

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, June 13, 2022**

A public hearing of the Town Council was held on June 13th, 2022. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Larry McKinney and Council Members James Acuff, Jackie Rensink and Rocky Buchanan. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler and Shelley Buchanan. Others attended, including Lori McIntyre, Lynn Holler, Cynthia Sciacca, Thomas Hedman and Chad Donnahoo.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McKinney opened a public hearing to solicit and receive public comment regarding progress updates to the Spruce Pine Land Use Plan.

Darlene Butler began the discussion by explaining the purpose of the public hearing. She advised that the current Land Use Plan was created and adopted by the Council in 2009 and she has updated the plan to show what items have been accomplished. She noted that the Planning and Zoning Board has met and voted to recommend these updates be adopted by the Town Council. Council Member James Acuff asked for clarification on whether or not this plan is required to apply for grant funding. Darlene said that is not its purpose, but to have a concrete direction and goal for your town and it is also required by law.

Lori McIntyre asked the Council if this plan gave any updates to the dog park project. And if it was making updates to the Town's zoning ordinances. Darlene answered that part of the Land Use Plan identified that dog park as a coming addition, and that an overhaul of the zoning ordinances would be an expense for the next fiscal year.

Lynn Holler asked how often the Town updated the Land Use Plan. Darlene responded that for small towns its only required to update this plan every ten years. She then asked the Town Attorney if it was common to wait that long to update this plan. Chad responded that it really depends on the size of the town and rate in which things are changing. He went on to explain that just because there haven't been meetings announced as a Land Use Plan meeting, the Council regularly discusses and addresses items in the plan. He suggested that Ms. Holler attend the public meetings that will be held when HCCOG begins guiding us through implementation of a new Land Use Plan. He advised at that time she can voice her concerns and make suggestions.

Thomas Hedman voiced his concerns about the new Gun and Ammo store opening downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional public comments, Mayor Pro Tem Larry McKinney closed the public hearing at 5:35 pm.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk

Absent

Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member