

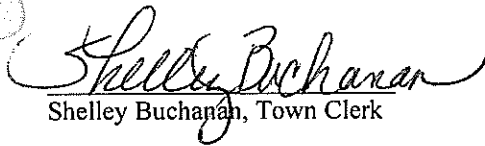
**Budget Planning Special Called Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Monday, May 8th, 2023**

A special called meeting for the purpose of budget planning and discussion of the Town Council was held on Monday, May 8th, 2023. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members 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.

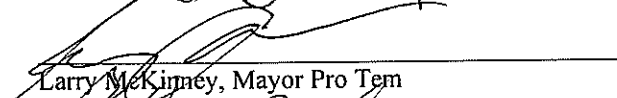
Finance Officer Crystal Young presented budget items that still need discussion and a decision.

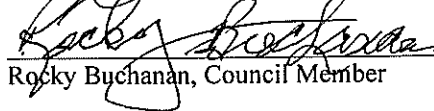
- ✓ Cola/Longevity/Vacation time- It was the consensus of the council to budget a 2.5% COLA, approve the proposal made by Darlene for the increased vacation time and longevity pay.
- ✓ The Council agreed to the Service Policy wording change from Disconnect Fee to Delinquent Account Fee.
- ✓ After some discussion on vehicles and clarification from Crystal that neither Darlene or Libby had requested a vehicle, the Council decided to replace the police vehicle that is currently wrecked, purchase one new police vehicle, sell the old Explorer with the blown motor, and give the GMC Blazer to the Parks and Rec Department.
- ✓ The Council approved the Schedule of Fees and Charges presented.
- ✓ The Council approved the Capital/ new items in the proposed budget and authorized the issuing of a purchase order for a new track hoe for Public Works.
- ✓ Mayor Harding presented the non-profit funding proposal- TRAC- \$5,000, Big Brothers Big Sisters- \$1,000, Chamber of Commerce- \$2,500, Mitchell County Animal Rescue- \$2,500, Spruce Pine Public Library-\$99,707.

With no further discussion, Rocky Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor


Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member

ABSENT
James Acuff, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member