

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2010

The Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, and Doyce McClure present, held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2010, in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Shane Dale, Jeanne Martin, Isaac McCurry, and Tom Storie; and visitors Lisa and Robert Cohen, Jody Higgins, and Jerry Miller. Ron Powell, who was attending a conference at the Rural Center in Raleigh, was absent. Mayor McIntosh, who presided, called the meeting to order.

▪ Public Comment:

No one asked to be heard during the public comment period.

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

- Consideration of Minutes - The minutes from the following meetings were considered:

- Regular meeting held October 7, 2010
- Special meeting held October 21, 2010

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

- Presentation of USS Burns Plaque, Notebook and Cap – Jerry Miller, Commander of Sgt. E. L. Randolph Chapter 57, Disabled American Veterans, presented an impressive plaque that commemorates the USS Burns, a WW II destroyer named after Otway Burns, for whom the town was named. He also gave the town a cap and a notebook that records an historical account of the USS Burns (a DD-588 that had an outstanding WWII career), its predecessor, USS Burns (a DD-171 that was launched in 1918 and decommissioned in 1930), and Captain Otway Burns. On behalf of the town, the Mayor expressed appreciation for the thoughtful gifts.

- Main Street Advisory Board Concerns – It was confirmed that the grant application for zoning assistance has been submitted.

- Proposed NC STEP Budget – Council reviewed the proposed budget for the NC STEP program, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by reference made a part hereof. Judy Buchanan made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- Public Art Design Board Appointments – Councilors were asked to consider appointments to the Public Art Design Board as follows:

- One appointee shall be a Town Councilor;
- One appointee shall be a Toe River Arts Council board member;
- One appointee shall be an artist that has been recommended by the Toe River Arts Council Board
- One appointee shall be a downtown merchant;
- One appointee shall be the town's code enforcement officer.

It was noted that TRAC has recommended Rolf Holmquist for the seat to be occupied by a TRAC board member and Martin Webster for the artist's seat. Ron Powell was mentioned to hold the Council member's seat. Bob Cohen (NuWray Inn) asked if he or his wife could be considered for the downtown merchant seat, but it was unclear if an innkeeper could be considered a merchant. It was agreed to table the issue until the December meeting.

- Budget Amendment for Wastewater Compliance Assistance – Councilors were told that there are engineering expenditures for assistance with wastewater compliance that were not included in the budget. The budget amendment available for consideration reflected the expenditure being charged to "Professional Services," as expenditures for legal services had been. Council agreed that all expenditures related to wastewater compliance should be reflected in one line so there would be a clear picture of the actual cost of compliance. The amendment will be revised and brought to the December meeting.
- NC Rural Center Asset Management Program – Council learned that the Town has been selected for participation in this program, the benefits of which should exceed \$20,000.
- Proposals for Assistance with Information Technology – Available for consideration was a proposal and quote from McKinney Consulting to upgrade the town hall's network cable to code, include each department on one network, and ready the town hall for high speed broadband connectivity when it becomes available. Judy Buchanan made a motion to begin the project as outlined in the aforesaid proposal. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mrs. McKinney will be asked to provide a quote for ongoing services after completion of this project. It is estimated that of the 16 hours originally authorized, 4 to 6 hours of work remains to be done.
- Christmas Issues:
 - Surplus Property – Councilors were told that Christmas decorations used for the past 13 years are unsafe and of no value. Available for review and attached to these minutes was *Resolution Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal by the Town's Public Works Director*. Judy Buchanan made a motion to adopt the aforesaid Resolution. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
 - Employees' Christmas Luncheon – It was agreed that on Tuesday, November 23rd, the employees' Christmas luncheon would be held at the Town Hall.
 - Christmas Parade – Councilors agreed to ride the town car in this year's parade. The Mayor will ride in a private vehicle.

▪ Department Updates

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Isaac McCurry reported:

- Approximately \$75,000 of federal money has been spent on fire prevention education. The money was evenly disbursed to all Yancey County departments. The Burnsville Fire Department educated over 600 children from pre-K to second grade.
- New radios have been purchased and there are plans to buy more.
- Call volume is 290 for the year to date

Police Department – Police Chief Brian Buchanan reported:

- There has been a request from a few business owners and some residents about the possibility of closing a few streets during Halloween next year. The request was prompted by the incident of the child who was hit by a car, which did not result in a serious injury, but could have if the rate of speed had been higher. The Chief said he would bring up this issue again next year prior to Halloween.

Public Works – Shane Dale reported:

- Staff has been involved in routine activities, including patching.

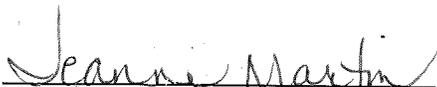
Town Center – Facility Manager George Nero was unavailable to report, but an update on events that have been scheduled for the next month was provided.

- Closed Session - A motion was made by Judy Buchanan to enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee (N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)). The motion was seconded by Ruth Banks and unanimously approved.

Council reconvened open session. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

- Next Regular Town Council Meeting – The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall on December 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

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


Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk


Danny McIntosh, Mayor