

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
 Regular Meeting
 June 29, 2010 (for the Month of July, 2010)

The Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Doyce McClure, and Ron Powell present, held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Shane Dale, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin, Isaac McCurry, and George Nero; and visitors Jake Blood and MaryAn Holt. Mayor McIntosh, who presided, called the meeting to order.

- Public Comment - MaryAn Holt commented on the following:
 - This year's Patriotic Celebration – she thanked the town for supporting the event;
 - Abandoned house at 106 Bennett Street -- she expressed concern over overgrown yards that can attract snakes and rodents. Tom Storie explained that in foreclose situations the bank will typically clear a lot if they are made aware of the problem. Public Works Director Shane Dale agreed to look into the situation.
 - Intersection of Longview/Ramsey/Celo Streets – she asked about the warning sign "dangerous intersection." Police Chief Brian Buchanan said the sign is to warn that the intersection poses a visual problem, and police can be more vigilant about vehicles that fail to stop.

- Adoption of Agenda – Judy Buchanan made a motion to adopt the agenda before Council. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of Minutes - The minutes from the following meetings were considered:
 - Special meeting held May 27, 2010 (recessed) and June 2, 2010
 - Regular meeting held June 3, 2010
 - Closed session held June 3, 2010

Ruth Banks made a motion to approve the minutes from the aforesaid meetings as written. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

▪ Budget Amendments

Increase Revenues (30-397-0000 ~ FEMA Reimbursement: snow removal)	6,062.31
Increase Expenditures (30-815-0202 ~ Labor)	6,062.31
Increase Revenues (10-399-0000 ~ Contribution from Fund Balance)	62,933.00
Increase Expenditures (10-420-7504 ~ Contribution to Water/Sewer Fund)	62,933.00
Increase Revenues (30-397-9200 ~ Contribution from Capital Reserve)	62,933.00
Increase Expenditures (30-815-1201 ~ Electric)	16,091.00
Increase Expenditures (30-815-4500 ~ Contracted Services: Sewer Plant)	8,810.00
Increase Expenditures (30-815-0202 ~ Salary: Sewer Crewmen)	38,032.00
Increase Revenues (30-367-0200 ~ Sales Tax Refund)	3,400.00
Increase Expenditures (30-660-0400 ~ Group Insurance)	3,400.00

Decrease Expenditures (30-810-0202 ~ Salary: Water Crewmen)	34,000.00
Increase Expenditures (30-815-0202 ~ Salary: Sewer Crewmen)	34,000.00

Finance Officer Leslie Crowder explained that the amendments are end-of-year general housekeeping. Ruth Banks made a motion to approve the budget amendments as proposed. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of FY 2010 – 2011 Budget – Ron Powell made a motion to adopt the FY 2010 - 2011 budget, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by reference made a part hereof. Doyce McClure seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- Small Town Main Street Community Update – Jake Blood provided an update on the Small Town Main Street program, mentioning that the last official meeting with the Department of Commerce (Asheville) was held this past month. He said the program will continue in an advisory capacity/committee, but it is unclear at this time who will sit on committee.

Energy audits will be conducted for 5 to 7 businesses in the Small Town Main Street program. Membership in the program makes the businesses eligible for implementation grants.

Mr. Blood spoke about the NC STEP program which is similar in nature to Small Town Main Street, but has \$125,000 in funding available. Tomorrow, two representative from the Rural Center, as well as the town's designated STEP coach, Paul Combs, will be in Burnsville to meet with Council, the clerk, finance officer, and other key participants. He said the year-long STEP process will involve community meetings as an attempt is made to define a vision and goals/projects.

Ron Powell asked about the status of the *Preserve America* designation/grant program. Mr. Blood explained that the local historic preservation commission will need to coordinate with the state historic agency. He commented that from the historic preservation viewpoint, it is likely that many places in the county would qualify.

- Mountain Heritage Trout Program – Available for review were copies of documents describing the Mountain Heritage Trout program. The mayor explained that the NC Fish and Wildlife Commission would like Burnsville to consider becoming a NC Trout Community. He said the Commission can locate a section of stream in or adjacent to Burnsville that can support trout and designate it trout water. Three-day fishing licenses would be available at a cost of \$5.00. The first site discussed was the Cane River, alongside the recreation grounds, which is not desirable because the town would be responsible for adversely affected trout, and with the recent sewer plant mishap still fresh on everyone's minds, the town's increased liability would be hard to overlook. The Commission agreed that a satisfactory alternate would be an area of the South Toe River adjacent to Patience Park.

The town's responsibility would be to provide startup funds of \$241 and participate in a loaner program. The town would be responsible for 25% of the replacement cost of tackle, which is estimated to be \$100 to \$150 per year based on the experience with other trout communities. The mayor said the county manager indicated that staff at the campground store could keep up with the tackle. The state will restock the fish.

Judy Buchanan made a motion to pursue participation in this program. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Mayor agreed to contact Wildlife Resources and Yancey County regarding a memorandum of understanding.

▪ Department Updates

Fire Department – Chief Niles Howell reported:

- Department participated in a live burn on McIntosh Avenue;
- Annual banquet was a success and department appreciated council members who were able to attend;
- Staff busy trying to wind up the regional hose grant;
- County has renewed 5 year contract for fire protection with a rate increase to 6 cents.
- Department passed the 9S inspection by the State Fire Marshall.

Police Department – Police Chief Brian Buchanan reported:

- A representative with the Department of Revenue visited last week; Detective assisted in meetings with individuals charged with drug violations to alert them of the sales tax implications. Council was advised that 75% of fees assessed will return to the town.
- Coordination of Crafts Fair is underway;
- Brian Shuford (county dispatcher) just finished BLET and has asked if town would hold his certification. The Chief said with the hiring freeze he wanted council to be aware that an extra available officer would be desirable in the event another officer were to leave. The mayor remarked that holding his certification would be a service to Mr. Shuford and an asset for the town.

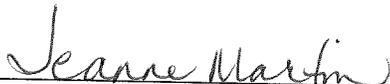
Public Works – Tom Storie reported:

- Shane Dale has made the transition to Public Works Director, and has stepped up to the task. Mr. Storie pledged his support and assistance.
- Shane Dale reported:
- Staff has been involved in routine operations, with a few breaks that needed attention.
- With regard to the recent sewer violation, Attorney Billy Clarke has indicated that he will probably seek remediation;
- Ron Powell inquired about the violation concerning pinflock and effluent samples. Tom Storie said there was one sample taken with a high fecal level. The other samples were well within the average. There has been no more communication about this issue since the email received on 5/20/10.
- Council was advised that the application McGill Associates prepared for funding for a water/sewer planning grant has been submitted to the Rural Center.

Town Center – Facility Manager George Nero updated Council on events that have been scheduled for the next month. Eleven public ticketed events will be held in July, including "Folkmoor."

- Next Regular Town Council Meeting – The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall on August 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Doyce McClure made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Powell, and unanimously approved.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Danny McIntosh, Mayor