

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting/Monthly Workshop
July 7, 2020
MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Mike Eveland, Aldermen: Tammy and Phillip Wight, Twinkle Patel, and Clayton Davis

Staff Present: Manager Nathan Clark, Chief Russ Gilliland, Planner Ron Hancock, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, and Town Clerk Vickie Best

Others Present: None

1) Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Eveland called the Agenda Setting/Monthly Workshop to order at 9:32 am on Tuesday July 7, 2020 in the Pavilion (adjacent to Town Hall).

2) Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes to be approved: May 19, June 2, June 9 & June 16, 2020
- b. A/R Report
- c. Tax Releases
- d. Budget to Actual

These are typical items for the Consent Agenda.

3) Public Comment

There was a brief discussion on integrating the standard three (3) minutes time limit for public comments. Mayor Eveland asked that Clerk Best begin using the timer.

Council felt that sound judgement should prevail; so dependent on the topic the three (3) minutes rules would not apply.

There are no time constraints for Public Hearings.

4) Consideration of Annexation:

- a. Pete & Barbara Planchock-- PIN 7697-80-0490-- 9 Golf View Drive
 - i. Public Hearing
 - ii. Consideration of Approval: Ordinance 923
- b. Ron Clifford / Lynn Collins-- PIN 7696-49-2847--427 Country Club
 - i. Public Hearing
 - ii. Consideration of Approval: Ordinance 924
- c. Lucas Kyle—PIN 8607-71-8007-- 28 Julia Drive (Waynesville)
 - i. Public Hearing
 - ii. Consideration of Approval Ordinance 925

Each Public Hearing will be held separately, and each ordinance will be voted on separately.

5) Consideration of Non-Powell Bill Approval: Valley Creek Run HOA

Staff has worked with the Valley Creek Run Homeowners Association since July 2019 about the needed improvements to their private road systems. This project will benefit well over one

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting/Monthly Workshop
July 7, 2020
MINUTES

hundred (100) homes. Silver Leaf Circle, which serves about twenty (20) homes, is so dilapidated that it is almost unusable.

The road systems in Valley Creek Run, Overlook, and Black Bear Ridge are all private due to not meeting the Town Road Standards (grade, bridge going into the subdivisions, etc.).

Due to the Town's 30% contribution to the project, the road projects will be overseen by the Public Works Department. The total cost of the project is \$126,541.00 therefore, the Town will pay \$37,962.30 and the HOA will pay \$88,578.70.

Council developed a Non-Powell Bill Fund quite a few years ago that has proven beneficial to several communities throughout Town. Private roads are not as much of an issue as they have been in the past. This is an incredibly unique program and staff is unaware of any other municipalities having this type of program across the state.

Director Mehaffey interjected that so far, the Town has helped with all road projects where the residents are willing to help pay the costs.

The only area with a failing road, that has been discussed for years, is Rocky Top Road. Kamp-N-Kountry, a park model park (commercial business) is located at the entrance of Rocky Top Road and is now under new ownership. The new owner wants a better road. There is not a Homeowners Association in any of the developments using Rocky Top Road. Therefore, it is difficult to get the residents to participate in improving the road.

The Town is assisting with the costs of improving Valley Creek Run, but the Town will not take the roads into the Town's maintained road system. The residents should get twenty (20) plus years of service out of the road projects. Custom Paving Inc. will be awarded the job in Valley Creek Run.

6) Consideration of Contract Award: Powell Bill Road Projects

Custom Paving Inc. provide the following quotes for Brannon Forest Subdivision:

From upper end of Brannon Forest Drive 2,465 square yards (1,200 linear feet) from Rockin Chair to end. To clip edges, then place three (3) shots, Seal of B.S.T.

From Cripple Creek to Turn about Ct 1,748 Square yard (850 linear feet) To clip edges, then, place one (1) shot of B.S.T. and 1.5" of hot mix asphalt.

The above road projects will come out of the 2020/2021 budget.

The following road projects have the funds encumbered in the 2019/2020 budget.

From Rockin Chain Ln. to Airish Lane, 1,265 square yards (615 linear feet) and from Airish Lane to Cripple Creek 1,152 square yards (560 linear feet).

7) Consideration of Replacement Purchase: Police K-9

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting/Monthly Workshop
July 7, 2020
MINUTES

A K-9 must live with the handler (owner) for at least two (2) weeks prior to beginning training to allow them to bond. The good news is the PD can purchase a K-9 for approximately \$8,000, which is less than originally priced.

The training is six (6) weeks long. The K-9 must get his certification and then the K-9 is ready to go to work as a K-9 Officer.

8) Consideration of Purchase: Public Works Zero Turn Mower

The Public Works Department continues to maintain more and more properties. A quote was submitted for a Zero Turn Mower for \$10,270.93 from Koster Equipment Sales & Rental, LLC.

9) Consideration of Events Approvals

a. Hillbilly Jam: October 30-31, 2020

With the pandemic and the NC Governor's Order, there was not a way that Hillbilly Jam could proceed as scheduled. Hillbilly Jam is one of the most popular events held in Maggie Valley with attendance in the thousands.

Due to the pandemic, Temporary ABC Permits are not being issued throughout the State. Although distraught, the promoters have asked to move their dates for the event to October 30 and 31. The promoters also are upset at the loss the business community has endured due to Covid-19.

b. Gray Eagle Drive-In Concert Series 2020

Gray Eagle has a presence in Asheville and are also connected to Bear Waters Brewery that recently opened in Maggie Valley. As noted in the Gray Eagle Application (Russel Keith), he is looking for days that he could conduct a drive-in concept concert.

The Town Attorney is reviewing the documents.

c. USPCA K-9 Police Trials: August 4-7, 2020

The K-9 trials have been being held at the festival grounds for several years mid-week free of charge. Although the trials are closed to the public, the trials bring handlers and trainers to Town mid-week.

10) Other Business

11) Department Head Reports

12) Closed Session

a. 143-318.11 (a)(5) Real Estate Acquisition – 3399 Soco Road (PIN 7686-47-7408)

b. 143-318.11 (a)(5) Real Estate Acquisition – 4438 Soco Road (PIN 7676-98-6856)

Mr. Ray Hobby, the owner of the property across from the Festival Grounds used for overflow parking (old Sweet Briar Motel) has passed. Mr. Hobby's sons have no interest in Mr. Hobby's holdings in Maggie Valley and are fearful of the possible liability of allowing people to park on the property.

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting/Monthly Workshop
July 7, 2020
MINUTES

Town Attorney Justus has drawn up an agreement for the Town to continue to use the parcel for parking and to continue to maintain the area. The sons would prefer to sell the property in Maggie Valley. The tax value on the parcel is \$240,000.

The parcel between Market Square and Salty Dog's Restaurant was purchased for \$100,000. It is a nice lot that is deep with no trees. Public Works has begun to maintain this lot for overflow parking as well. Public Works also maintains the corner lot at Evens Cove Road for parking.

The other item for closed session is the Brew and Q that goes for auction on July 30, 2020. If successful in the bid, the Town will use the space for storage. The Town currently stores the Winter Woods Decorations in the Maintenance Building. Right now, the Town rents two (2) storage units. There is a need to have one (1) central storage area.

Council briefly discussed the 4th of July fireworks.

All public restrooms were open during the fireworks. There were approximately seventy-five (75) people at Town Hall viewing the fireworks. The power outages caused some additional concerns, but everything worked out.

The fireworks mean more to Maggie Valley people than one might think. Alderman Patel concurred, adding that Social Media proved that.

Council has been meeting in the pavilion to allow for social distancing. The Haywood County Tourism Development Authority used the pavilion for their last meeting and loved the opportunity to have a meeting in person.

Due to the selling of goods, Rodney Buckner and Teresa Smith will have their events.

Mayor Eveland thanked staff for working with the promoters and doing an outstanding job.

Alderman P. Wight questioned if the Town was hiring a Police Officer and a Public Works position.

Officer Tim Henson retired in May and will be using his sick time until August 1. The position is being refilled.

13) Adjournment

**ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN PATEL WITH ALL IN FAVOR THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:09 AM.**


Mayor Mike Eveland
Vickie Best, Town Clerk, CMC, NCCMC