

**Minutes  
Spruce Pine Town Council  
Monday, August 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on July 25, 2022. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, Larry McKinney and Jackie Rensink. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler and Crystal Young. Also attending was Chad Keller.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

James Acuff moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a tap application request and a solicitation permit request to the action agenda. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rocky Buchanan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 08, 2022. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor. James Acuff moved to approve the minutes of the closed session of August 08, 2022. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried with all present in favor.

**ACTION AGENDA**

Darlene and Crystal updated the Council on the auditors' opinion that the Town should not be in the business of loaning money through the revolving loan program. Rocky Buchanan moved to discontinue the revolving loan program. James Acuff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The three current outstanding loans will continue to be paid by the borrowers. Crystal noted that the current balance in the UDAG funds-repaid account is \$916,538.31, and that money can be placed in a term portfolio, with the annual interest budgeted for council-determined projects.

James Acuff moved to grant a solicitation permit to the Spruce Pine Lions Club to fundraise at the intersection of 19E and 226S on October 15, 2022, with a rain date of October 29, 2022. Rocky Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

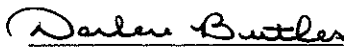
Larry McKinney moved to approve a water tap at outside rates with no annexation to Carolyn Atkins at 822 Ridge Road. Jackie Rensink seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

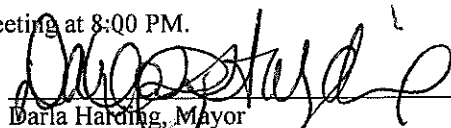
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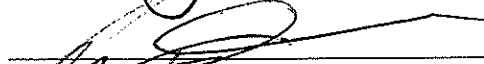
The Town Council, along with Manager Darlene Butler, participated in a two-hour remote ethics workshop.

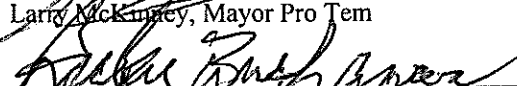
**ADJOURNMENT**

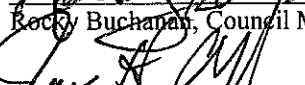
Rocky Buchanan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

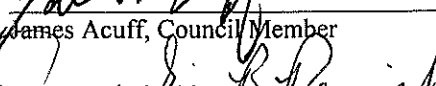
  
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Darlene Butler, Manager

  
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Darla Harding, Mayor

  
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Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Rocky Buchanan, Council Member

  
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James Acuff, Council Member

  
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Jackie Rensink, Council Member