



MINUTES

Regular Town Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Council Chambers

The Regular Town Council of the Town of Beech Mountain was called to order on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Barry Kaufman
Vice Mayor Jimmie Accardi
Councilmember Weidner Abernethy
Councilmember Kelly Melang

COUNCIL EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Stacy Eggers, IV
Town Manager Bob Pudney
Interim Town Clerk Emily Haynes

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1. Mayor Kaufmann requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the agenda and Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

3. INVOCATION- DEWEY CYCLONE BRETT

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1. Public Hearing regarding the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$15,000,000 General Obligation Water System Bonds

Mayor Kaufman requested a motion to open the Public Hearing and Councilmember Weidner Abernethy motioned to open the hearing on the Bond Order Authorizing the issuance of \$15,000,000 General Obligation Water

System Bonds and Councilmember Kelly Melang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

No one elected to speak and Mayor Kaufman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion

Weidner Abernethy made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 5.2. Ms. Linda Strom of 211 Wild Daisy spoke regarding an experience with an emergency call and her cellphone not pinging to the Beech Mountain Police Department dispatch and that she would like to have the Town install a 911 cellphone tower booster.

Mrs. Sandy Carr of 505 Pine Ridge who organizes the Beech Mountain Farmers Market, and she thanked the Town employees and volunteers for assisting and preparing for the Farmers Market. She thanked the council for their support and invited all to the next Farmers Market on August 4, 2023.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Adoption of Minutes
- 6.2. Sale of 189 Wild Daisy Ln - Tax ID # 1950-38-7269-000
- 6.3. Sale of 234 Wild Daisy Ln - Tax ID # 1950-28-0569-000

Motion

Weidner Abernethy made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 6.4. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Motion

Weidner Abernethy made a motion to approve the amendment to the fiscal year 2023 budget Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. Unanimously unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. Acceptance of Funding Resolution Project SRP-D-ARP-0126/WIF-2023

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion Adopt Resolution 2023- 10 Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 7.2. Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$15,000,000 General Obligation Water System Bonds of the Town of Beech Mountain, North Carolina

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion Adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 7.3. Resolution Setting a Special Bond Referendum and Directing The Publication of Notice of a Special Bond Referendum and Notification of the Board of Elections

Motion

Weidner Abernethy made a motion Adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 7.4. Approval of Bark Park playground swingset

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the Bark Park Playground Swing set Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 7.5. Fire Tanker Pumper Contract

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the request as a sole source vendor Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously unanimously.

- 7.6. Wildlife Roadsigns

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to deny the request Weidner Abernethy seconded the motion. DEFEATED. 0-4 (opposed: Barry Kaufman, Jimmie Accardi, Weidner Abernethy, and Kelly Melang).

8. TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

- 8.1. Managers report and note updates

Financial Report – page 42 as of May 31, 2023, Beech Mountain 91.67% all departments are under budget, expenditures are 10.7% below the benchmark. Expect the end of the fiscal year budget to be similar.

Met with DOT representatives, requested consideration of a project to realign the curve at Deer Creek Falls. site of many accidents and stuck trucks.

Fireworks and Pig Roast – very successful, great weather and good attendance. The Beech Mountain Resort concert was successful as well as the Beech Mountain Club fireworks. a great 4th of July week.

The second Farmers Market – Friday July 7, 2023, was well attended, great weather. Looking forward to the next market on August 4th.

Flower baskets on power poles next to the banners looks great, Parks and Recreation are responsible for the decorations.

Town Hall / Visitor Center project – ahead of schedule, weather is cooperating. The walls will begin to take shape in the next three weeks.

Skiloft project – The state has not approved the final plans. proceeding to bid as we must begin construction on April 1, 2024.

Buckeye Lake – low levels with increased usage and limited rain. Utilities are modifying the water plant schedule to meet demand.

New trash passes (purple) are in effect at the convenience center. Reminder all single-family residents that the Town provides the twice per week curbside pickup services.

pg59 – solid waste – after 6 months of declining tonnage trend, the past two months show a 19% increase.

pg70 – planning and inspections – permits are slowing, but well above average. 69 new single-family residents' past two years.

pg71 – code enforcement – highest number of cases this year.

- 8.2.** Finance Officer's Monthly Report
- 8.3.** Fire Department Monthly Report
- 8.4.** Police Department Monthly Report
- 8.5.** Department of Infrastructure July
- 8.6.** TDA Report July 2023
- 8.7.** June 2023 Recreation Report
- 8.8.** Planning and Inspections Monthly Report 2023-06

9. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 9.1.** Councilmember Weidner Abernethy expressed his interest on allowing RV camping at Shane Park. He thanked the Town Manager, Bob Pudney and staff for keeping funds below budget in previous fiscal year and mentioned having more assets in general fund would help receive a lower interest rate in future. He stated the hanging flower baskets look great around the town as well as the

ditch work that Public Works has been doing. He thanked the Town Manager and staff for their hard work that is being noticed around the town that is looks great.

Mayor Kaufman responded to Public comment regarding 911 Cellphone Tower booster and stated that was not something the town can control. He informed the public that it is best to call 911 in emergencies from landline phones when available on Beech Mountain. He also informed the public of the landline phone requirement for all short term rental properties and the responsibilities of homeowners posting emergency numbers in their homes. The Mayor then thanked the Fire Department and EMS for their fast response and professional service they provided to his friend in a time of need.

Mayor Kaufman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Weidner Abernethy made the motion to adjournment and Councilmember Kelly Melang seconded the motion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1. no further motion to adjournment 5:02pm

Town Clerk

Mayor, Town of Beech Mountain