

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
September 5, 2000

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tim Holland called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Jim Herbert, Rick Owen and Reub Mooradian. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless, Police Chief Jay Hefner, Town Engineer Ed Powell, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Code Enforcement Officer Don Fulkerson. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

Invocation – Charlie Burleson

Charlie Burleson opened the meeting in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

1. Public Hearing

Pursuant to the advertisement in The Watauga Democrat, Mayor Holland called for 4 separate public hearings:

- a. Grassy Gap Creek Road/Pinnacle Ridge Road Preliminary Assessment Roll - Mayor Holland referenced a letter from Ronald R. Fifer, lot AA-484, regarding the paving project. A copy of the letter will be made part of the minutes. There being no comments or questions from the audience or the Council, which had been furnished with copies of the assessment roll, Mayor Holland closed the public hearing on Grassy Gap Creek Road/Pinnacle Ridge Road at 6:08 P.M. ✓
- b. Spring Branch Road/Grouse Ridge Road Preliminary Assessment Roll - ✓
Mayor Holland referenced a letter from Mr. R.D. Brumit, Jr., C-206 & C-207, and another from William Wortman Jr., GR-29, regarding the paving project. Copies of the letters will be made a part of the minutes. There being no comments or questions from the audience or the Council, which had been furnished with copies of the assessment roll, Mayor Holland closed the public hearing on Spring Branch Road/Grouse Ridge Road at 6:09 P.M.
- c. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Title V Chapter 51, Section 1114 (Tree Cutting) of the Code of Ordinances. Mayor Holland called for comments regarding the proposed change to the tree cutting ordinance. hearing none the public hearing was closed at 6:10 P.M. ✓

- d. Amendment to Title V Chapter 51, Section 1807 03 (Cul-de-sac) of the Code of Ordinances. Mayor Holland hearing no questions or comments from the audience or the Council, closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 P M.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Holland called for the addition of item J. under New Business and Attorney Paletta requested the Council go into Executive Session following the regular meeting Mayor Holland stated that the agenda will stand as amended

3. Approval of Minutes

Gil Adams moved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2000 be approved as submitted. Jim Herbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports

5. Old Business

Norma Buchanan had written another letter regarding Arnold & Karen Ramos of 102 Bent Creek Road and their sewer repair bill. Rick Owen noted that due to the additional information provided in the most recent letter, the Town should reimburse the Ramos' the entire amount of plumbing bills. Mr Owen made the motion to reimburse the full amount, \$1,234 50 Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. New Business

- a. Consider Wastewater Violation ✓

Following a brief discussion Rick Owen moved to pay the violation for the month of May in the amount of \$819.00. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b. Consider Budget Amendment /

Amendment to close the Buckeye Lake Recreation Complex Phase I Capital Project Ordinance. Mr. Lawless explained to the Council the need to close out the project dealing with site preparation cost and open a new capital project ordinance. The Town will be receiving revenue from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, this is the \$69,000 grant recently awarded, and we have to report to them on how that money is spent. We would like to close this portion and open up a second project ordinance dealing with the improvements. Reub Mooradian moved to close the Buckeye Lake Recreation Complex Phase I Capital Project Ordinance Budget Amendment. Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Consider Proposed Capital Project Ordinance

Reub Mooradian moved to adopt the Buckeye Lake Recreation Complex Phase II Capital Project Ordinance Budget Amendment. Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Consider Contract for Services – Overcash and Demmitt

Overcash and Demmitt Architects submitted a revised proposal for the next phase of the Buckeye Lake Project. Mayor Holland and Mr. Lawless went before the Economic Development Committee to request the funds to cover the architectural expenses and the EDC voted to recommend the expenditure. Mr. Mooradian moved to accept the proposal submitted by Overcash and Demmitt. Mr. Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland announced to the public that a meeting with Overcash and Demmitt was scheduled for Thursday at 2:00 in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend this planning session for the Recreation Area.

e. Zoning Ordinance Amendments

1. Title V, Chapter 51, Section 1114 – Tree Cutting

The Amendment to the Tree Cutting Ordinance would now require “written” approval from the Zoning Administrator. After a lengthy discussion Reub Mooradian moved to approve the amendment. Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Council also decided to send the Ordinance back to the Planning Board to determine the best location on the tree to measure circumference.

2. Title V, Chapter 51, Section 1807.03 – Cul-de-sac

After a brief discussion Rick Owen moved to accept the amendment prohibiting dead end streets unless shown to be unfeasible. Gil Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Consider Resolution 00-09-01 – Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments – Grassy Gap Creek Road/Pinnacle Ridge Road Improvements

Rick Owen moved to accept Resolution 00-09-01, levying the road improvement assessments for the Grassy Gap Creek/Pinnacle Ridge Road Project. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The motion passed at 6:39 P.M.*

g. Consider Resolution 00-09-02 – Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments – Spring Branch Road/Upper Grouse Ridge Road Improvements.

Rick Owen moved to accept Resolution 00-09-02, levying the road improvement assessments for the Grouse Ridge Road Project. Jim Herbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The motion passed at 6:40 P.M.*

h. Tax Releases.

Rick Owen moved to accept the Tax Releases as submitted. Jim Herbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

i. Consider changing date of October regular meeting.

After a brief discussion the Council agreed to hold the next regular Council meeting on October 3, 2000 at 6:00 P M. in the Town Hall.

j. Richard A Lane

A letter was written by Richard A. Lane to request that the Town make a small section of Hummingbird Lane available for his use. After some discussion it was tabled until the next meeting to allow further investigation.

7. ***Staff/Consultant Reports***

a. ***Town Engineer's Report.*** Ed Powell reported that all the paving projects have been completely closed out and the warranties are in effect.

b. ***Public Works Director's Report.*** Riley Hatch reported the new TV cable would be arriving tomorrow, September 6th. He also indicated that more employees had been assigned to work on the Infiltration & Inflow Project. A crew will be called in to repair all the paving cuts in the near future. Lastly, the right-of-way crew had completed their work on Chestnut Road today.

c. ***Town Attorney's Report.*** David Paletta reported on the foreclosure sale. All 5 lots sold. Mr. Paletta requested the Town Engineer attend the closed session immediately following the Council meeting tonight.

d. ***Chief of Police's Report.*** Chief Hefner went over the monthly activity report.

e. ***Town Manager's Report.*** Seth Lawless reported that a street side litter clean up is being sponsored by the Governors office, volunteers are asked to help clean up the state highways. Employee Day will be held on Friday, September 29th, the Council is invited to attend.

The architect firm of Overcash and Demmitt will be at the Town Hall for the first of the planning meeting for the Buckeye Lake Recreation Area will be held in the Council Chambers at 2:00 P.M. this coming Thursday 7th.

f. ***Tax Report and Building Inspections Report.*** The Tax and Building Inspections Reports were accepted as submitted.

Other Business. - Kakii Handley reported that Seth Lawless had given an impressive presentation to the Watauga County Parks and Recreation Meeting. Ms. Handley felt the Town would be receiving a grant due to the presentation

9. **Closed Session.** Upon a motion by Reub Mooradian, seconded by Rick Owen, the Council entered Executive Session at 7:10 PM under the provisions of NCGS 143-318(a)(3) to consult with the Town Attorney. The Council came out of the closed session at 7:55 P M. No Action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Gil Adams. Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba G. Greene
Town Clerk

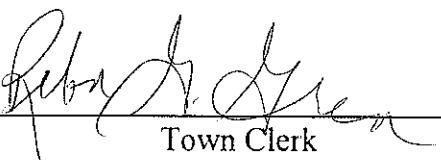
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Minutes approved by Town Council on 10/3, 2000.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

* Statute requires the time of the vote authorizing the assessment be recorded by the Town Clerk.

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September 28, 2000

CALL TO ORDER

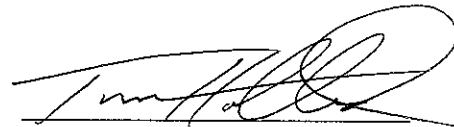
Mayor Holland called the special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 1:55 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize Mayor Holland to file an application with the NC Rural Center for grant funds to plan wastewater improvements. Present at the meeting were Mayor Tim Holland, Council members Gil Adams, Jim Herbert, Reub Mooradian and Rick Owen. Town Manager Seth Lawless was also present.

Upon a motion by Councilman Owen, seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to file the grant application.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba G. Greene
Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council on October 3, 2000



Mayor

ATTEST:



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