

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
April 3, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Randy Corn and Paul Piquet. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Town Attorney David Paletta, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Building Inspector Keith Cook, and Assistant Building Inspector Bobby Dziwulski. There were a number of interested individuals in the audience.

II. Invocation – Charlie Burleson opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

IV. Adoption of Agenda – The Agenda was adopted with the addition of: New Business, item f. Street name request. The agenda was approved as amended.

V. Public Hearing

a. Modular Home Ordinance Amendment– Mayor Owen opened the Public Hearing on the Modular Home Ordinance Amendment at 2:07 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Owen closed the Public Hearing at 2:08 p.m.

b. Planning and Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Mayor Owen opened the Public Hearing on the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Amendment at 2:08 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Owen close the Public Hearing at 2:09 p.m.

VI. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the Regular minutes for March 13, 2007 as amended. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Public Comment –

a. Mr. Tom Alden – Mr. Alden, representing the Holiday Beech Villas Home Owners Association, expressed concerns over trees encroaching on power lines.

b. Dr. Murray Miller - Dr. Murray Miller, representing the Mountain Ambulance Service, proposed a health clinic to be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The clinic would take 2 hours and would be a way for the Foundation to give back to the community for all of their support. Mayor Owen asked that Mr. Boaz work with Dr. Miller on the issue.

VIII. Old Business –

a. Modular Home Ordinance Changes – Mr. Piquet moved to approve, effective immediately, the amendments of Title V Chapter 51 Article XXII Modular Home Requirements. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Planning and Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the proposed amendment to add Section 1120 to Chapter 51. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Amendment to Regulatory Code Section- Mr. Boaz reported that the changes to the Code of Ordinance would include; deletion of the section regarding certificate of occupancy from Chapter 22; amend the sections regarding fees in the ordinance to read that all fees will be charged for building permits and inspections will be based on the schedule of fees adopted by the Council; and Section 3-13: Survey Required will be amended to refer readers to Section 1120 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Corn moved to approve the changes as presented. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. New Business -

a. Seminole Ridge Development – Mayor Owen reported that the developers of the proposed Seminole Ridge complex had presented their proposal to the Planning Board at an earlier meeting this morning. The development would be outside the Town limits off Elderberry Ridge Road. Mr. Brian Adams, representing the group, presented the Council and audience with plans for the condominium site. Mr. Adams assured the Council that every attempt would be made to meet all requirement and requests by the Town and asked that the request for annexation be considered. Mayor Owen indicated that the Council would discuss the proposal at the upcoming Planning Retreat on April 30th. Mr. Adams asked that Mr. Boaz be allowed to write a letter indicating the Council's intent to discuss the matter at a future date, Council agreed with Mr. Paletta being asked to look over the letter.

b. General Fund Budget Amendment – Mr. Boaz reported that the Amendment was to reflect the value of trade in on the New Holland Backhoe in the amount of \$15,000 for the new Caterpillar Backhoe. Mr. Corn moved to approve the Budget Amendment. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Budget Transfer Report – Mr. Boaz reported that a budget transfer of \$5,010 had been made from the Administration, Insurance, line item to the Tax Collection Department for data processing.

d. Personnel Ordinance Amendments- After a brief discussion, Mr. Piquet indicated that the addition of the amendment read 'no Town employee' be added. Mr. Adams moved to approve the Personnel Ordinance Amendment as amended. Mr. Piquet seconded the emotion and it passed unanimously.

e. Recreation Center Ban Policy – Mr. Boaz reported that Mr. Colistra had requested that the Council consider the Recreation Center Ban Policy. After a brief discussion, Mr. Corn moved to approve the Recreation Center Ban Policy as amended. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Street Name Request – After a brief discussion Mr. Piquet moved to approve the request from John Sams for private streets adjoining Birchwood Lane to be named Fox Den Way and Ground Hog Trail. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported: a) The West Pond Creek Waste Water Treatment project was back underway after a brief shut down due to weather

conditions. b) Mr. Boaz reported that the Town had received a proposal for new GIS software from Withers and Ravenel at a cost of \$200 per month. A contract is forthcoming. c) Mr. Hatch noted that the manhole lids and valve boxes had been raised in anticipation of the resurfacing of Wedling Weg. Mayor Owen asked that some areas be patched before the pavers move off the mountain to which Mr. Hatch indicated that it had been planned. d) Mr. Boaz reminded the Council and audience that the Planning Retreat was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Council of Government Building in Boone. e) Mr. Boaz reported that the Public Works, Police, Building Inspections and the Indoor Recreation Reports were on file with the Town Clerk.

XI. Other Business – There was no other business to come before the Council.

XII. Adjourn – The Council adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Corn at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on _____, 2007.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk