

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
September 19, 2017

On September 19, 2017, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Judy Buchanan, Shannon Peterson, and Ron Powell present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Council member Ruth Banks was absent due to illness. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton and visitor Wanda Proffitt. The purpose of the meeting was to consider and possibly take action on the following:

1. Annexation Request – The Winter Star Co.
2. Elevator/Rest Room Project at Town Hall
3. Any and all issues deemed appropriate by Council.

Judy Buchanan moved to adopt the agenda printed in the Public Notice. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried. Ron Powell reminded Council that he would recuse himself from voting on the elevator/rest room project.

Annexation Request – Council was reminded that the application for annexation accompanied Winter Star's request for town utilities. Wanda Proffitt acknowledged that Winter Star, a non-profit, would be tax exempt, but said the property could be sold to a taxable entity in the future. She provided examples of Yancey County properties that changed tax status in the past. Winter Star has a potential tenant for this property, but no lease has been signed.

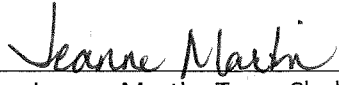
In order to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body, Ron Powell moved to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4). Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.

After reconvening in open meeting, Ron Powell moved to annex the subject property, owned by the Winter Star Co., and adopt "*Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits of the Town of Burnsville, NC, by Annexing a Contiguous Area on the Western Boundary of Town (Formerly Known as the Burnsville Hosierey Mill on Ferguson Hill Road)*" Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried. Judy Buchanan moved to forward a request to the Planning Board for a recommendation on zoning of the annexed property. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

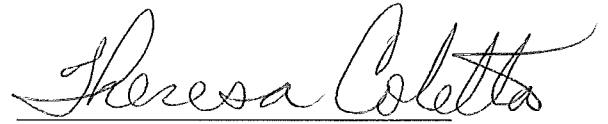
Elevator/Rest Room Project at Town Hall – Finance Officer Leslie Crowder gave a financial update concerning the Town's General Fund, focusing on available resources and expenses that are being considered. She stressed that projects under consideration will take a dramatic toll on resources and will have a big impact on the town budget. These projects include the maintenance of sidewalks and landscaping on the bypass, the elevator/restrooms at Town Hall, and a project currently under negotiation for economic development.

Councilors discussed completing the Town Hall project in two phases, with the handicapped restroom being Phase I. Phasing these projects may help our position if a grant for the elevator is pursued again next year after the handicap-accessible rest rooms are in place.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Powell and carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor