

**MAYOR**  
Mike Patterson

**MAYOR PRO TEM**  
Darren Janesky

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
Shane Childers, MBA



**BLACKSBURG**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Scott Byars  
S.L. Ford  
Brian White

**TOWN CLERK**  
Debby Mullinax

**Blacksburg Town Council Meeting**  
**April 9, 2024**  
**Minutes 1307**

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

**STAFF:** Administrator Shane Childers, Town Clerk Debby Mullinax, Chairman of Zoning Board Nina Cobb, Chief Brian Mullinax, and Public Works Supervisor Steve Hames.

**MEDIA:** Brock Hamrick of the Cherokee Chronicle.

**I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:**

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

**II. MINUTES:**

Councilman Janesky made a motion to make a correction in section II of Minutes 1306, Councilman White's name was put in as both making the motion and seconding the motion. Councilman Byars was the one who seconded the motion. And to accept the minutes after the correction was made. Councilman White seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**III. BILL DISCUSSION & SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

Councilman White made a motion to accept adjustments in the amount of \$224.79, Councilman Janesky seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**IV. PRESENTATION:**

Chief Mullinax introduced Officer Brandon Gunter to the Council as the newest member of Blacksburg Police Department.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Councilman White made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-001 honoring our Public Workers as part of National Public Works Week May 19-25-2024. Councilman Byars seconded the motion with all in favor.

B. Councilman White made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-002 honoring our Police Department as part of the National Police Week May-12-18-2024. Councilman Byars seconded the motion, with all in favor.

C. Administrator Childers presented the dates for the following Town events: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Food Truck event May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup>; June 29<sup>th</sup> a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration with a golf cart parade leading up to a large Fireworks Display; The Iron City Festival September 19<sup>th</sup>, and The Blacksburg Christmas Parade and Christmas on the Square December 14<sup>th</sup>. This was for information only. No vote was taken.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:**

1. The Town Administrator continues 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 finalized the sale and transfer of the Town's Sewer System to the Board of Public Works, taking effect on April 1, 2024. The Board of Public Works does have an employee located at Town Hall Monday – Thursday from 7:00am – 11:00am to take payments, initiate services, etc.
5. The Town Administrator attended a Palmetto Sites Meeting at the Cherokee County Economic Development Board to discuss potential sites for development in Cherokee County, including the Town of Blacksburg and the surrounding area.
6. The Town Administrator attended the Cherokee County Transportation Committee meeting in March to ask for funding once again to be appropriated for several streets to be resurfaced within the Town of Blacksburg.
7. The Town Administrator met with Studio Main to look at revitalization design option for the downtown area, along with meeting with representatives from ACOG on potential funding opportunities.
8. The Town Administrator attended the Municipal Association's 2024 Managers and Administrators Spring Forum in March, meeting with Managers and Administrators from across the state to hear legal and legislative updates, gain understanding on occurring and upcoming municipal issues, and collaborate with other municipal professionals.
9. 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 and should be notified in April if the Town of Blacksburg was chosen as a participant.
10. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 83 total work orders in March.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 191 calls for service in March 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 61 calls for service in March 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
13. Town has completed the 12<sup>th</sup> Period of FY24. The Town has spent approximately 82.6 % of the FY24 budget of \$3,580,764.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman White makes a motion to go into executive session for Administration-SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1) Police Personnel and Administration SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2) discuss negotiations related to the Cherokee County Animal Shelter. Councilman Byars seconded the motion with all in favor.

**VIII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

Councilman White made a motion to return to regular session with Councilman Byars seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Patterson said no action was taken.

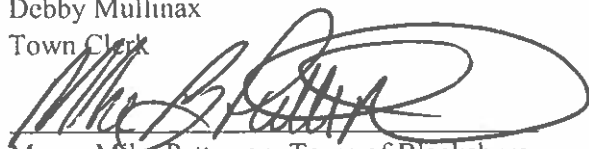
**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Adjournment 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Debby Mullinax  
Town Clerk



Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg



## **Resolution 2024-002**

### **To Recognize National Police Memorial Week**

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Memorial Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, our law enforcement officers are the guardians of life and property; defenders of the individual right to be free; warriors in the battle against crime; and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers, and that law enforcement officers recognize their duty to serve the people of this community, by protecting them against violence and disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Blacksburg honors the valor, service, and dedication of all Police Officers, and publicly salutes the service of each and every one of our own Blacksburg Police Officers;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Blacksburg, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 that May 12 through May 18, 2024 shall be recognized as Police Week in the Town of Blacksburg, and the Mayor and Town Council call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express appreciation to these men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would violate the law.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Blacksburg in meeting duly assembled this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2024.

Mike Patterson, Mayor



## Resolution 2024-001

### To Recognize National Public Works Week

**WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the Town of Blacksburg; and

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructures, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our Town's streets, sidewalks, buildings, parks, streetlights, water, wastewater, and debris pickup; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the Town of Blacksburg to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel within the public works department is materially influenced by the citizens' attitudes and understanding of the importance of the work they perform, and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2024 marks the 64<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association be it now.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Blacksburg, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 that May 19 through May 25, 2024, shall be recognized as Public Works Week in the Town of Blacksburg, and the Mayor and Town Council calls upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made every day to our safety, comfort, and quality of life by the Town's Public Works employees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Blacksburg in meeting duly assembled this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2024.

  
Mike Patterson, Mayor