

TOWN COUNCIL  
AGENDA MINUTES  
10/12/09

Call the meeting to order at: 7:01:51 PM

Those in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Bill Moore  
Councilman Wayne Garren  
Councilman Bob Davy  
Councilman Hugh Clark  
Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf  
Planning & Zoning Director, Eric Rufa  
Finance Officer, Heather Taylor  
Parks & Recreation Director, Greg Walker  
Police Chief, Tim Christol  
Public Works Director, Ronnie Frady

Invocation: Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Hugh Clark

\*\*\*\*Public Input\*\*\*\*\*

**David Michaels – (lives on Underwood Road)** had a situation that dealt with the Police Department from a few years ago and I realize that the department then is not the same Police Department now. ( This started a few years ago in July) Mr. Michaels stated that he raises Golden Retrievers and has an Auto Repair shop. He said that two years ago two of his dogs were stolen when he was out of town taking care of family. This situation went on for two years and nothing was ever done about his dogs. One of the dogs has mysteriously reappeared. Mr. Michaels would just like to get information about his other dog that is still missing and he feels that the Police Detective was rude to him. Mayor Moore suggested that Mr. Michaels talk with the Police Chief about the matter and maybe he can help him.

**Approval of minutes: corrections-additions or deletions. (2 sets)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson** made a motion to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Councilman Wayne Garren.

**Council Updates**

Councilman Bob Davy – none at this time

Councilman Hugh Clark – none at this time.

Councilman Wayne Garren – none at this time

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson – none at this time.

**Mayor Moore:** stated that he spoke with Dean Hillman today. Ron Shultz had open heart surgery last week. We will keep Ron in our prayers for a quick recovery.

The mayor also stated that Mark Bridges (who was on council) his wife Hazel passed away and we want to keep the Bridges family in our prayers also.

**Consent Agenda**

Tax Releases/Refunds

Approve Resolution #R-09-15 requesting the NC General Assembly to exclude the Appalachian Development Highway System Funding from NCDOT Equity Formula.

Approval of the 2008-2009 Audit from Dixon Hughes, PLLC

**Councilman Hugh Clark** stated that the Audit information that we saw was a draft did they ever complete it?

**Finance Officer, Heather Taylor** stated that there was one minor change (figures are the same) and that the final documents should be ready shortly.

**Councilman Wayne Garren** made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Councilman Bob Davy** stated that could we move back to council updates that he just thought of something. He stated that the other day he went to a reception for Rodney Locks a Brevard Councilman who is taking over a position at the League of Municipalities. He feels that this will be a real benefit to everyone in the mountains having someone who is from this area at the League.

**Update from Fletcher ABC Board – Larry Waldrop, ABC Board Chairman.**

**ABC Board Chairman, Larry Waldrop** gave an update on figures from the ABC Board for the past and current year.

Discussion Followed:

**Update From Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) on the stream Restoration project- Deborah Daniel, EEP**

**Deborah Daniel, EEP** gave an update on the Conservation Easement for the Meritor property. The state of NC and the state property office have finally resolved all of our issues with Arvin Meritor on the conservation easement. They have agreed to sign the option and we are now waiting to have it signed and notarized and sent to Raleigh.

Discussion Followed:

**Request for a position upgrade to Operations Captain for deputy chief responsibilities – Tim Christol, Police Chief.**

**Police Chief, Tim Christol** gave a brief overview of the request for the position of Operations Captain. He would like to upgrade an existing officer for this position.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Hugh Clark** made a motion to approve the position for an Operations Captain and it was seconded by Councilman Wayne Garren and Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf** stated he needed to make the clarification that in order to facilitate this happening we needed an additional \$4,000.00 from fund balance to be appropriated into salaries.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Hugh Clark** made an amended motion to include the additional 4, 000.00 from fund balance into salaries (to cover the salary increase for the new position of Operations Captain) and it was seconded by Councilman Wayne Garren.

**Discussion of technology improvements to create better efficiencies in 911 dispatching services- Tim Christol Police Chief.**

**Police Chief, Tim Christol** gave a brief overview of the upgrading of the 911 dispatching services.

Discussion Followed:

**Police Chief, Tim Christol** introduced Henderson County Sheriff Rick Davis who will answer questions concerning this program.

**Henderson County Sheriff, Rick Davis** spoke on the mobile data terminals and what benefit they have been for the officers in the field. They have made a conscious effort to make this mandatory in the Sheriff's Office. This has made the officers in the field more productive.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Wayne Garren** made a motion to approve this project and to move funds in the amount of \$ 19,070.00 from appropriated fund balance for Phase 1 of the project and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Mayor Moore** said let the record state that the mayor supports this

**Update on the Heart of Fletcher Project – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf** stated that he had run through the report last week that was provided by Norcom who has been working on some due diligence steps regarding the land that is under option with the Rutledge heirs. He stated that he would like to get a motion for approval of the proposal from Harry Buckner of McGill & Associates

**Councilman Wayne Garren** made a motion to approve the proposal from Harry Buckner of McGill & Associates with a fee of \$ 7,200.00 and it was seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark

**Recommended appointment to the Henderson County Travel & Tourism Committee Town Manger Mark Biberdorf, Parks & Recreation Director, and Greg Walker.**

**Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf** spoke on the possible appointment of Lee Yudin on the Travel & Tourism Committee.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion that we appoint Lee Yudin to any potential openings on the Travel & Tourism Board and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Comments from the Town Manger- Mark Biberdorf**

Update on street re-surfacing project on all of the cul-de-sac streets off of South Chase Drive. Young & McQueen were the lowest bidder and they are supposed to start work about the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. The project should be completed by December 1st and letters will be sent to the residents to make them aware of the paving.

Dog Park- Greg Walker and I met with Ken Burton and Steve Shepherd of Blue Ridge metals about the possibility of placing a proposed dog park on a portion of their property and part of town property or possibly all on the Blue Ridge metals property.

**Parks & Recreation Director, Greg Walker** gave an update on the amount of property that would be needed for the dog park.

I had a meeting with Stuart Stepp Architecture about the needs for different departments in town hall. We will be setting up field trips to look at different facilities to get ideas.

Setting up meeting with legislators (Senator Tom Apodaca and Representative Carolyn Justus) to talk about Legislative priorities at Town Hall on Monday October 26 at 11:00 AM.

**Councilman Bob Davy** asked Town Manager Mark Biberdorf about the recent cable switch over and the problems that we are having.

Discussion Followed:

\*\*\*\*Public Input\*\*\*\*\*

None at this time

**Councilman Hugh Clark** made a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

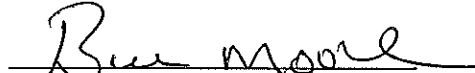
Went into Closed Session at 9:07:57PM

Came out of Closed Session at 9:46 PM and meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at: 9:46:57 PM

Approved:

11/9/09  
Date

  
Mayor William "Bill" Moore