



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2018

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held an agenda workshop on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the agenda for the regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Collins called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Don Collins
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle
Alderman Larry B. Harris
Alderman Carlos Showers
Alderman Ryan Stone
Alderman Tim Raines - absent

The following staff members were present:

Ron Moore, Interim Town Manager
Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief
Jamey Matthews, Public Services Director
Joshua Henderson, Recreation Director

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the September 10, 2018 regular session meeting and ADDED New Item Charter Amendment for Even Year Elections to New Business for discussion. The Board also ADDED Request to Acquire Blue Ridge Assembly Drive Water Line – City of Asheville Water Line Transfer Agreement Amendment AND Service Agreement for Town Water Distribution System to New Business for discussion.

Mayor Don Collins opened the meeting. Interim Town Ron Moore presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen. Reverend Trent Holbert of Black Mountain will give the invocation.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5B**, Budget Amendment for Golf Fund Deficit stating this is the year end transaction to balance the golf fund for the last fiscal year.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5C**, Budget Amendment for Replacement of HVAC at Lakeview and Grey Eagle stating one unit was replaced at Lakeview and four units were replaced at the Grey Eagle. Manager Moore stated the funds were appropriated from the Recreation budget utilizing funds that were budgeted for window replacement.

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Manager Moore discussed **Item 5D**, Resolution in Support of Dynamic Messaging Signs for I40-NCDOT Funded stating the NCDOT has funding to implement permanent messaging signs in each direction along I40 near exit 64 in Black Mountain that will aid in traffic control and important safety messages for the area.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5E**, Call for Public Hearing to Close a Platted Portion of Wolf Creek Drive stating the Planning Board has recommended this closure and have spoken with the property owners who advised they had no intention of developing the property as it is too steep. Manager Moore presented a letter from the Fire Department.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5F**, Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Replace Privilege License Section with Business Registrations stating the NC General Assembly changed the law regarding privilege licenses and this amendment reflects those changes locally.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5G**, Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Definitions to Add Vacant Lot and Undeveloped Lot stating this amendment is necessary to clarify what is a vacant lot versus an undeveloped lot in the town ordinance.

Mayor Collins discussed **Item 7A**, Agreement for Wholesale Purchase of Water from city of Asheville with the Board agreeing to continue to keep this item on the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Collins inquired of the Board if they wished to add Even Year Elections to the agenda for discussion. Alderman Larry B. Harris reminded everyone that the City of Asheville was mandated by the NC General Assembly to move to even year elections which results in a significant cost increase to the town to continue holding odd year elections. Alderman Harris stated if approved, this would extend Board members terms by one year until the next election cycle. Alderman Harris reminded citizens that this would require a change to the Charter of the Town and would need NC General Assembly approval. Attorney Sneed stated the Board of Aldermen would need to resolve to make this change then it would be presented to the legislature to proceed. Alderman Harris stated he may make a motion at the regular meeting for the Attorney to proceed with a draft resolution to present.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to ADD Charter Amendment for Even Year Elections to New Business for discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Alderman Larry B. Harris stated he would also like to add another item into New Business to pick up a water line to service the Blue Ridge Assembly area. Alderman Harris stated the water line will be taken over in one year in the waterline transfer agreement however, City of Asheville and Black Mountain Staff have deemed the line inadequate and a possible safety risk. Alderman Harris stated he would like to proceed with taking this line over and upgrading it to a larger line to adequately service the area.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to ADD Request to Acquire Blue Ridge Assembly Drive Water Line – City of Asheville Water Line Transfer Agreement Amendment to New Business.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

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Alderman Carlos Showers reminded citizens that the town will have changes to the sanitation schedule beginning October 1, 2018 and discussed his concerns of Waste Pro not picking up items on schedule. Alderman Larry B. Harris reminded citizens that the Waste Pro contract is active for four years and stated staff will continue to address complaints. Mayor Collins stated the sanitation schedule change is to better serve the town and to have back up vehicles available to ensure items are picked up on time. Public Works Director Jamey Matthews stated breakdowns are a result of frequent usage of trucks and by making a schedule change this removes Black Mountain from the County's route schedule, making more trucks available to service our citizens.

Manager Moore stated he recommends adding Service Agreement for Town Water Distribution System to New Business. Manager Moore stated the current employee, Charlie Gross, has a private business and is leaving employment with the town to peruse this. He stated Mr. Gross has many state required certifications and licenses and has agreed to continue servicing the Town's water system at a fraction of the cost of hiring another employee to perform this task. Public Works Director Jamey Matthews reminded the Board he has a succession plan in place but acquiring these types of certifications and licensing take time. Approval of this agreement will allow the Town to remain in compliance with state law.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to ADD Service Agreement for Town Water Distribution System to New Business for discussion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted in NCGS § 143.318.11(a)(6) at 5:27 p.m.

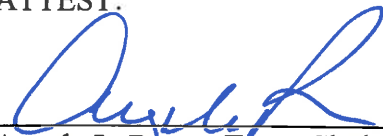
The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to return to open session at 5:45 p.m.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Alderman Larry B, Harris with a vote of 4-0 Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk



Don Collins, Mayor