

**Public Hearing Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, March 13th, 2023**

A public hearing of the Town Council was held on Monday, March 13th, 2023. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, Jackie Rensink and Larry McKinney. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler, Shelley Buchanan, and Crystal Young. Others attended, including Chad Donnahoo, Lynn Holler, and Phillip Hise.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Darla Harding opened a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting and receiving public comment regarding an Ordinance to Revise Article IV of the Town's Zoning Ordinances. Said ordinance revises procedures related to initiation for amendments; Planning Board review and comment; Town Council action on amendments; down-zoning; and citizen comments.

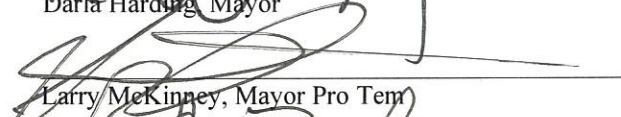
Darlene presented the Ordinance to Revise Article IV of the Town's Zoning Ordinances to the Council. She explained its purpose is to clarify and simplify the language in the Town's current ordinance. Town Attorney Chad Donnahoo explained that he had taken the current ordinance and outlined the procedures and process the Council and citizens should take when a zoning map amendment or text amendment is on the table. He also added a time frame requirement for citizens who want to request a zoning change after it's been denied of one year. There is also now an application for citizens to complete so the Council has all of the information needed to consider their request.

Lynn Holler asked for clarification on how public hearings are advertised.

With no further discussion, Jackie Rensink made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Harding closed the public hearing.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member