



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
December 29, 2020

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, held a special called meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC. The purpose of this meeting was for the Board of Aldermen to review information regarding the Buncombe County State of Emergency Order.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Alderman Archie Pertiller
Alderman Doug Hay
Alderman Pam King
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Harris explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board of Aldermen to discuss the announcement made December 23, 2020 that Buncombe County and Asheville would issue a new order limiting restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries to 30% of their stated fire capacities, down from 50%. Indoor gatherings with those outside of one's household have been restricted from 10 to two. This order is due to rising COVID-19 cases in the area.

The measures take effect Jan. 2, and apply to the City of Asheville, Montreat and unincorporated areas in the county.

Mayor Harris expressed concerns about adding additional restrictions, stating that he has confidence that restaurant and businesses in Black Mountain are diligent in following the guidance from the State of North Carolina. Mayor Harris stated that he would follow the Board of Aldermen's decision to join or not to join in the new order to limit capacity and indoor gatherings.

Alderman Doug Hay read statistics related to rising COVID-19 cases in Buncombe County and Black Mountain. He expressed concern that there would be a surge in cases after the Christmas

holiday. Alderman Pam King and Vice Mayor Ryan Stone agreed with Alderman Hay and stated they are inclined to join in the new order issued by Buncombe County.

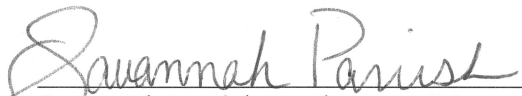
Alderman Raines expressed concern that the new order could be overly restrictive and suggested that Black Mountain follow only orders from the State of North Carolina.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to follow the new order from Buncombe County order limiting restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries to 30% of their stated fire capacities, and indoor gatherings with those outside of one's household have been restricted from 10 to two until January 8th.

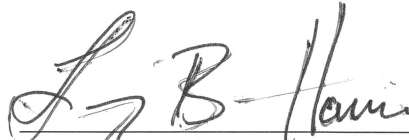
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

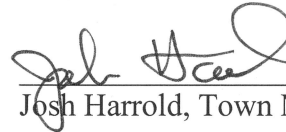
ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor



Josh Harrold, Town Manager