sherry Sautner with Spruce Pine Southern Shows submitted an application for a Spring Easter Egg Hunt and festival at Riverside Park. Due to the general conditions of the permit application it was the consensus of the Council to deny this application.
- ✓ Darlene and Richard Canipe are meeting with Tommy Winchester, Mitchell County Building Inspector, to get clarification on fire code limits and masonry façade requirements.

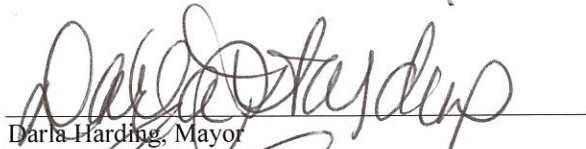
MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS / COMMENTS

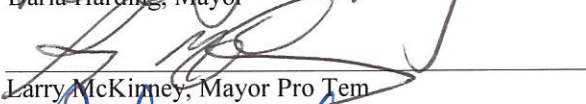
- James Acuff mentioned that it needs to be made clear to the skateboard park group the park will be owned by the Town.
- Mayor Harding asked if the Appearance Standards Committee could begin meeting again now that we have legal representation. Darlene agreed and stated our Zoning Ordinance needs a lot of work.
- The suggestion made by Rocky Buchanan to adopt a highway was tabled until Chief Summerlin gets his trash pickup plan in motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Rocky Buchanan at 8:05 PM.

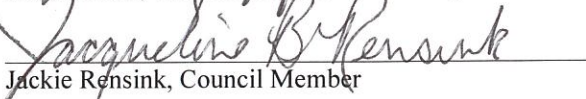

Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member

Skateboard/Multi Use Park Planning Proposal

Spruce Pine and Mitchell County are in need of youth activities. One activity that is mentioned frequently is skateboarding. Skateboarding is illegal in most, if not all of Spruce Pine. This leaves nowhere for people who enjoy skateboarding to practice and enjoy their sport. Skateboarding is a very popular sport and was found to be the third most popular sport among teenagers in a US survey in 2017. Skateboarding is no longer a "fringe" sport, as it is now included in the Olympics. It is our belief that as many various opportunities for outdoor activities as possible should be created and encouraged for our youth.

Our committee has a comprehensive plan to create and maintain a legal and safe, secure place for people of all ages to skateboard. This park could be utilized by skateboarders, BMX bikers, inline skaters, scooter enthusiasts and by all ages.

We now seek the town's support and a location.

We propose the park be built in phases as funds are raised and we assess the popularity and usage during each phase.

Phase 1 cost is roughly \$200,000. It would include a 6' 1/4" pipe, 4'-5' corner bowl, center multifunctional pyramid with 3 stair set and rail, a bench, concrete funbox and various low rails/curbs.

Phase 2 could extend the total area of the park and include a mini ramp and other skate elements. Cost is dependent on complexity and could be another \$100,000. Further development could be added as we see how the first phases go.

We could further add a "**Phase 0**" of wooden ramps and less permanent structures for approximately \$25,000-\$50,000 to get something in place sooner and for less cost while funds for the more permanent structures are raised.

The Fundraising Plan includes, but is not limited to;

1. In kind donations from businesses - labor, building materials, painters, concrete finishers, etc.
2. Grassroots- car washes, t-shirt sales, door to door campaigns, skateboard exhibitions/contests.
3. Business Development Solicitations - the local mines, Mission Hospital, Mayland, others
4. Service organizations to provide assistance with building, maintenance, etc. -Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Local churches
5. Town Council - Lobby for town to allocate parks and recreation funding for park, notify committee if funds become available and give grant writing assistance
6. Grants from skate and other companies
7. County/State/Federal - contact state reps for support, research and apply for federal grants and aide

courts (including pickleball courts), a dog park, concrete corn hole equipment, upgrades to the basketball surface and drainage, and improvements to the playground area... A SKATEBOARD PARK perfectly complements those plans.

The additional second grant, the State Capital and Infrastructure (SCIF) grant of \$350,000, also earmarked for Brad Ragan Park will be another HUGE WIN. We are also excited the Town Council Meeting approved plans for this grant, providing expansion of the playground; fencing for the new play area and dog park; new siding, tables and trash cans for all shelters; new basketball goal assemblies; a water slide for the pool; safe surface material for play areas; outdoor fitness equipment; pavement repairs and more. Again a skateboard park perfectly complements these efforts.

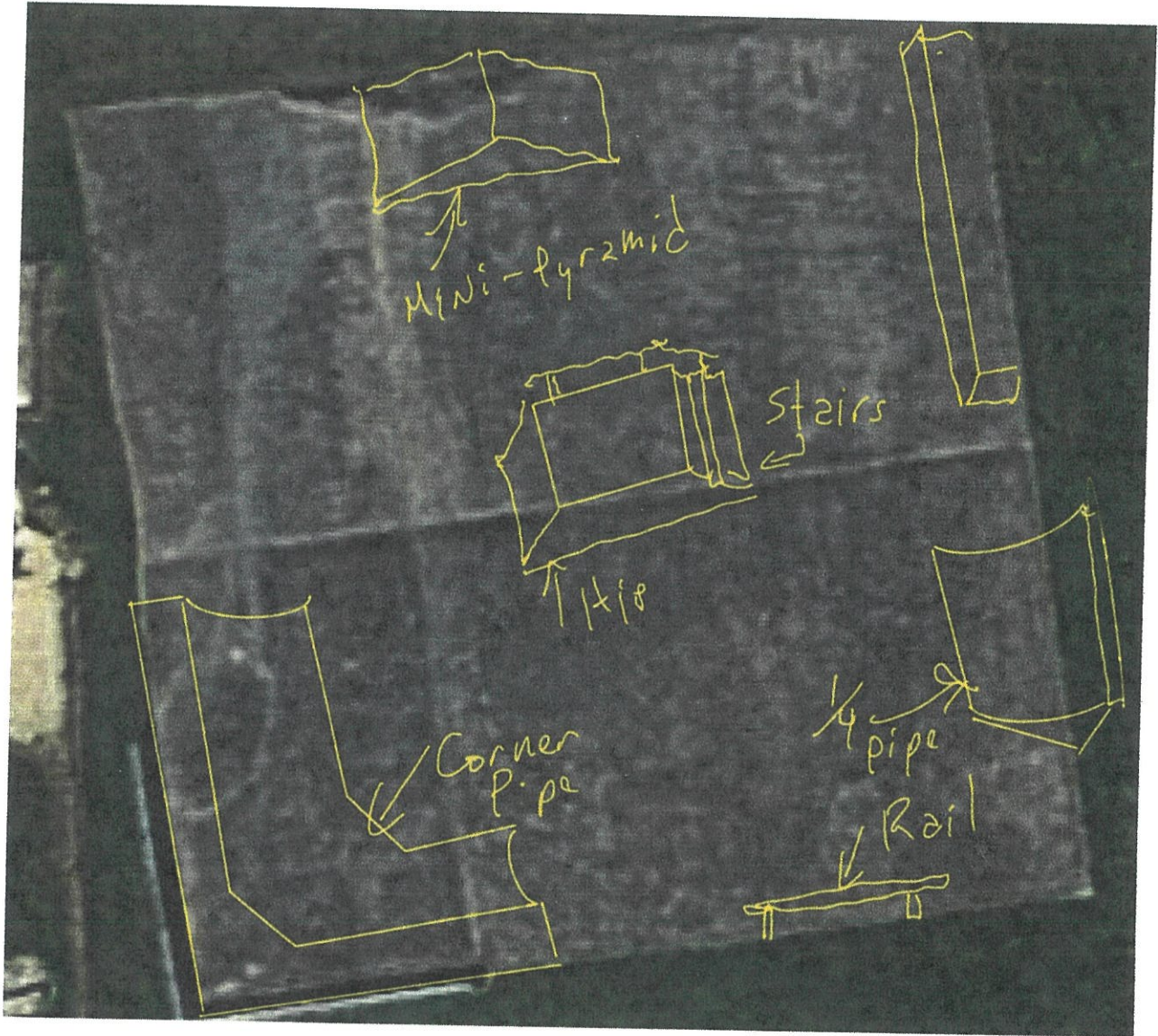
Back to ALL AGES: At the entrance to Brad Ragan park is a facility called the Brian Center. This rehabilitation facility houses folks in need of assistance, rehabilitation and most important CARE. Not simply care in the medical sense, but CARE in the human sense. They have a need to feel kindness, community, joy and belonging. It is my wish that Braad Ragan become a component of that CARE need. I walked Brad Ragan park extensively last week. It would be a relatively small project to create wide wheelchair accessible ramps from the Brian Center to an "observation" pad near pavilion one. From this proposed pad loved ones, caregivers and volunteers could assist patients & residents of the Brian Center as they enjoy being outside observing the young or young at heart skateboarding, swimming, biking, playing. I can assure you an option like the proposed observation pad, could bring incredible joy for an otherwise shut in individual. The effects of simply being outside observing others could drastically change the world and health for these folks. While we are very aware of regulations, limitations and liability components to consider; these are merely obstacles we MUST overcome. As stewards of our elders is it not our duty? This is a critical component and deserves consideration. You may wonder what this proposed observation deck has to do with a "skatepark plan". From my vantage point creating the observation pad for Brian Center should be a component of long term skateboard park planning. If we are pouring concrete to create ramps & obstacles for the youth, we could pour ramps and pads for the patients/residents of Brian Center at the same time.

Should you choose Riverside park as the location for the skatepark Riverside Park, the approved use of grant funds from a second State Capital and Infrastructure grant of \$300,000 for new restrooms and a small splash pad would also compliment the skateboard facility.

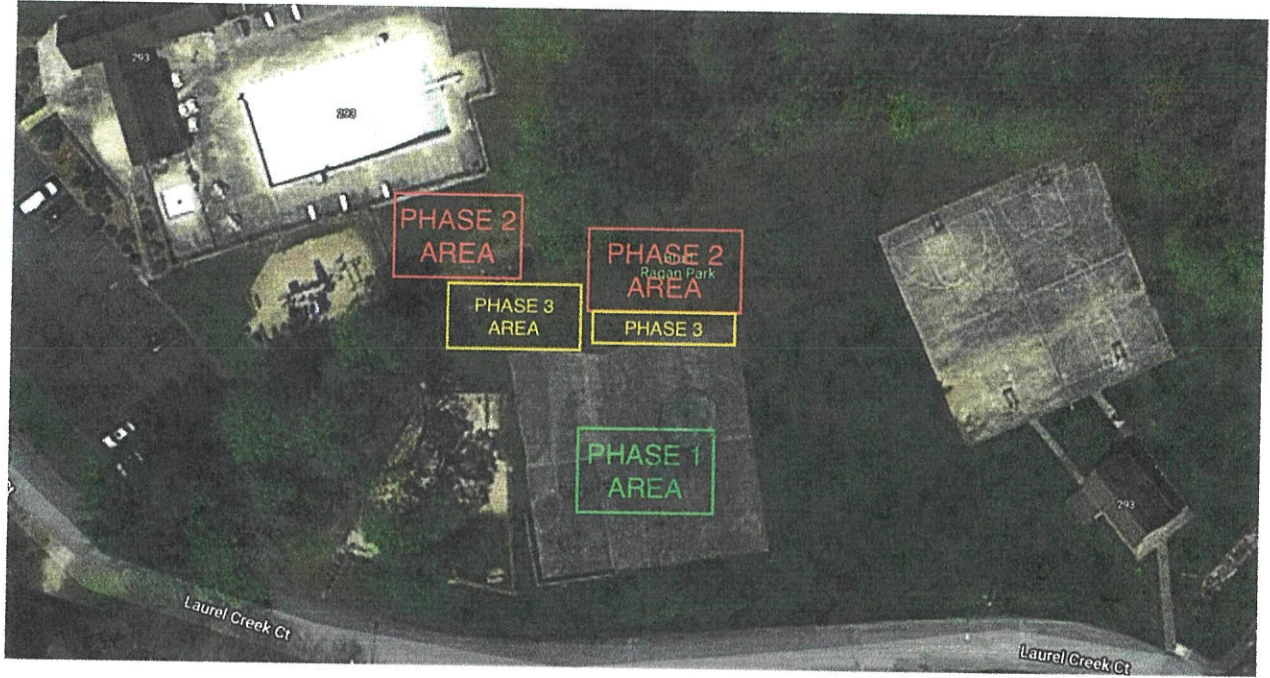
Closing thoughts.

Skateboard Park Planning Rough Discussion Guide

Rough Ideas:

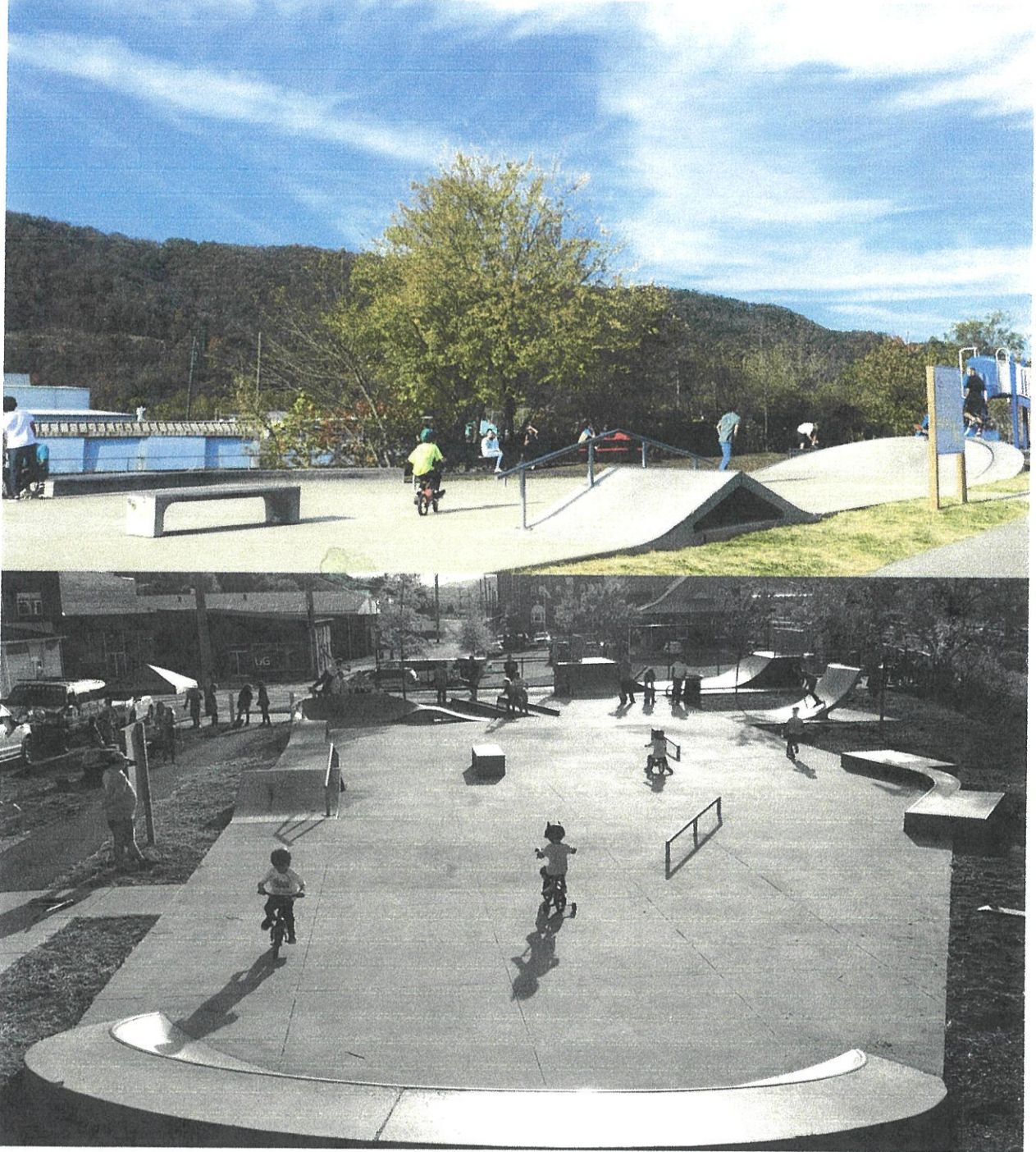


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Erwin TN Skate Park for reference:



ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
BREVARD CITY CODE, CHAPTER 77
PARKS AND RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brevard finds that the proposed amendments to Chapter 77 of Brevard City Code are in the best interests of the Citizens of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature, recognizing (1) the exposure to liability from lawsuits for hazardous recreational activities such as skateboarding, (2) the prohibitive cost of insurance for such activities, and (3) that the risks and dangers inherent in such activities should be assumed by those participating in these activities, has enacted Article 3 of Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes to encourage governmental owners of property to make land available for skateboarding; and

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes limits liability for damages that might arise out of a person's participation in skateboarding on municipal property when the municipality adopts an ordinance requiring the use of certain protective equipment and posts appropriate signage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard desires to make available certain land located within the Tannery Park to operate as a Skate Park and make rules regulating its use in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

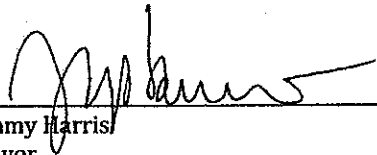
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 1. Brevard City Code Chapter 77 is amended as described in EXHIBIT A.


SECTION 2. If any provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved upon first reading this the 17th day of June, 2019.


Jimmy Harris
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jill Murray, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael K. Pratt
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A – City of Brevard Ordinance No. 2019-15

Permit means any written license issued by or under the authority of the City of Brevard permitting the performance of a specified act or acts.

Permittee means any person, corporation, company or association in possession of a valid permit.

Person means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, public or private institution, political subdivision, or government agency.

Skate park means any City-owned facility specifically designed, constructed, and designated by on-site signage as an area in which a person may engage in skateboarding.

Sec. 77-32. – Duties of Users

- a) While engaged in hazardous recreational activities, irrespective of where such activities occur, a participant is responsible for doing all of the following:
 - (1) Acting within the limits of his or her ability and the purpose and design of the equipment used.
 - (2) Maintaining control of his or her person and the equipment used.
 - (3) Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to death or injury of himself or herself or other persons.
- b) Any person using or riding a skateboard in a Skate Park or in any Parks and Recreation facility in which a Skate Park is located shall wear a protective helmet with the chin strap securely fastened under the chin, and protective elbow pads and knee pads.
- c) Failure to comply with the requirement of subsection (a) of this section constitutes negligence.
- d) It shall be unlawful for the parent or guardian of any minor child to knowingly permit such minor child to use the Skate Park in violation of this section.
- e) No person shall have any dog, cat or other pet on or near the Skate Park unless the animal is on a leash and under the control of the owner or some other person.

Sec. 77-33. – Regulations

- a) It shall be unlawful to use any other conveyance of any type within the Skate Park including, but not limited to, bicycles, inline skates, scooters, or roller skates.
- b) Public nudity is prohibited within the Skate Park.
- c) No games or athletic contests shall be allowed except in places as may be designated by or under permit of the Park Manager, and at such places and for such periods as may be designated by the Park Manager.
- d) No person shall carry or possess any explosives or explosive substance including fireworks within the Skate Park. This does not apply to employees or contractors of the City of Brevard when they engage in construction or maintenance activities.
- e) No person shall use, or be under the influences of intoxicants, marijuana, or non-prescribed narcotic drugs while within the Skate Park. The public display or use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana or non-prescribed narcotic drugs is prohibited.

EXHIBIT A – City of Brevard Ordinance No. 2019-15

- d) For violation of any rule in this Article, the City of Brevard may withdraw the right of a person or persons to remain on or within the Skate Park.

The Village Council on Tuesday adopted an ordinance that establishes the facility — officials are leery about calling it a “park” — behind Village Hall.

The action came after skateboarders placed quarter-pipe ramps, grind boxes and other obstacles on concrete pads behind the building. Instead of tearing down the enthusiasts’ handiwork, village leaders began researching ways to make the improvised park an official amenity.

Rich Lambdin, manager of the village, said he later found a North Carolina statute that “encourages local governments to create and put these kinds of facilities into place.” According to the statute, any town that wishes to establish a skate park must first adopt an ordinance outlining the park’s rules and regulations.

Whispering Pines is insured by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, which Lambdin said will charge an annual premium of \$317 to cover a small skate park. That increase would be a “drop in the bucket” compared with the village’s overall cost of insurance, he said.

But the park comes with some clear rules. It is limited to Whispering Pines residents who sign a form waiving their right to sue the village if they are injured. Skateboarders must also wear helmets and protective pads at the site.

The ordinance includes several other restrictions. Only six skateboarders will be allowed at a time, and residents are prohibited from playing loud music and using “foul or abusive language.”

Those rules were not included in the original draft ordinance reviewed by the council on Nov. 16. Mayor Alexa Roberts and outgoing Councilman Bob Zschoche both felt the additions, which received support from other members of the board, were superfluous.

“There might be 27 people there but they’ll have to take turns — six at a time — on the actual cement,” Roberts said in a phone interview following Tuesday’s meeting. “I’m not 100-percent thrilled with the capacity limit or the (amendments that stipulate) no foul language and no loud music, but at least we’ve got a place where our village residents are able to go and skate without being chased away.”

Her comments were echoed by Zschoche, whose vote in support of the ordinance was a coda to his 16-year run on the council.

Article 3.

Hazardous Recreation Parks Safety and Liability.

§ 99E-21. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to encourage governmental owners or lessees of property to make land available to a governmental entity for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling. It is recognized that governmental owners or lessees of property have failed to make property available for such activities because of the exposure to liability from lawsuits and the prohibitive cost of insurance, if insurance can be obtained for such activities. It is also recognized that risks and dangers are inherent in these activities, which risks and dangers should be assumed by those participating in the activities. (2003-334, s. 1.)

§ 99E-22. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

- (1) Governmental entity. –
 - a. The State, any county or municipality, or any department, agency, or other instrumentality thereof.
 - b. Any school board, special district, authority, or other entity exercising governmental authority.
- (2) Hazardous recreational activity. – Skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling.
- (3) Inherent risk. – Those dangers or conditions that are characteristic of, intrinsic to, or an integral part of skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle bicycling. (2003-334, s. 1.)

§ 99E-23. Duties of operators of skateboard parks.

(a) No operator of a skateboard park shall permit any person to ride a skateboard therein, unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and kneepads.

(b) For any facility owned or operated by a governmental entity that is designed and maintained for the purpose of recreational skateboard use, and that is not supervised on a regular basis, the requirements under subsection (a) of this section are satisfied when all of the following occur:

- (1) The governmental entity adopted an ordinance requiring any person riding a skateboard at the facility to wear a helmet, elbow pads, and kneepads.
- (2) Signs are posted at the facility affording reasonable notice that any person riding a skateboard in the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and kneepads and that any person failing to do so will be subject to citation under the ordinance under subdivision (1) of this subsection. (2003-334, s. 1.)

§ 99E-24. Duties of persons engaged in hazardous recreational activities.

(a) Any person who participates in or assists in hazardous recreational activities assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in these activities, irrespective of age, and is legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to himself or herself or other persons or property that result from these activities. Any person who observes hazardous recreational activities assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in these activities, irrespective of age, and is legally

§ 99E-28. Reserved for future codification purposes.

§ 99E-29. Reserved for future codification purposes.

TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM

FACTS

North Carolina laws require that any municipality's Water & Sewer Fund must be run like a business (or enterprise). The only revenues of the fund are fees for usage from customers. Property taxes revenues cannot be used to support expenses of the water & sewer fund. The annual budget for our Water & Sewer Fund is around \$2.5 million dollars. Of this amount, 35% is the cost of our contract with a company to run our water and sewer plants. This company, Veolia North America, staffs our water and sewer plants with certified local operators who keep our water safe to drink and our discharge safe for the environment. It is important to note that the State Treasurer's Office – Local Government Commission has to approve any debt that a system takes on, and they look at a Town's Water and Sewer System's financial performance when determining the debt margin. The Town currently has the following debt:

State Revolving Loan Fund = \$665,785 borrowed for 20 years at 1.13% with payoff in 2041

Federal Revolving Loan = \$485,200 borrowed for 20 years at 0% interest with payoff in 2032.

It is also important to note the Town has a 10-year capital improvement plan for projects to improve our system. This plan goes through the year 2031 and includes projects that amount to around 10.5 million dollars. These projects include pump station improvements and refurbishments and water line replacements. The Town recently was awarded a Golden Leaf Grant that will begin Phase 1 of the Hwy 226 Water Line Replacement. This project will cost over a million dollars. The Town's American Rescue and Recovery Act Funds of \$682,968 will go to water and sewer system improvements as well. With all the Federal funding that is available, we are looking for funding and applying for grants to do other water line replacements. Some projects that are on our radar for funding include: Deer Park Water Line Replacement, Sullins Branch Water Line Replacement, additional replacement of line on Hwy 226S, Summit Avenue Water Line Replacement, and Golf Course Water Line Replacement. Water lines in these project areas were chosen by our staff as the most critical for replacement.

While it may be simple to say "Why doesn't the Town just replace the lines?" that is easier said than done sometimes. A project may take years until completion. Projects involving more than simple repairs legally must be engineered, and financing and or grants have to be obtained. The Town of Spruce Pine has 35 miles of gravity sewer and 15 miles of forced sewer. The Town has over 62 miles of water line. Replacing all our lines would easily cost over one hundred million dollars. That is why projects have to be done in stages, with the worst sections of line replaced first.

We have always kept our rates on the lower end when compared to neighboring Towns, as we do not want to put a great financial burden on our users. The NC School of Government has put out a water and sewer rates dashboard that will show you the rates across the whole state. You can view this at: <https://efc.sog.unc.edu/resource/north-carolina-water-and-wastewater-rates-dashboard/>

Over the last few years here are several improvements that have been made to our system.

2015 Sewer Filter Improvements - \$2,980,679

2016 Sewage Pump - \$18,860

2018 Sewer Lines - \$188,047

2018 Water Line on Bridge - \$70,000

2018/2019 PRC Industries Improvements – \$1,174,666

2018/2019 Upper Prison, Pine Branch, Mica Street Pump Station Repairs - \$150,379

2019 Scada System - \$93,700

2019 Beaver Creek Sewer Lines - \$80,000

2019 – 2 Influent Pumps - \$102,468

2020 – Cemetery Tank Improvements - \$13,750

2020 – Oxidation Ditch Aerator - \$30,395

2020 – Sewage Pump - \$9,935

2020/2021 – RAS Pump Replacements – 125,797

2020/2021 - SRP Loan – 19E Sewer Line and Locust Street Project \$665,785

Total = \$5,704,461

The Town Council has been committed to making improvements to our water and wastewater systems, utilizing funds-in-hand responsibly, and staying within a debt margin that is acceptable to the State of North Carolina. We regret the inconvenience to our citizens, neighbors and families that occurs when water lines break. Our staff has been working toward better communication of interruptions of service. Thank you for your patience when the inevitably inconvenient breaks occur, and for your constructive suggestions on how to improve matters.

Proposal #1

Town of Spruce Pine
Rates Effective 7/1/2021

INSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$12.00	\$12.00
2,001-20,000	\$3.90/1000 gallons	\$4.30/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$4.10/1000 gallons	\$4.55/1000 gallons
100,001-500,000	\$4.30/1000 gallons	\$4.80/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$4.50/1000 gallons	\$5.05/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$4.70/1000 gallons	\$5.30/1000 gallons
OUTSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$29.55	\$29.55
2,001-20,000	\$5.55/1000 gallons	\$6.25/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$5.95/1000 gallons	\$6.75/1000 gallons
100,000-500,000	\$6.35/1000 gallons	\$7.25/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$6.75/1000 gallons	\$7.75/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$7.15/1000 gallons	\$8.25/1000 gallons

Town of Spruce Pine
Rates Effective 7/1/2022

INSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$14.00	\$14.00
2,001-20,000	\$4.00/1000 gallons	\$5.00/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$5.00/1000 gallons	\$6.00/1000 gallons
100,001-500,000	\$7.00/1000 gallons	\$8.00/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$8.00/1000 gallons	\$9.00/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$9.00/1000 gallons	\$10.00/1000 gallons
OUTSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$33.00	\$33.00
2,001-20,000	\$6.00/1000 gallons	\$7.00/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$7.00/1000 gallons	\$8.00/1000 gallons
100,000-500,000	\$9.00/1000 gallons	\$10.00/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$10.00/1000 gallons	\$11.00/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$11.00/1000 gallons	\$12.00/1000 gallons

Deposits

Inside	\$100
Outside	
Water	\$150
Water & Sewer	\$200

Reconnect Fee \$50

Meter Tampering Fee \$100

*Plus actual costs of damages.

Hydrant Fee \$50

*Plus current volume charge at outside rate.

Proposal #2

Town of Spruce Pine
Rates Effective 7/1/2021

INSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$12.00	\$12.00
2,001-20,000	\$3.90/1000 gallons	\$4.30/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$4.10/1000 gallons	\$4.55/1000 gallons
100,001-500,000	\$4.30/1000 gallons	\$4.80/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$4.50/1000 gallons	\$5.05/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$4.70/1000 gallons	\$5.30/1000 gallons
OUTSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$29.55	\$29.55
2,001-20,000	\$5.55/1000 gallons	\$6.25/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$5.95/1000 gallons	\$6.75/1000 gallons
100,000-500,000	\$6.35/1000 gallons	\$7.25/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$6.75/1000 gallons	\$7.75/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$7.15/1000 gallons	\$8.25/1000 gallons

Town of Spruce Pine
Rates Effective 7/1/2022

INSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$13.00	\$13.00
2,001-20,000	\$4.00/1000 gallons	\$5.00/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$5.00/1000 gallons	\$6.00/1000 gallons
100,001-500,000	\$7.00/1000 gallons	\$8.00/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$8.00/1000 gallons	\$9.00/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$9.00/1000 gallons	\$10.00/1000 gallons
OUTSIDE USER RATES		
CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)	WATER RATES	SEWER RATES
0-2000	\$32.00	\$32.00
2,001-20,000	\$6.00/1000 gallons	\$7.00/1000 gallons
20,001-100,000	\$7.00/1000 gallons	\$8.00/1000 gallons
100,000-500,000	\$9.00/1000 gallons	\$10.00/1000 gallons
500,000-1,000,000	\$10.00/1000 gallons	\$11.00/1000 gallons
>1,000,000	\$11.00/1000 gallons	\$12.00/1000 gallons

Deposits

Inside	\$100
Outside	
Water	\$150
Water & Sewer	\$200

Reconnect Fee	\$50
Meter Tampering Fee	\$100

*Plus actual costs of damages.

Hydrant Fee	\$50
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*Plus current volume charge at outside rate.

WATER/ SEWER REVENUES

<u>Month of January 2022</u>	Amount Billed	\$ 178,299.64	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Annual Basis</u>
	Proposal #1	\$ 228,913.00	\$ 50,613.36	\$ 607,360.32
	Proposal #2	\$225,394.00	\$ 47,094.36	\$ 565,132.32

These New Rates:

Proposal #1 Proposal #2

5,000 gallon water/sewer bill inside	\$ 55.00	\$ 53.00
5,000 gallon water/sewer bill outside	\$ 105.00	\$ 103.00

Current Rates:

5,000 gallon water/sewer bill inside	\$ 48.60
5,000 gallon water/sewer bill outside	\$ 94.50

Town of Burnsville

P.O. Box 97

Burnsville, NC 28714

Effective July 1, 2021

RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE INSIDE TOWN LIMITS

Water and Sewer Rates									
Gallons	Minimum water	Price per 1000 gal	Minimum sewer	Price per 1000 gal	Water and Sewer				
0-3000	\$22.80	\$7.60	\$22.80	\$7.60	\$45.60				
4000	\$30.45	\$7.65	\$30.45	\$7.65	\$60.90				
5000	\$38.12	\$7.67	\$38.12	\$7.67	\$76.24				
6000	\$45.83	\$7.71	\$45.83	\$7.71	\$91.66				
7000	\$53.56	\$7.73	\$53.56	\$7.73	\$107.12				
8000	\$61.33	\$7.77	\$61.33	\$7.77	\$122.66				
9000	\$69.13	\$7.80	\$69.13	\$7.80	\$138.26				
10,000 & up	\$76.96	\$7.83	\$76.96	\$7.83	\$153.92				

Other Fees as Applicable							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation fee begins at 10,000 gallons and is \$5 flat fee plus \$2 per 1000 gallons in addition to the rate. • Water leak adjustment may be granted once every 12 months. • Late fee is the greater of 10% of past due balance or \$7. Accounts six months or more delinquent may have a one-time penalty deferral. • Usage of more than 600,000 per month requires a commitment letter. • Application fee \$35 • Commitment letter \$35 • Reconnect for cut-off \$100 • Re-read at customer's request \$25 • Meter test at customer's request \$25 • Meter tampering fee \$100 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meter Deposit</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>3/4 inch</td> <td>\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 inch</td> <td>\$250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 inch</td> <td>\$350</td> </tr> </table>	3/4 inch	\$150	1 inch	\$250	2 inch	\$350
3/4 inch	\$150						
1 inch	\$250						
2 inch	\$350						

Water and Sewer Tap and SDF Fees				
Line Size	Max Rated GPM	Water Tap Fee	Water SDF	Sewer SDF
3/4 inch	20	\$725	SEE DIRECTOR	SEE DIRECTOR
1 inch	50	\$975	SEE DIRECTOR	SEE DIRECTOR
2 inch	160	\$2,550	SEE DIRECTOR	SEE DIRECTOR
4 inch	500	By Contract	SEE DIRECTOR	SEE DIRECTOR
6 inch	1000	By Contract	SEE DIRECTOR	SEE DIRECTOR

- Tap fees cover the cost of construction from the town's existing line to the property line or 200 feet, whichever occurs first.
- Construction performed by the town will be charged to the customer at cost plus 10%.
- Cost of connections not listed will be determined on a case by case basis.

User fee is assessed on water/sewer customers to cover past and current costs necessary to serve the property. The calculation is based on usage.

Fire Line Connection Charge

- Fire line user fee is \$10 per gallon of rated flow.
- Fire protection line connection is \$1.50 per sq inch of pipe size per month.

Town of Burnsville
P.O. Box 97
Burnsville, NC 28714
Effective July 1, 2021

RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

Water and Sewer Rates									
Gallons	Minimum water	Price per 1000 gal	Minimum sewer	Price per 1000 gal	Water and Sewer				
0-3000	\$45.60	\$15.20	\$45.60	\$15.20	\$91.20				
4000	\$60.90	\$15.30	\$60.90	\$15.30	\$121.80				
5000	\$76.24	\$15.34	\$76.24	\$15.34	\$152.48				
6000	\$91.66	\$15.42	\$91.66	\$15.42	\$183.32				
7000	\$107.12	\$15.46	\$107.12	\$15.46	\$214.24				
8000	\$122.66	\$15.54	\$122.66	\$15.54	\$245.32				
9000	\$138.26	\$15.60	\$138.26	\$15.60	\$276.52				
10,000 & up	\$153.92	\$15.66	\$153.92	\$15.66	\$307.84				

Other Fees as Applicable	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation fee begins at 10,000 gallons and is \$5 flat fee plus \$2 per 1000 gallons in addition to the rate. • Water leak adjustment may be granted once every 12 months. • Late fee is the greater of 10% of past due balance or \$7. Accounts six months or more delinquent may have a one-time penalty deferral. • Usage of more than 600,000 per month requires a commitment letter. • Application fee \$35 • Commitment letter \$35 • Reconnect for cut-off \$100 • Re-read at customer's request \$25 • Meter test at customer's request \$25 • Meter tampering fee \$100 	<p><u>Meter Deposit</u></p> <p>3/4 inch \$150</p> <p>1 inch \$250</p> <p>2 inch \$350</p>

Water and Sewer Tap and SDF Fees					
Line Size	Max Rated GPM	Water Tap Fee	Water SDF	Sewer Tap Fee	Sewer SDF
3/4 inch	20	\$925	See Director	\$925	See Director
1 inch	50	\$1,175	See Director	\$1,175	See Director
2 inch	160	\$2,750	See Director	\$2,750	See Director
4 inch	500	By Contract	See Director	By Contract	See Director
6 inch	1000	By Contract	See Director	By Contract	See Director

• The customer is responsible for all construction cost from the town's existing line to the point of use.
 • Construction performed by the town will be charged to the customer at cost plus 20%.
 • Cost of connections not listed will be determined on a case by case basis.

User fee is assessed on water/sewer customers to cover past and current costs necessary to serve the property.
 The calculation is based on usage.

Fire Line Connection Charge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire line user fee is \$20 per gallon of rated flow. • Fire protection line connection is \$3 per sq inch of pipe size per month.

City of Marion
Fee and Rate Schedule – Effective July 1, 2021

I. Water and Sewer Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
Water Rates:	\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons plus \$14.74 Service Charge per month	\$7.22 per 1,000 gallons plus \$36.79 Service Charge per month
Minimum rate for 2,000 gallons or less	\$17.45	\$43.57
Master Meter Rate	\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons plus \$11.75 Service Charge per unit per month	\$7.22 per 1,000 gallons plus \$29.36 Service Charge per unit per month
Master Meter Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons or less per unit per month	\$2.72 per 1,000 gallons plus \$11.75 Service Charge per unit per month	\$6.80 per 1,000 gallons plus \$29.36 Service Charge per unit per month
Sewer Rates:	\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons plus \$14.74 Service Charge per month	\$7.22 per 1,000 gallons plus \$36.79 Service Charge per month
Minimum rate for 2,000 gallons or less	\$17.45	\$43.57
Master Meter Rate	\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons plus \$11.75 Service Charge per unit per month	\$7.22 per 1,000 gallons plus \$29.36 Service Charge per unit per month
Master Meter Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons or less per unit per month	\$2.72 per 1,000 gallons plus \$11.75 Service Charge per unit per month	\$6.80 per 1,000 gallons plus \$29.36 Service Charge per unit per month
Metered Sewer Rates for Private Wells	\$4.14 per 1,000 gallons plus \$14.74 Service Charge per unit per month	\$10.34 per 1,000 gallons plus \$36.79 Service Charge per unit per month
Fire Line Connection Monthly Fee:		
< 8 inch line	\$4.00	\$10.00
8-10 inch line	\$8.00	\$20.00
>10 inch line	\$12.00	\$30.00

Important Notices:

All sewer charges are based on water meter readings; unless a sewer metering device approved by the City has been installed.

When more than one unit is served by a Master Meter, such as a mobile home park, shopping center, or apartment complex, the monthly minimum charge (for 2,000 gallons or less usage) is \$2.72 per 1,000 gallons plus a service charge of \$11.75 per unit served for water and \$2.72 per 1,000 gallons plus a service charge of \$11.75 per unit served for sewer in the City. If outside the City, the monthly minimum charge

58.48 inside 5,000
 138.51 outside 5,000



SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Environmental Finance Center

NC Water and Wastewater Rates Dashboard
Rates as of January 1, 2021
Last updated: February 24, 2021



Spruce Pine

▼ Spruce Pine

- Rates Comparison
- Financial Benchmarks
- Characteristics
- Links
- Affordability
- System and Community Info

Select residential bill and monthly consumption amount

Water Bill Sewer Bill Water + Sewer Bill

5,000 gallons

668 cubic feet ⇄

Monthly Water & Sewer Bill: 46.30 (0.009/gal)

Select comparison group: My Council Of Government ▼

Caution

Revenue impacts are highly speculative. For more detailed modeling, the EFC's [Water and Wastewater Rates Analysis Model](#) is a free tool that examines how revenues at your utility could be affected by various changes in rate structures. However, neither of these tools should be used in place of an in-depth rate study.

Caution

Assumes across-the-board rate increases for all customer classes. Projected revenue impacts assume a 3 percent drop in demand for every 10 percent increase in price. Accuracy of projections decreases as the proposed rate increase gets larger.

Comparing to utilities also in the High Country COG



16 rate structures compared

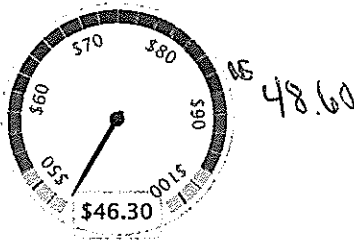
Effects of raising rates by:

%

Bill Comparison

Water & Sewer Bill at

5,000 gallons



Median: 58.02

Min 27.52 Max 148.04

Conservation Signal

Data sources: Environmental Finance Center at UNC School of Government & 2021 North Carolina water & wastewater rates survey, NC Local Government Commission (North Carolina Office of the State Treasurer), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Information System, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2014-2018, and North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Email feedback or comments: [Environmental Finance Center](#)

Town of Spruce Pine
 Water Audit
 July 2020-June 2021

	Total Water Supplied		Total Gallons Authorized		Other Water Losses		Total Gallons Water In		Sewer In		Water Out		Sewer Out	
	Water Sold	Water Usage	Water Sold	Water Usage	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
July-20	18,660,000	1,187,000	12,357,000		\$33,508.60	\$33,381.29	\$93,986.81	\$50,134.86	\$211,011.56					
August-20	17,751,000	1,184,000	12,326,000		\$36,428.20	\$36,892.88	\$85,672.87	\$45,184.56	\$204,178.51					
September-20	19,553,000	1,235,000	13,441,000		\$41,419.29	\$40,268.03	\$89,416.70	\$48,075.98	\$219,179.91					
October-20	16,397,000	975,009	11,748,000		\$36,521.90	\$37,294.79	\$76,765.93	\$39,862.17	\$190,434.79					
November-20	15,014,000	910,000	10,309,000		\$32,568.70	\$32,894.59	\$73,413.97	\$36,104.22	\$174,981.48					
December-20	25,892,000	1,111,000	20,941,000		\$80,336.60	\$86,404.33	\$76,251.86	\$38,688.88	\$189,539.80					
January-21	12,364,000	654,000	9,056,000		\$27,863.40	\$27,732.99	\$63,590.88	\$35,109.03	\$154,296.30					
February-21	15,396,000	1,162,000	11,456,000		\$34,938.20	\$35,329.89	\$71,297.95	\$39,990.91	\$181,556.95					
March-21	12,949,000	1,098,000	9,679,000		\$31,437.60	\$31,646.99	\$61,423.68	\$32,728.68	\$157,296.95					
April-21	13,977,000	1,020,000	10,305,000		\$32,258.30	\$32,562.54	\$66,910.92	\$36,054.11	\$167,775.87					
May-21	15,701,000	1,147,000	11,298,000		\$35,599.40	\$35,538.64	\$71,892.15	\$38,127.87	\$181,158.06					
June-21	16,605,000	1,110,000	12,106,000		\$37,983.20	\$38,468.84	\$73,511.53	\$39,499.58	\$189,463.15					
	200,249,000	12,793,000	145,022,000	0	\$460,863.30	\$468,395.80	\$904,135.25	\$479,560.85	\$2,220,813.33					

Town of Spruce Pine
 Water Audit
 July 2021-June 2022

	Total Water Supplied	Total Gallons Water Sold	Authorized Water Usage	Other Water Losses	Total Gallons Sewer Sold	Water In Dollars	Sewer In Dollars	Water Out Dollars	Sewer Out Dollars
July-21	14,268,000	963,000	897,000		10,279,000	\$33,892.60	\$33,739.79	\$68,653.61	\$35,264.49
August-21	15,576,000	863,000	863,000		11,284,000	\$37,575.50	\$37,883.79	\$71,416.37	\$35,931.22
September-21	14,132,000	863,000	863,000		10,288,000	\$35,146.90	\$35,391.44	\$66,265.51	\$32,561.62
October-21	14,786,000	902,000	902,000		10,677,000	\$36,177.70	\$36,515.19	\$69,133.90	\$33,841.19
November-21	16,541,000	1,054,000	1,054,000		12,096,000	\$39,264.70	\$39,902.69	\$75,578.69	\$39,180.09
December-21	13,887,000	1,051,000	1,051,000		10,212,000	\$34,411.50	\$34,799.29	\$66,673.80	\$33,693.28
January-22	15,159,000	875,000	875,000		10,379,000	\$34,338.60	\$34,480.24	\$73,861.40	\$34,978.40
February-22	0	0	0		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March-22	0	0	0		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
April-22	0	0	0		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May-22	0	0	0		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June-22	0	0	0		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	104,349,000	6,605,000	6,605,000	0	75,215,000	\$250,807.50	\$252,712.43	\$491,583.28	\$245,450.29
									\$1,240,553.50

**CONTRACT PRICE FOR SPRUCE PINE
CONTRACT YEAR 2022-2023**

Fixed Service Fee

Formula = $(1 + (60\% \times \text{ECI}) + (40\% \times \text{CPI}))$

Where: ECI = CIU20100000002201
CPI = CUUR0000SA0

ECI Index

Qtr 4 2021:	145.6			
Qtr 4 2020:	<u>139.3</u>			
	6.3	CHANGE =	$\frac{6.3}{139.3} \times 100\% =$	<u>4.52%</u>

CPI Index

Annual 2021:	270.970			
Annual 2020:	<u>258.811</u>			
	12.159	CHANGE =	$\frac{12.159}{258.811} \times 100\% =$	<u>4.70%</u>

Fixed Fee Adjustment Factor = $(1 + (60\% \times 0.0452) + (40\% \times 0.047)) = 1.0459$

Fixed Component

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	
Fixed Service Fee Before Change:	834,434.19	\$69,536.18	2021-2022
Fixed Service Fee Change:	<u>\$38,300.53</u>	<u>\$3,191.71</u>	
2022-2023 Fixed Component	<u>\$872,734.72</u>	<u>\$72,727.89</u>	2022-2023

Sampling Component

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	
Regulatory Sampling Before Change:	12,333.02	\$1,027.75	2021-2022
Regulatory Sampling Change:	<u>\$566.09</u>	<u>\$47.18</u>	
2022-2023 Regulatory Sampling Component	<u>\$12,899.10</u>	<u>\$1,074.93</u>	2022-2023

Cross Connection Component

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	
Regulatory Sampling Before Change: <i>(not subject to escalation)</i>	7,500.00	\$625.00	2021-2022
Regulatory Sampling Change:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
2022-2023 Regulatory Sampling Component	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	2022-2023

Total Fee for Period 2022-2023 **\$893,133.82** **\$74,427.82**

Contract Price: 2021-2022

$71,188.93 \times 12 = 854,267.16$

Increase of \$38,866.66

County or Municipality	Population **	% Share of Distribution	Ad Valorem Levies **	% Share of Distribution
HOT SPRINGS	519	2.12062%	\$ 340,566.00	1.77658%
MARS HILL	2,006	8.19645%	\$ 740,167.00	3.86113%
MARSHALL	776	3.17071%	\$ 593,705.00	3.09710%
TOTAL	24,474	100.00000%	\$ 19,169,718.00	100.00000%
MARTIN (AD VALOREM)	21,933	73.25162%	\$ 17,451,664.00	79.95380%
BEAR GRASS	89	0.29724%	\$ 15,078.00	0.06908%
EVERETTS	149	0.49763%	\$ 31,440.00	0.14404%
HAMILTON	305	1.01864%	\$ 82,339.00	0.37723%
HASSELL	49	0.16365%	\$ 7,393.00	0.03387%
JAMESVILLE	422	1.40939%	\$ 137,809.00	0.63136%
OAK CITY	265	0.88504%	\$ 76,150.00	0.34888%
PARMELE	242	0.80823%	\$ 83,540.00	0.38273%
ROBERSONVILLE	1,263	4.21816%	\$ 624,379.00	2.86056%
WILLIAMSTON	5,225	17.45040%	\$ 3,317,394.00	15.19845%
TOTAL	29,942	100.00000%	\$ 21,827,186.00	100.00000%
MCDOWELL (AD VALOREM)	44,511	83.93868%	\$ 31,181,298.00	90.08603%
MARION	7,707	14.53383%	\$ 2,985,074.00	8.62419%
OLD FORT	810	1.52749%	\$ 446,430.00	1.28978%
TOTAL	53,028	100.00000%	\$ 34,612,802.00	100.00000%
MECKLENBURG (AD VALOREM)	1,118,182	51.53664%	\$ 1,206,650,387.00	66.59381%
CHARLOTTE	876,694	40.40653%	\$ 523,523,582.00	28.89274%
CORNELIUS	31,489	1.45132%	\$ 16,557,135.00	0.91377%
DAVIDSON *	14,760	0.68028%	\$ 7,727,576.00	0.42648%
HUNTERSVILLE	61,526	2.83571%	\$ 25,564,538.00	1.41088%
MATTHEWS	29,506	1.35992%	\$ 14,047,805.00	0.77528%
MINT HILL *	26,509	1.22179%	\$ 9,309,809.00	0.51380%
PINEVILLE	10,628	0.48984%	\$ 8,497,306.00	0.46896%
STALLINGS *	385	0.01774%	\$ 77,608.00	0.00428%
WEDDINGTON *	5	0.00023%	\$ -	0.00000%
TOTAL	2,169,684	100.00000%	\$ 1,811,955,746.00	100.00000%
MITCHELL (AD VALOREM)	14,902	84.93104%	\$ 11,869,176.00	88.39650%
BAKERSVILLE	450	2.56469%	\$ 141,957.00	1.05723%
SPRUCE PINE	2,194	12.50427%	\$ 1,416,069.00	10.54627%
TOTAL	17,546	100.00000%	\$ 13,427,202.00	100.00000%
MONTGOMERY (PER CAPITA)	25,730	77.47201%	\$ 22,320,851.00	86.05396%
BISCOE	1,847	5.56124%	\$ 999,800.00	3.85455%
CANDOR *	812	2.44490%	\$ 558,267.00	2.15230%
MOUNT GILEAD	1,170	3.52282%	\$ 573,959.00	2.21279%
STAR	805	2.42382%	\$ 314,119.00	1.21103%
TROY	2,848	8.57521%	\$ 1,171,205.00	4.51537%
TOTAL	33,212	100.00000%	\$ 25,938,201.00	100.00000%
MOORE (PER CAPITA)	100,126	64.38391%	\$ 82,710,161.00	70.46198%
ABERDEEN	8,551	5.49854%	\$ 5,090,017.00	4.33626%
CAMERON	245	0.15754%	\$ 112,661.00	0.09598%
CANDOR *	0	0.00000%	\$ -	0.00000%
CARTHAGE	2,789	1.79341%	\$ 1,356,346.00	1.15549%
FOXFIRE VILLAGE	1,293	0.83144%	\$ 719,280.00	0.61276%
PINEBLUFF	1,479	0.95104%	\$ 548,072.00	0.46691%
PINEHURST	17,651	11.35010%	\$ 11,422,534.00	9.73102%
ROBBINS	1,173	0.75427%	\$ 510,396.00	0.43481%
SOUTHERN PINES	15,607	10.03575%	\$ 11,141,789.00	9.49185%

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
OAK CITY	962.12	693.31	468.76	-	-	108.59	-	-	753.35	2,986.13
PARMELE	1,055.47	760.58	514.24	-	-	119.13	-	-	826.45	3,275.87
ROBERSONVILLE	7,888.67	5,684.62	3,843.49	-	-	890.37	-	-	6,176.90	24,484.05
WILLIAMSTON	41,913.31	30,202.98	20,420.86	-	-	4,730.65	-	-	32,818.55	130,086.35
TOTAL	275,773.60	198,724.11	134,361.49	-	-	31,125.85	-	-	59,272.98	699,257.91

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(AD VALOREM)	531,807.31	384,475.70	262,893.68	-	-	61,507.18	-	-	(45,807.77)	1,194,876.10
MARION	50,911.41	36,806.95	25,167.55	-	-	5,888.26	-	-	39,848.31	158,622.48
OLD FORT	7,613.99	5,504.62	3,763.90	-	-	880.61	-	-	5,959.46	23,722.58
TOTAL	590,332.71	426,787.27	291,825.13	-	-	68,276.05	-	-	-	1,377,221.16

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(AD VALOREM)	17,523,047.41	5,829,769.68	8,638,291.15	6,587,755.47	76.28	-	-	-	(1,949,743.77)	36,629,196.22
CHARLOTTE	7,602,641.34	2,529,334.48	3,747,854.35	5,165,030.79	33.10	-	-	-	1,686,317.40	20,731,211.46
CORNELIUS	240,443.29	79,993.45	118,530.71	-	1.05	-	-	-	53,331.96	492,300.46
DAVIDSON *	112,221.08	37,335.00	55,321.33	-	0.49	-	-	-	24,891.40	229,769.30
HUNTERSVILLE	371,249.48	123,511.56	183,013.89	362,479.05	1.62	-	-	-	82,345.65	1,122,601.25
MATTHEWS	204,001.97	67,869.73	100,566.32	-	0.89	-	-	-	45,249.02	417,667.93
MINT HILL *	135,197.88	44,979.19	66,648.15	-	0.59	-	-	-	29,987.80	276,813.61
PINEVILLE	123,398.98	41,053.80	60,831.68	-	0.54	-	-	-	27,370.74	252,655.74
STALLINGS *	1,126.21	374.68	555.19	-	-	-	-	-	249.80	2,305.88
WEDDINGTON *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	26,313,327.64	8,754,221.57	12,971,612.77	12,115,265.31	114.56	-	-	-	-	60,154,541.85

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(AD VALOREM)	202,962.90	110,084.53	95,138.74	-	(10.11)	25,739.05	-	-	(14,285.60)	419,629.51
BAKERSVILLE	2,427.45	1,316.62	1,137.87	-	(0.12)	307.84	-	-	1,301.61	6,491.27
SPRUCE PINE	24,214.78	13,133.79	11,350.66	-	(1.21)	3,070.83	-	-	12,963.99	64,752.84
TOTAL	229,605.13	124,534.94	107,627.27	-	(11.44)	29,117.72	-	-	-	490,873.62

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(PER CAPITA)	227,194.11	170,088.51	107,983.07	-	-	81,675.82	-	60,742.27	(54,806.61)	592,877.17
BISCOE	16,308.87	12,209.61	7,751.44	-	-	5,863.01	-	-	13,529.51	55,662.44
CANDOR *	7,169.90	5,367.74	3,407.78	-	-	2,577.57	-	-	5,948.01	24,471.00
MOUNT GILEAD	10,331.01	7,734.29	4,910.22	-	-	3,713.98	-	-	8,570.39	35,299.89
STAR	7,108.09	5,331.46	3,378.40	-	-	2,555.34	-	-	5,886.73	24,260.02
TROY	25,147.63	18,826.73	11,952.41	-	-	9,040.52	-	-	20,861.97	85,829.26
TOTAL	293,269.61	219,548.34	139,383.32	-	-	105,426.24	-	60,742.27	-	818,359.78

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(PER CAPITA)	1,273,933.44	629,448.34	629,277.05	-	21.11	-	-	463,173.51	(319,625.02)	2,676,228.43
ABERDEEN	108,796.97	53,756.39	53,741.76	-	1.80	-	-	-	49,344.87	265,641.79
CAMERON	3,117.17	1,540.19	1,539.77	-	0.05	-	-	-	1,413.79	7,610.97
CANDOR *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARTHAGE	35,485.34	17,533.25	17,528.48	-	0.59	-	-	-	16,094.37	86,642.03
FOXFIRE VILLAGE	16,451.30	8,128.56	8,126.35	-	0.27	-	-	-	7,461.49	40,167.97
PINEBLUFF	18,817.77	9,297.83	9,295.30	-	0.31	-	-	-	8,534.80	45,946.01
PINEHURST	224,578.97	110,964.08	110,933.89	-	3.72	-	-	-	101,857.78	548,338.44
ROBBINS	14,924.38	7,374.11	7,372.10	-	0.25	-	-	-	6,768.95	36,439.79
SOUTHERN PINES	198,572.56	98,114.36	98,087.66	-	3.29	-	-	-	90,062.50	484,840.45
TAYLORTOWN	8,104.76	4,004.55	4,003.46	-	0.13	-	-	-	3,675.98	19,788.80
VASS	12,163.56	6,010.00	6,008.36	-	0.20	-	-	-	5,516.78	29,698.90
WHISPERING PINES	63,706.67	31,476.86	31,468.30	-	1.06	-	-	-	28,893.71	155,545.60
TOTAL	1,978,651.89	977,648.52	977,382.48	-	32.78	-	-	463,173.51	-	4,399,889.18

MUNICIPALITY	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ART 44 *24	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
(PER CAPITA)	940,985.28	496,562.06	437,452.29	-	-	74,395.91	-	-	(275,174.21)	1,674,221.33

Town of Spruce Pine
 Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy
 01/31/22
 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	266,759		1,360.48
<i>*Rounding</i>	<i>234</i>		<i>1.19</i>
Prior year taxes	<u>1,254,516</u>		<u>6,398.03</u>
	<u>1,521,509</u>		<u>7,759.70</u>
Abatements			
Min Bill	31,345		159.86
Releases	39,335		200.61
Total property valuation	<u>249,584,046</u>		
Net levy			<u>1,272,878.64</u>
Uncollected taxes at			<u>72,863.72</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>1,200,014.92</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>94.3%</u>
Total 2021-22 Year to Date Collections thru 01/31/22 \$1,200,014.92			
	Refunds		
	Prior Yr		
	Vehicle Taxes		\$60,409.50
Amount due SPVFD	Collections X	10.00%	\$126,042.44
		0.25%	\$3,151.06
Less Previous Payments			
Balance Due SPVFD			\$129,193.50
Vendor Code			SPVFD
Amount of Check			\$129,193.50
G/L Account Charged			10-530-45

**Town of Spruce Pine
Labor Grades & Ranges
CALCULATED @ 1.3% 7/1/2021**

General Employees (Non-Exempt) - 2080 Hours

Grade	State Code	Min	Range	Max	Position
0-NE		\$31,589.51	-	\$44,306.74	Utility Billing & Collections
5-NE4		\$40,317.06		\$60,505.03	Town Clerk

General Employees (Non-Exempt) - 2210 Hours

Grade	State Code	Min	Range	Max	Position
1-NE		\$31,064.64	-	\$46,619.65	Public Works Laborer
2-NE		\$32,617.88	-	\$48,950.64	Equipment Operator (Sweeper)
3-NE		\$34,248.77	-	\$51,398.17	Water Distribution/Water Collection
4-NE		\$35,961.21	-	\$53,968.08	Skilled Maintenance Worker

Law Enforcement (Non-Exempt) - 2184 Hours

Grade	State Code	Min	Range	Max	Position
1-E		\$40,317.06	-	\$60,505.03	Main Street Director / Parks & Rec. Director
2-E2		\$46,672.03	-	\$70,042.13	Finance Officer
3-E		\$49,005.63	-	\$73,544.24	Police Chief
4-E		\$51,455.92	-	\$77,221.45	Public Works Director
5-E3		\$62,544.99	-	\$93,863.16	Town Manager

Law Enforcement (Non-Exempt) - 2184 Hours

Grade	State Code	Min	Range	Max	Position
1-EL		\$34,616.40	-	\$51,949.88	Police Officer
2-EL		\$36,347.22	-	\$54,547.38	Detective/Sergeant
3-EL		\$38,164.58	-	\$57,274.75	Lieutenant
4-EL		\$40,072.81	-	\$60,138.48	Captain

2021-2022

Employees Currently at 20 years + Service On Pay Plan:

Alan Dale Robinson	26 years service
Michael Briggs	23 years service

Kasey Cook	18 years service
Ella Edwards	14 years service
Michael Burleson	13 years service
Michael Hollifield	12 years service

Minimum Rate	1 Year Anniversary	4 Year Anniversary	7 Year Anniversary	10 Year Anniversary	15 Year Anniversary	20 Year Anniversary
\$ 15.19	\$ 16.25	\$ 17.39	\$ 18.61	\$ 19.91	\$ 21.30	\$ 22.79
\$ 19.38	\$ 20.74	\$ 22.19	\$ 23.75	\$ 25.41	\$ 27.19	\$ 29.09

Minimum Rate	1 Year Anniversary	4 Year Anniversary	7 Year Anniversary	10 Year Anniversary	15 Year Anniversary	20 Year Anniversary
\$ 14.06	\$ 15.04	\$ 16.09	\$ 17.22	\$ 18.43	\$ 19.71	\$ 21.09
\$ 14.76	\$ 15.79	\$ 16.90	\$ 18.08	\$ 19.35	\$ 20.70	\$ 22.15
\$ 15.50	\$ 16.58	\$ 17.74	\$ 18.98	\$ 20.31	\$ 21.74	\$ 23.26
\$ 16.27	\$ 17.41	\$ 18.63	\$ 19.93	\$ 21.33	\$ 22.82	\$ 24.42

Minimum Rate	1 Year Anniversary	4 Year Anniversary	7 Year Anniversary	10 Year Anniversary	15 Year Anniversary	20 Year Anniversary
\$ 19.38	\$43,139.25	\$ 46,159.00	\$49,390.13	\$52,847.44	\$56,546.76	\$ 60,505.03
\$ 22.44	\$49,939.07	\$ 53,434.81	\$57,175.25	\$61,177.51	\$65,459.94	\$ 70,042.13
\$ 23.56	\$52,436.03	\$ 56,106.55	\$60,034.01	\$64,236.39	\$68,732.94	\$ 73,544.24
\$ 24.74	\$55,057.83	\$ 58,911.88	\$63,035.71	\$67,448.21	\$72,169.58	\$ 77,221.45
\$ 30.07	\$66,923.14	\$ 71,607.76	\$76,620.30	\$81,983.72	\$87,722.58	\$ 93,863.16

Minimum Rate	1 Year Anniversary	4 Year Anniversary	7 Year Anniversary	10 Year Anniversary	15 Year Anniversary	20 Year Anniversary
\$ 15.85	\$37,039.55	\$ 39,632.32	\$42,406.58	\$45,375.04	\$48,551.29	\$ 51,949.88
\$ 16.64	\$38,891.53	\$ 41,613.93	\$44,526.91	\$47,643.79	\$50,978.86	\$ 54,547.38
\$ 17.47	\$40,836.10	\$ 43,694.63	\$46,753.25	\$50,025.98	\$53,527.80	\$ 57,274.75
\$ 18.35	\$42,877.91	\$ 45,879.36	\$49,090.92	\$52,527.28	\$56,204.19	\$ 60,138.48

Current Salary	20 Year Step Costs
\$ 22.82	\$ 3,530.25
\$ 25.73	\$ 3,933.60
	\$
Total Costs	\$ 7,463.86

COLA Increase

This adjustment is based on the CPI-W (3rd quarter current to prior).

Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 1.3% COLA.

Fiscal Year 2020- 2021 1.6% COLA

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 2.8% COLA

So for the next budget year = 5.9%

Our Payroll for this year was \$1,280,000 approx.

Estimated Cost: \$75,520

OTHER/NEW BUDGET ITEMS:

*STREET SWEEPER WILL BE PAID OFF THIS NEXT BUDGET YEAR. FINAL \$50,000 PAYMENT + INTEREST. PAYOFF IN JULY TO AVOID INTEREST THRU JANUARY. INTEREST RATE WAS 3.177%

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET - \$36,760.00

*SRF LOAN – TWO PAYMENTS A YEAR FROM NOW ON. – 69,944.05