

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
July 26, 2013

On July 26, 2013, the Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan and Jeanne Martin, as well as visitor Dean Russell. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a job vacancy within the Police Department.

Council was asked to consider amending the agenda to include consideration of a request from Country Cablevision for permission to install cable down Court Street to the Town Center. Ron Powell made a motion to amend the agenda to include this issue. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Ron Powell made a motion to amend the agenda and call for a public hearing on August 8, 2013 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall for consideration of design guidelines. Ruth Banks seconded the motion. Voting results were as follows:

Ayes

Ruth Banks
Judy Buchanan
Ron Powell
Bill Wheeler

Noes

Danny McIntosh

Consideration was then given to the Country Cablevision request for permission to install cable down Court Street to the Town Center. Judy Buchanan made a motion to permit the request. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Council considered the job vacancy within the Police Department, which was due to the resignation of an existing police officer. Judy Buchanan made a motion to temporarily suspend the hiring freeze so the vacancy could be filled. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Bill Wheeler commented on speeding infractions, particularly those that occur on Main Street in the downtown district. He expressed concern about the town's liability if speeding continues and there is no evidence of enforcement, and asked for heightened focus in the area on the part of the Police Department. The mayor said there have been concerns from at least one business owner about enforcement issues at *Bootleg's*.

As to the speeding issue, Ron Powell suggested utilization of such things as solar powered speed signs, LED warning signs, etc. The mayor suggested that the D.O.T. may have equipment for installation. Ron Powell made a motion for Brian Buchanan to research D.O.T.'s resources. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The mayor said the crack on the Blue Ridge Parkway has spread and traffic to Mt. Mitchell is being routed through Marion. He suggested that the town promote a signed detour from Asheville to the

Parkway via Burnsville, which could be possible through conversations with the D.O.T. and the Forest Service.

There being no further business, Bill Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Danny McIntosh, Mayor