

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
September 11, 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, Pete Chamberlin, Randy Corn, and Paul Piquet. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Town Attorney David Paletta and Town Engineer Ed Powell. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

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

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

IV. Adoption of Agenda –The Agenda was adopted as presented.

V. Approval of the Minutes of August 14, 2007 Regular Meeting – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 meeting as amended. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment –

a. Cindy Harrison, 126 Village Cluster, addressed the Council with concerns of over development of the Town. Mayor Owen thanked Ms. Harrison and indicated that he would contact her to discuss the zoning policies the Town has to address environmental issues.

VII. Old Business –

a. ***Colter Lot*** – Mayor Owen reported that Mr. Boaz had researched the property owned by Mr. Colter and determined that it was not in the Town limits. Mr. Corn moved that the Town not accept the donation of the property. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. ***Lease Agreement with Banner Elk*** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the lease agreement between the Town of Beech Mountain and the Town of Banner Elk for the use of the Vactor 2100 vac truck. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it pass unanimously.

VIII. New Business –

a. ***Coffey Lake Tennis Practice Facility*** – Mr. Leonard Hayet, 498 St. Andrews Rd., presented the Council with a proposal for a tennis practice facility at Lake Coffey. Mr. Hayet indicated that the construction of a concrete wall along the side of the basketball court, away from the old water plant, and some fencing would be all the

construction necessary to have the practice court. After a brief discussion, the Council recommended that Mr. Hayet present the proposal to the Parks Committee for review.

b. Budget Amendments –

1. Holiday Time Payout – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment of \$34,090 for the holiday time pay out for employees. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Tennis Court Resurfacing – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the budget amendment allotting \$10,000 to resurface the outside tennis courts at the Recreation Center. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1. Mayor Owen, Mr. Adams, Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Piquet voted yea. Mr. Corn voted nay.

3. Recycling Center Dumpsters – After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Corn moved to approve the Sanitation Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of 3 new dumpsters, gravel to level the dumpster area, fencing, and paint for the current building. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing –

i. Rezoning 1940-85-3477-000 – Mr. Piquet moved to set a Public Hearing for the Rezoning of 220 Pinnacle Ridge Road (102 Squirrel Lane) for October 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ii. Zoning Ordinance – Mr. Piquet moved to set a Public Hearing for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adjusting the length of time to appeal decisions made by the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. BMRI – Mayor Owen reported that Ski Beech had been looking at moving a waterline and the engineer had recommended against it. The Town would want an easement from Ski Beech for access to the line and meter. After a brief discussion, the Council asked that Mr. Boaz, Mr. Hatch and Mr. Hoilman bring an agreement to the Council for consideration.

IX. Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported the following:

a. Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates are preparing the bid documents for the water line project and pressure reducing stations. The project will begin next spring. b. Avery County tax bills are at the printers and will be mailed next week. c. The Leathers group have been contacted with regards to building a new playground at the Recreation Center. After a brief discussion Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the scheduling of a design day, estimated to cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. d. Mr. Boaz

reported that he had been assigned, as a class project, a capital improvement plan for the Town. The plan would be on the Planning Retreat agenda. e. A Stage 1 Water Shortage Condition has been declared.

X. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (6) – On a motion by Mr. Piquet, seconded by Mr. Chamberlin the Council voted to go into closed session at 3:30 p.m. to discuss matters related to Personnel. Mr. Chamberlin moved to come out of closed session at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken.

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

XII. Adjourned – Mr. Corn moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on October 9, 2007

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk