

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting Workshop

July 6, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Mike Eveland, Aldermen: John Hinton, Jim Owens, Tammy Wight. Alderman Phillip Wight was not present.

Staff Present: Manager Nathan Clark, Finance Director Shayne Wheeler, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, Town Planner Kaitland Finkle, Chief of Police Russ Gilliland, Town Clerk Vickie Best, Minute Taker Regina Massie

Others Present: Reporter Hannah McLeod

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Eveland called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in the Town Hall Boardroom.

Clerk Best introduced Regina Massie, who is assisting with note taking at board meetings following Clerk Best's appointment to the interim town manager position.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes to be Approved: March 8 and 24 and 30, 2022, April 5, 2022, May 10, 2022
- b. Budget to Actual
- c. A/R Report

In protest, Alderman Phillip Wight would not approve the March minutes because others couldn't access the recorded minutes due to the current recording/sound system. The recording/sound system issues appear to have been resolved for ongoing meetings. Corrections were made to the April 5 minutes and sent out for the members to review.

The agenda for today's meeting was prepared ahead of time. There will be one addendum delivered by Friday, July 8, 2022

3. Consideration of Codifying Parks and Recreation Regulations

Due to recent incidents and run-ins with unhoused individuals wanting to sleep at Parham Park, staff felt the need to clarify the rules and regulations for town parks and the festival grounds for today and the future.

Codifying the regulations is the first step and then appropriate signage will be installed at each park.

Stating this will have a dual effect on Planner Finkle and Chief Gilliland, Manager Clark would like to formalize as soon as possible.

Article 1 Chapter 95 Current Festival grounds rules and procedures will need to be amended.

There are different regulations for town parks vs the festival grounds. For example, every town park is alcohol free, but is permitted on the festival grounds with an appropriate alcohol permit. Driving is not

allowed in current parks, but visitors can drive on festival grounds. There is no camping in town parks, but camping does make sense on the festival grounds and can be allowed on a limited basis with Board of Alderman approval.

Alderman Hinton brought up how household garbage being placed in public trash containers is an issue that impacts the enjoyment of parks for others.

Mayor Eveland stated that there are a lot of rules and information, but they will address everything that is needed to cover. There may be certain rules on signs at festival grounds, but not the entire code.

Manager Clark agreed that signage will reference code or ordinance but will be limited to key rules and regulations. Having these regulations will give the police department a better chance of enforcing rules and more leverage when they see violations occurring.

The recommendation is to codify the Parks and Recreation Regulations.

4. Petition for annexation: 8608-53-0888, 109 Mount Valley Estates

Petition for Annexation to receive municipal sewer and services at 109 Mount Valley Estates. This 2.93-acre lot is located near the entrance to Bethel Village and across the street from Summer Place.

The recommendation is to move forward with the annexation by adopting Resolution 22-17.

5. Approve Contract for Smith Rodgers & Aldridge PLLC

This Professional Limited Liability Company provides 24-hour legal consultation services in support of the performance demands place upon modern professional law enforcement organizations.

The Maggie Valley Police Department has been using this firm for several years and found the services to be outstanding. Clerk Best recalled that recently when Manager Clark was away from the office, she had an interaction with an individual who wanted to confront her about the regulation that says he is not allowed to sleep at Parham Park. She called Chief Gilliland and he contacted Smith Rodgers & Aldridge who was able to provide immediate counsel. Chief Gilliland says they are a good asset to have and that they already work with several other agencies across North Carolina.

Recommendation is for approval.

6. Approve Contract for new Town Hall Doors and New Tile for Entryways

The doors and tile at the side entry are in shabby shape, and Manager Clark says they need to be replaced. Funds are in the budget to replace the damaged doors that are impossible to secure.

The two wooden doors will be replaced with steel doors with glass panels. Both entryways on the east and west side of Town Hall will have new tile installed.

Total cost is \$11,740. *(Later determined this cost is for the tile removal and install only)*

Recommendation is for approval.

7. Accept Department of Public Safety Grant for WWTP Levee

Manager Clark reported receiving notification that Maggie Valley has been selected by the North Carolina Emergency Management to receive up to \$359,345 from the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund.

The grant was requested for the repair of the levee protecting the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant from Jonathan Creek.

Once approved we will send documentation back to NC Emergency Management, but we must pay for it up front and take money out of the fund balance.

Budget amendments are needed for entrance doors, tile, and the mitigation grant. The budget amendments will be included in the agenda packet addendum.

Recommendation is to approve the contract to receive funding for the levee.

8. Other Business

Haywood County Tourism Development Authority recently awarded Maggie Valley \$98,000 for the purpose of adding an overflow parking lot across the street from the festival grounds. TDA was only able to fund a few of the applications that were received, and no project was fully funded. The Town has until 2024 to spend the funds.

Director Mehaffey reported that NCDOT will begin rehabilitation for handicap road crossings along the east end of Soco Road beginning next month.

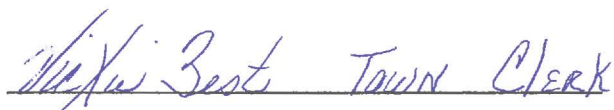
Mayor Eveland praised Public Works and the Police Department for being on top of their game during the 4th of July events. Moisture during the grand finale might have kept the fireworks from being their best, but overall, it was a good show. Chief Gilliland reported that the Police Department made over \$2000 on barbeque plates. Kona Ice provided a popular one-of-a-kind shaved ice experience. Public Works began clean-up immediately after the celebration ended. All went well, and everyone did an awesome job.

Planner Finkle asked that Counsel begin thinking about what the slogan and the logo for the Comprehensive Plan will look like.

ON MOTION OF ALDERWOMAN TAMMY WIGHT, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 AM.



Mayor Mike Eveland



Regina Massie, Minute Taker

