

BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 2, 2019

On Thursday, May 2, 2019, the Burnsville Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Judy Buchanan, Russell Fox, Isaac McCurry and Bunnie McIntosh present, held a regular meeting at the Burnsville Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton; Town Attorney Heather Hockaday; and visitors Denise Collier, Jody Higgins, Rhonda Higgins, Claudia Honeycutt, Ginger Johnson, Schell McCall, Joyce Watts, and others. The Mayor, who presided, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business for the month of May, 2019.

- **Public Comment** – No one asked to speak during the period set aside for public comment.
- **Adoption of Agenda** – Councilors were asked by the Mayor to consider reorganizing the order of items on the agenda. Bunnie McIntosh moved to adopt the agenda with items reorganized according to the Mayor’s request. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Consideration of Minutes** – Available for review were minutes from the following meetings:
 1. Regular meeting held April 4, 2019
 2. Special meeting held April 15, 2019
 3. Special meeting held April 25, 2019

Russell Fox made a motion to approve minutes from the aforesaid meetings. Isaac McCurry seconded the motion, which carried.

- **Administrative Report** – Administrator Russell Fox reported:
 1. Work session schedule for 2019-2020 budget – The next budget work session will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall.
 2. Fire department building and finance update – The Administrator reported that there has been a setback on advertising for bids due to McGill Associates not receiving sufficient specifications. This insufficiency will be corrected and the project will be advertised for bids for a period of one week.
 3. The Joint Resolution with Yancey County concerning the time and day of the annual Christmas parade has been adopted and will come to Council soon for signatures.
- **Other**
 1. Administration (Jeanne Martin)
 - a. Pursuant to GS 105-369(a), *Tax Delinquent Report* dated April 30, 2019 was provided as an update of uncollected revenues. A variety of collection efforts are underway, with every delinquent account receiving attention. One account amounting to approximately \$1,800 has recently gone to the bankruptcy court for payment.
 - b. Finance Report – Councilors reviewed the finance report dated May 2, 2019. A budget amendment to reflect the satisfaction of the Town Center debt was available for consideration, and by reference is made part of these minutes. Bunnie McIntosh moved to

approve the aforesaid budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Judy Buchanan and carried.

2. Fire Department (Chief Niles Howell)
 - a. A report of Fire Department activities was available.
 - b. An application for a State Grant amounting to a maximum of \$30,000 is in the works for 28 sets of new turnout gear. Existing gear expires January 2020 and will cost \$98,000 to replace.
 - c. Recent purchases include two 16' roof ladders at a cost of \$1,464.97. One is a combination ladder that will help prepare the department for its Class V inspection on June 10th.
 - d. Hydrant testing is ongoing.
 - e. A problem exists in multi-residential units when residents will not evacuate. Council indicated support for the Chief's research on an ordinance addressing this issue.

3. Police Department – Chief Brian Buchanan)
 - a. The month's activity log was provided for review.
 - b. Councilors heard that the Department has a few surplus tasers that were taken out of service. The Mayor of Bakersville has asked Mayor Coletta for these tasers for use by the Bakersville Police Department. Judy Buchanan moved to declare these tasers surplus and provide them to the Bakersville Police Department. Isaac McCurry seconded the motion, which carried.
 - c. LUTHIER Mountain Art, Craft and Music Event – Yancey Chamber of Commerce Director Ginger Johnson explained that plans for the Luthier event include a road closure on South Main Street from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 24th to facilitate a general gathering/jam. Homeplace Brewery will be setting up outside. The Chamber of Commerce is handling the ABC permit. Bunnie McIntosh made a motion to approve the road closure. Theresa Coletta seconded the motion, which carried.

4. Public Works (Ronnie Tipton)
 - a. An activity log was available for review.
 - b. Peterson Trailer Park Project Update – This project is complete less paving work. A few change orders have been approved and there are sufficient funds left to pay for them. There will be an inspection on May 16th by the State and funding agency. Council was encouraged to visit the project to observe the quality work that was done. This project will benefit the Town of Burnsville greatly in the future.
 - c. Indian Trail Project Update – The project is moving along.
 - d. Zoning Compliance Issue – this issue is slowly disappearing.
 - e. A recent community assistance visit from NC Department of Public Safety went well.
 - f. Councilors considered a *Resolution between Yancey County and the Town of Burnsville regarding Designations of Building Inspectors* that would confer authority to the town's inspection department to conduct inspections outside town limits. Likewise, the Resolution would confer authority to the Yancey County inspections department to conduct inspections within town limits. Theresa Coletta moved to adopt the aforesaid Resolution, and authorize the mayor to sign. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.

5. Town Center (Chad Fox) – Facility Manager Chad Fox updated Councilors on upcoming events during the month of May. A calendar of events was available for review.

▪ **Council Members' Reports**

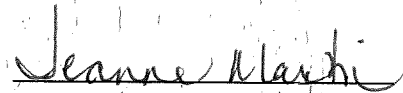
1. Mayor Theresa Coletta:


- a. Business Breakfast Update - The Mayor reported that the business breakfast meeting this month will be held on May 14th at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Center.
- b. Town lighting project – this project is still in the works; The mayor shared a few options for lighting on the square and on buildings.
- c. NC DOT, regarding vehicles on East-West Main Street – This issue was tabled.
- d. July 6th celebration: Hometown Hero event 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Independence Day music and fireworks festival – 7 p.m. – dark thirty.
- e. Summer Evenings on the Square – This series will begin June 1st with the Mountain Heritage Band and Show Chorus.

▪ **Updates from Advisory Boards and Non-Profits**

1. Economic Development Commission – No update in the absence of the Director.
2. High Country Council of Governments – minutes and financials were available for review.

- **Next Regular Town Council Meeting** – The next regular Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the Burnsville Town Hall to consider regular business for the month of June. Council member Isaac McCurry moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Judy Buchanan and approved by all members.


Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk


Theresa Coletta, Mayor