

MAYOR
Mike Patterson

MAYOR PRO TEM
Darren Janesky

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Shane Childers, MBA



TOWN COUNCIL
Scott Byars
S.L. Ford
Brian White

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER
Debby Mullinax

Regular Blacksburg Town Council Meeting
March 5, 2024
Minutes 1305

PRESENT: Councilman S.L. Ford, Councilman Scott Byars, Councilman Brian White and presiding over the meeting Mayor Mike Patterson. Absent was Councilman Darren Janesky.

STAFF: Administrator Shane Childers, Interim Town Clerk Debby Mullinax, and Chairman of Zoning Board Nina Cobb, Chief Brian Mullinax.

MEDIA: Scott Powell of the Gaffney Ledger, and Brock Hamrick of the Cherokee Chronicle.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:

Councilman Ford called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

II. MINUTES:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept the Minutes 130 as written with Councilman White seconding the motion, with all in favor.

III. BILLS DISCUSSION & SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept the bills of \$115,260.23 and the sewer adjustment in the amount of \$1278.45. Councilman White seconded the motion, with all in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Childers asked Council to decide on the Sanitation Fee that will not appear on the utility bills when BPW takes over in April. After much discussion on where to add to taxes, doing away with the fee which generates approximately \$28,000.00 a year, Councilman Ford made a motion to add as a line item on the tax bill. Councilman White seconded the motion. Three were in favor with one opposed.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. The BBA asked to amend the budget from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 so they can host a Fourth of July Fireworks Event as the Chamber of Commerce has cancelled the event it usually hosts. Councilman S.L. Ford made a motion to add \$10,000.00 to their budget with Mayor Patterson seconding the motion. All were in favor.

B. Mayor Patterson made a motion to accept the first reading of the FY24-25 Budget. Councilman Ford seconded the motion, with all in favor.

C. Councilman White made a motion to transfer \$250,000.00 from Town General Fund to the LGIP account, with Councilman Byars seconding the motion. All were in favor.

D. Councilman White made a motion to take employees who has left the Town of Blacksburg employment off as signers on the First National Bank and add Administrator T. Shane Childers and Interim Town Clerk Debby Mullinax as signers, Mayor Mike Patterson will remain. Councilman Byars seconded the motion with all in favor.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

1. The Town Administrator has been working with DHEC and the State Revolving Fund, along with the Town Engineering on the initial phase of the \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant that was awarded to address upgrades to the Cherokee St water line and the installation of 2 separate booster pumps.
2. The Town Administrator continues working with the Board of Public Works, Cherokee County Economic Development, the Town's Engineering and ACOG on possible expansion of water to strategic areas of possible development.
3. The Town Administrator has been working with multiple developers on several possible upcoming projects and on annexation possibilities. There are multiple annexation petitions currently being drafted by the Town Attorney.
4. The Town Administration continues working with the Town's Attorney and the Board of Public Works to finalize details pertaining to the sewer system transfer agreement.
5. The Town Administrator met with ACOG representatives in January to discuss several possible grant opportunities over the next year.
6. The Town Administrator met with RIA (Rural Infrastructure Administration) on a possible grant opportunity to expand water in the Northwest corner of the district.
7. The Town Administrator met with a design professional to look at revitalization design option for the downtown area and has more meetings lined up in March to discuss potential design and funding options.
8. The Town Administrator attended an Appalachian Regional Commission meeting concerning locating, applying for and managing grants and has applied for a free 9 week training program on this topic.
9. The Town Administrator attended 3 of Coach Elliott's history classes at Blacksburg High School on February 15th to discuss local government participation and the Town of Blacksburg's daily operations.
10. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 65 total work orders in February.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 220 calls for service in February 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 51 calls for service in February 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.

13. Town has completed the 11th Period of FY24. The Town has spent approximately 73.8% of the FY24 budget of \$3,580,764.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Ford made a motion to enter executive session for the following item Administration- SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1) -Personnel. Councilman Byars seconded the motion, all were in favor.

X. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Councilman Ford made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Byars made a motion to return to regular session.

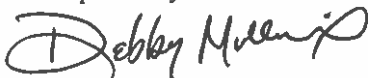
Mayor Patterson made a motion to make Debby Mullinax the as Town Clerk/Treasurer with Councilman White seconding the motion. All were in favor.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Councilman Ford made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Byars seconding the motion all were in favor.

Adjournment 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Debby Mullinax
Town Clerk



Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg