

**BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Monday, December 3, 2018**

The Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Judy Buchanan, Russell Fox, Bunnie McIntosh and Shannon Peterson present, held a special meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at the Burnsville Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Leslie Crowder, Chad Fox, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton. The Mayor, who presided, called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to:

1. **Consider options for a new facility for the Burnsville Fire Department** – Council heard that the plans from the Charlotte architect have been given to Armin Wessel, who estimates his charge for plans to be approximately \$5,000. Crowder and Banks is putting some numbers together. The Mayor mentioned that consideration should be given to the cost for the inclusion of an art component in the project. Russell Fox said the projected costs need to come down and he would like to see local contractors bid the project. He has met with McGill Associates, who will do all permitting and a site plan. Council had access to a drawing for review.

Armin Wessel said he would like exterior colors of the building to be similar to Yancey Medical Center.

In a discussion with Jamie McMahan, a 75% grant was discovered, which High Country Council of Governments is now looking into. The project seems to meet the criteria, but requires a building that would house disaster victims. The Mayor is meeting with the the COG to discuss this grant as well as sidewalks.

Russell Fox said he hoped to have preliminary numbers by the January Council meeting.

2. **Parking Issues** – There was a discussion concerning the parking in the lot alongside the old post office. This year’s adopted budget reflects funding the lease for just a half a year, and a decision to remain in the lease will need to be reached in order to continue the monthly payments.

In order to provide adequate parking for the Town Center and its tenants, Theresa Coletta moved to continue to honor the lease agreement with the Briggs Estate. Russell Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried, with voting as follows:

In Favor

Theresa Coletta  
Russell Fox  
Bunnie McIntosh

Against

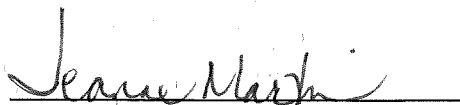
Judy Buchanan  
Shannon Peterson

**At this point in the meeting, Russell Fox was excused.**

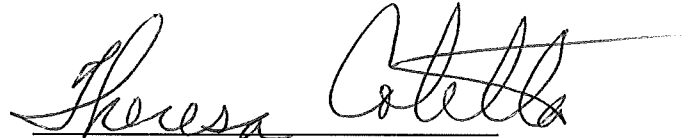
3. **Discuss the Small Town Main Street Program** – Mayor Coletta provided some background on the town’s inactive status with the Small Town Main Street Program, mentioning that we could apply for reinstatement through the Downtown Associate Community program and work to achieve the Main Street designation once again. She said she has assurances from Senator Ralph Hise and Representative Michele Presnell to assist us in reinstatement in the program, if Council decided to pursue that avenue.

Theresa Coletta moved to pursue re-entering the Small Town Main Street Program by way of Senator Hise and Representative Presnell. Bunnie McIntosh seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan moved to adjourn. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor