

**MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
May 8, 2007**

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, Pete Chamberlin, Paul Piquet and Randy Corn. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Engineer Ed Powell, Building Inspector Keith Cook, and Town Attorney David Paletta. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

Invocation – Charlie Bursleson opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

1. ***Adoption of Agenda*** – The Agenda was adopted as presented.
2. ***Approval of the Minutes of April 3, 2007 Regular Meeting and April 30, 2007 Planning Retreat*** –Mr. Corn asked that section f of new business at the April 3 meeting should read that Mr. Corn seconded Mr. Piquet's motion. Mr. Piquet moved to adopt the minutes of the April 3rd Regular Meeting as amended and April 30th Planning Retreat as presented. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. ***Public Comment*** –
 - A. No public comments were made.
4. ***Old Business*** –
 - A. ***Extraterritorial Development*** –Mayor Owen stated that Attorney Paletta had amended the questions that were originally proposed at the Planning Retreat and had also suggested a process that should be followed for new development. After a discussion of the merits of the proposed policy, on a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Gil Adams, the Council voted 5-0 to implement the proposed questions and procedure for developers that wish to build outside the Town limits and have Town services extended to follow. The Council had a lengthy discussion on how to establish the fee that should be charged to these developers. The Council agreed that more time was needed in order to develop a fee schedule.
 - B. ***Southern Software CAD Contract***–Manager Boaz informed the Council that the contract for the new computer aided dispatch software had been reviewed by the Town Attorney and the changes suggested by the attorney had been made. Mr. Boaz also reminded the Council that this software and hardware would be purchased using 911 monies. On a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the Council voted 5-0 to approve the contract with Southern Software for new CAD software.

C. *Woody McLure Property*-Mayor Owen informed the Council that Mr. McLure would like to speak with the Council about the piece of property that he needed to purchase in order to comply with the setbacks. Mr. McLure told the Council that he was given a figure by the Town Manager that the manager felt the Council would accept and proceeded with his project on that basis. The Council decided not to accept that offer and he wanted to know why. Manager Boaz told the Council he had given Mr. McLure the figure of \$2,500 because at a previous Council meeting two Council members had said that the Town should charge the same fee to Mr. McLure as had been charged Mr. Nemerson. Mayor Owen suggested that Mr. McLure make another offer to the Town. Mr. McLure offered the Town \$4,500 for the .02 acre tract of land on Golf Lane. On a motion by Gil Adams, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the Council voted 5-0 to tentatively accept the offer pending the 10 day upset bid period.

5. *New Business –*

- A. *Presentation of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget*** – Manager Boaz presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to the Council. On a motion by Gil Adams, seconded by Randy Corn the Council voted 5-0 to hold a budget work session on May 14 at 1:00 PM and the public hearing on May 21 at 1:00 PM.
- B. *Bob Detchon Property***-Attorney Paletta informed the Council that the Town had foreclosed on this lot for non-payment of road assessments. At the time the Town could not determine who owned the property. Mr. Detchon has since presented a deed showing that he owned the property. Attorney Paletta feels that Watauga County failed to assign a parcel identification number to this property and so the ownership records were lost. Attorney Paletta suggested that the Council deed the property back to Mr. Detchon in exchange for payment of the road assessments, five years of back taxes, and all penalties and interest. On a motion by Pete Chamberlin, seconded by Paul Piquet the Council agreed to give Mr. Detchon a non-warranty deed for the property in exchange for payment of the road assessment, five years of back taxes, and all penalties and interest.
- C. *Instruct Tax Collector to Advertise Delinquent Taxes***-On a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the Council voted 5-0 to authorize the tax collector to advertise delinquent taxes.
- D. *Amendment to the Personnel Ordinance***-Mayor Owen informed the Council that this is an amendment to the job description of the Recreation Director and salary classification to reflect the combination of indoor and outdoor recreation. On a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the Council voted 5-0 to amend the personnel ordinance.
- E. *Audit Contract***-On a motion by Pete Chamberlin, seconded by Paul Piquet the Council voted 5-0 to approve the audit contract with Bryce Holder.

6. *Staff/Consultant Reports*

- A. *Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz*** – Mr. Boaz reported the following:
 - i. I have made contact with one of the property owners that the Council is considering annexing. I will be making contact with the other property owner very soon.

- ii. I have notified the Parks Committee and the Rec Center Advisory Committee that Craig will be taking over both departments as of July 1.
- iii. The survey for this month is about our sanitation services. Please remember to go to our website and click on the link to take the survey.
- iv. I will be at Town Hall Day on May 9. If anyone has anything they want me to mention, please let me know as soon as the meeting is over as I am leaving shortly after the meeting.
- v. We have installed a ductless air conditioning system in the Computer Room at Town Hall. Our IT consultant felt that the room was too hot for the servers to operate. The cost for this system was \$2500.
- vi. The project to upgrade Reba's work area is coming along nicely. We hope that it will be finished very soon.
- vii. Sally has estimated that revenues in the water and sewer fund will be \$45,000 under what we budgeted. We have no explanation for this other than the horrible ski season. We may have to do a budget amendment to appropriate fund balance, but we will wait until the June meeting to make that decision.
- viii. The General Assembly is considering a bill that would have all 911 fees paid to the State and then distributed to the local governments. The Town should be held harmless, but this seems impossible based on the provisions of the bill.
- ix. The manager would like to be out of Town from June 13 through the 18th. The Council approved.

7. **11. Adjourn** – Having no other business to discuss the Council adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Piquet at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on June 12th, 2007

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk