

BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Monday, June 26, 2017
(To conduct regular business for the month of July, 2017)

On June 26, 2017, the Burnsville Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Shannon Peterson, and Ron Powell present, held a regular meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were town staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Chad Fox, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin and Ronnie Tipton; town attorney Heather Hockaday; and visitors Deana Blanchard, Lucy Doll, Heather Dawes, Ellen Denker, Larry Howell, Jim Parlier, and others. The Mayor, who presided, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business for the month of July, 2017.

- **Public Comment** – No one spoke during the period set aside for public comment.
- **Adoption of Agenda** – Judy Buchanan moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Consideration of Minutes** – Available for review were minutes from the following meetings:
 - a. Regular meeting held June 1, 2017
 - b. Closed session held June 1, 2017
 - c. Special meeting held June 13, 2017
 - d. Closed session held June 13, 2017

Ron Powell moved to adopt the minutes of the aforesaid meetings. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.

- **Budget Amendments for FY 2016-2017** - Finance Office Leslie Crowder presented a list of proposed end-of-year budget amendments, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by reference made a part hereof. Ruth Banks made a motion to approve the aforesaid amendments. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Public Hearing on Proposed Allocations for Economic Development and Subsequent Action** – Judy Buchanan moved to open the hearing on this matter. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried. Visitor Larry Howell spoke on behalf of *Traditional Voices*, commenting that its chief mission is to promote the music of Lesley Riddle. Mr. Howell spoke about the non-profit's other activities, including collecting, documenting and preserving stories of the 70's. He said the group draws a sizeable number of people into town to eat, shop, and stay, all of which aids economic development. He asked Council to consider the group's budget request in a favorable manner. There were no other comments. Judy Buchanan then moved to close the hearing. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Public Hearing on FY 2017-2018 Budget and Subsequent Action** – Judy Buchanan moved to open the public hearing on this matter. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried. Council considered the budget message prepared by Finance Officer Leslie Crowder; there were no comments. Judy Buchanan moved to close the hearing. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

With no discussion, Ron Powell moved to adopt the FY 2017-2018 budget as presented. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.

- **Planning Board Report** – Harrison Tyner, Chair
 - a. In the absence of Harrison Tyner, Ronnie Tipton reported that the Planning Board had not met in the past month, but will meet tomorrow evening.
- **Resolution in Support of the American Anti-corruption Act** – Deana Blanchard read two Resolutions for Council consideration, one in support of efforts to pass independent redistricting commission legislation and the other to support tough, new anti-corruption legislation in North Carolina and in Congress. She explained the Resolutions will later be presented to Yancey County elected officials for consideration. Copies of these Resolutions are attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Mayor said that she would support these issues personally, but as mayor of a non-partisan board she was not willing, as Council action would be reflective of all citizens in Burnsville. Ron Powell moved to adopt both Resolutions, commenting that he recognized in reading them that these are non-partisan issues. Voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u> (counted as “for”)
Judy Buchanan	Ruth Banks	Theresa Coletta
Shannon Peterson		
Ron Powell		


- **Mayor’s Administrative Report**
 - a. Resolution for Beautification of Gateways – The Mayor thanked Council for passing the Resolution in support of the gateway project, which was forwarded to Jeff Lackey with the D.O.T.
 - b. Council work session – None planned for the month of July
 - c. Independence Day Celebration (July 3rd on the town square) – The celebration will begin with music provided by Debbie Phillips and the 42nd Street Jazz Band. Popsicles will be provided by the town, followed by fireworks. After the celebration, there will be a *Stars on the Square* event
- **Department Updates:**
 - a. Administration – Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
 - 1. Pursuant to GS 105-369(a), *Tax Delinquent Report* dated May 26, 2017 was provided as an update of uncollected revenues. A variety of collection efforts are underway.
 - 2. Certificate of Sufficiency Regarding Petition for Voluntary Annexation (Winter Star Co.) – The Town Clerk reported that the investigation on the aforesaid Petition is incomplete at this time.
 - 3. Finance Issues:
 - a) The Budget vs. Actual dated May 26, 2017 was furnished to Council, along with an overtime report.
 - b. Fire Department – Chief Niles Howell
 - 1. Status of Property – Niles Howell reported that once all budgets are passed he will contact the architect who has been working on this project. Afterwards, he will explore

conventional financing since USDA paperwork and regulations could be challenging, and could affect the number of local contractors we may be able to attract.

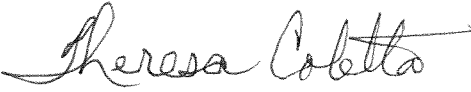
2. Operations:
 - a) Council reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Update.
 - b) Chief Howell reported the ladder truck is officially in service.
 - c) A structural engineer has looked at the floor where the ladder truck is to be located as well as the mezzanine at the shed for weight allowances, but we haven't heard back yet.
 - c. Police Department - Chief Brian Buchanan reported:
 1. Council reviewed the department's activity log.
 2. Jake brakes (engine-assisted braking) – Available for consideration was an amendment to Section Title XIII, Chapter 130.02: "*Particular Noise*" under "*General Offenses*" of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Burnsville, North Carolina, which regulates engine-assisted braking. Ron Powell moved to adopt the Amendment. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.
 3. An ordinance for street closure during the *Stars on the Square* event on July 3 was considered. Ron Powell moved to adopt the ordinance. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.
 4. Ron Powell inquired about the absence of signage at the crosswalk from TD Bank to the motel across East Main Street, and asked Ronnie Tipton and Brian Buchanan to look into the matter. Ronnie Tipton agreed to discuss the issue with Rick Tipton (D.O.T.).
 5. The mayor asked Ronnie Tipton about the deteriorating sidewalks on Green Mountain Drive. Mr. Tipton advised he has obtained a cost estimate.
 - d. Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ronnie Tipton reported:
 1. An activity log was available for review.
 2. Stillwell Enterprises has begun the construction of the Micaville water line, and has already completed approximately ½ of the project.
 3. With the assistance of the High Country Council of Governments, we have begun surveying two neighborhoods to qualify for the next round of CDBG funding.
 4. Micaville Elementary School contacted the town today and it is expected that they will connect to the sewer system by the end of the week. Mr. Tipton said he appreciated the article written by David Grindstaff (Yancey Common Times) promoting sewer availability.
 - e. Town Center - Facility Manager Chad Fox provided a brief update of events scheduled for the upcoming month, mentioning that *Riddlefest* will mark the fifth concert this month.
- **Council Members' Reports**
 - a. Mayor Theresa Coletta
 1. Economic Development Project Update – The mayor advised that according to Jamie McMahan, a report should be available near the end of this week.
 - **Updates from Advisory Boards and Non-Profits**
 - a. Yancey County Economic Development Commission – minutes were available for review.
 1. Reappointment of Schell McCall to EDC Board – Theresa Coletta moved to reappoint Schell McCall to the EDC Board. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

2. Board Vacancy – The Mayor advised that she has asked Judy Buchanan to fill the seat formerly occupied by Shannon Peterson on the EDC Board. Ron Powell moved to nominate Judy Buchanan to fill the EDC seat, completing Mr. Peterson’s term. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.
- b. High Country Council of Governments – minutes and financials were available for review.
 - c. Toe River Arts Council – minutes and financials were available for review.
- **Next Regular Town Council Meeting** – The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Burnsville Town Center to consider regular business for the month of August.

There being no further business, Theresa Coletta moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor