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TOWN COUNCIL
Scott Byars
S.L. Ford
Brian White

TOWN CLERK
Debby Mullinax

Blacksburg Town Council Meeting
July 9, 2024
Minutes 1310

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

STAFF: Administrator Shane Childers, Chief Brian Mullinax, and Zoning Board Chairman Nina Cobb.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order. He then thanked everyone who was associated with the Red, White, and You ,4th of July Celebration and was looking forward to next year. Councilman Ford gave the invocation.

II. MINUTES:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept Minutes 1309 as written, Councilman White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. BILL DISCUSSION:

Bills for the month of May totaling \$144,479.89. This was for information only. No action was taken.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept the reading of Ordinance 24002 the Proposed Rezoning of tax parcel number 154-14-028.000 and tax parcel number 154-14-00-031.000, with Councilman White seconding the motion. All were in favor.

V. PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Nina Cobb representing the Zoning Commission came before Council to recommend adopting language in the Core Commercial Designation, the Highway Commercial Designation, and the Industrial/Industrial Light Designation to allow micro distilleries/breweries by right.

Mrs. Cobb explained the micro distilleries/micro distilleries were operated like restaurants.

Mrs. Cobb said that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adopting the language into the Planning and Zoning Ordinance to include the State of South Carolina state regulations will guide the design and operation of any micro distilleries/breweries. This was for information only. No action was taken.

VI. ADMINISTRATORS 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 and Chief Mullinax completed a 9-week training through the Appalachian Regional Commission's *READY* Local Government designed to assist in locating federal grants, navigating the application process, and managing rewarded grants. The second phase of this program is expected to make available a \$50,000 internal capacity grant.
4. The Town Administrator continues working with Blake Sanders and Studio Main LLC to finalize the Streetscape and Placemaking Study to be finalized by August of 2024.
5. The Town Administrator worked with the Blacksburg Business Association and other stakeholders to bring an Independence Day celebration, including a fireworks show, to the Town of Blacksburg on the evening of June 29, 2024. According to all feedback given, this event was a success.
6. The 2nd Iron City Food Truck event of the summer was held on June 13th and the 3rd and final Iron City Food Truck event of the summer will be held on July 25th.
7. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
8. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 252 calls for service in June 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
9. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 56 calls for service in June 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
10. Town has completed the 3rd Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 25.87 % of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.

. ADJOURNMENT:

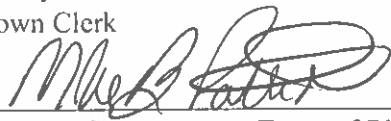
With no further business, Councilman Ford made a motion to adjournment, with Councilman White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjournment 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Debby Mullinax
Town Clerk



Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg