

**Public Hearing Minutes  
Spruce Pine Town Council  
Monday, June 27, 2022**

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Harding opened a public hearing to solicit and receive public comment regarding the proposed 2022/23 budget. Finance Officer Crystal Young read the budget message and gave an overview of changes to the budget.

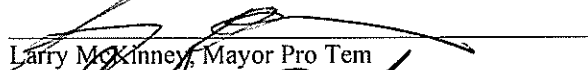
Lynn Holler asked the Council if the Town could give employees a 3% COLA why didn't they give more money to Mitchell County Animal Shelter. She stated she volunteers at the animal shelter and sees the needs there as the cost of goods are rising. Mayor Harding responded that they elected to appropriate the same amount of funding as previous years even though MCAR did not ask for the money and that they are certainly welcome to request an increase at any time.

Tim Kearns asked the Council if there will be a charge to use the electric car chargers that are going to be installed downtown. Darlene responded that for the time being until we see the charges that will be incurred there will be no charge. She noted this is all new to the Town of Spruce Pine. Lynn Holler shared her concern that the Town would not be charging for the use of these chargers. Rocky Buchanan said he believes that there will eventually be a fee once they see the cost to the Town.

With no further comment, Mayor Harding closed the public hearing.

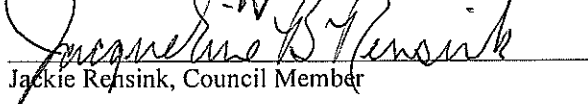
  
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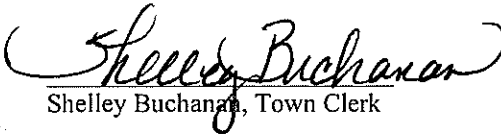
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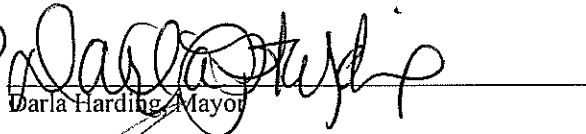
**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Darla Harding opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding a request from James and Dori Settles to change the zoning on one parcel of property totaling approximately 30 acres located on Cabin Road. The property is currently zoned C-3 (Commercial) and the request is to change to R-2 (Residential).

Town Clerk Shelley Buchanan reminded those present that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended rezoning of the property.

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

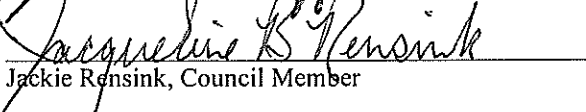
  
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