

**Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City**

**May 3, 2021**

**Town Hall**

**6:00 p.m.**

Attending:

**Board of Aldermen**

Tom Sutton, Mayor  
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard

**Town Affiliates**

Regina Mathis, Town Manager  
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk  
Charlie Robinson, Police Chief  
Fred Moody, Town Attorney

**Public**

David Outlaw  
John Cox  
Preston Kendall  
Jessica Webb, Smoky Mtn Times

Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Heidi Ramsey-Woodard gave the invocation.

Mayor Sutton led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

David Outlaw spoke during public comment encouraging the Board to approve sewer only accounts.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 5, 2021 board meeting and the April 20, 2021 special meeting/workshop. **Ben King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Pam Hysong with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development presented the Board with a resolution approving the letter of conditions for the Bryson City Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project. Ms. Hysong went over the aforementioned letter of conditions with the Board. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the letter of conditions from the USDA; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Preston Kendall and John Cox with Ingles gave the Board an overview of the new Ingles store. This store will have a gas station along with several tenants. Mr. Cox was asking the Board to allow a master meter at the road for the store and the tenants which will be in one location together. **Ben King made a motion to allow the store and the tenants to be on one master meter as long as Ingles pays a service fee for each tenant monthly along with the usage for all. This facility will have fire protection along with a fire meter. Also, there will have to be an agreement that these units can not be sold off separately from the existing building. There will also be a separate tap for the gas station. Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

**Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Modification #1; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

**Ben King made a motion to approve the contract with Southern Corrosion Engineered Tank Care; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

**Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to set the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing for June 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board discussed sewer only accounts and the process to collect bills when customers do not pay. The Board tabled this discussion until the Town Attorney can see if there is a way to handle these accounts and also a way to disconnect without any liability on the Town.

The municipal occupancy tax was removed from old business due to the State bill being pulled from the State Legislature.

In old business the Backflow ordinance and other Town ordinances were tabled due to further information being obtained.

Mayor Sutton set the May workshop for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Wastewater, Streets, and Town Manager's Reports. There was no Water report presented. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

**Ben King made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

The Board returned from Executive Session and reported no action was taken.

Being no further business, **Ben King made a motion to adjourn; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

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Mayor Tom Sutton

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Town Clerk Lynn Thomas