

MAYOR
Mike Patterson

MAYOR PRO TEM
Darren Janesky

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Shane Childers, MBA



TOWN COUNCIL
Scott Byars
S.L. Ford
Brian White

TOWN CLERK
Debby Mullinax

Blacksburg Town Council Meeting
August 6, 2024
Minutes 1311

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

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

MEDIA: Scott Powell of the Gaffney Ledger.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:

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

II. MINUTES:

Councilman White made a motion to accept Minutes 1310 as written, Councilman Byars seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. BILL DISCUSSION:

Bills for the month of May totaling \$239232.70. This was for information only. No action was taken.

IV. PRESENTATION:

Mr. Blake Sanders gave the Blacksburg Streetscape and Placemaking Plan. Mr. Sanders gave an overall view of the study including what people would like to see and what was needed to bring new businesses to downtown Blacksburg. He discussed improvements to the streets, buildings and the cost of each phase of the revitalizing the town. This was for information only. No action was taken.

Mayor Patterson presented Officer Brandon Gunter with the Life Saving Award. Chief Mullinax told Council that Officer Gunter ran into a burning building and got a lady out saving her life. For information only. No action was taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Councilman Byars made a motion to hold a public hearing to Solicit comments in connection with Ordinance 24002 Proposal for the Rezoning of tax parcel number 154-00-028.000 and tax parcel number 154-14-00-031.000. Councilman White seconded the motion, with all in favor. Councilman Byars made a motion to close the motion the public hearing for ordinance 24002, with Councilman White seconding the motion. All were in favor.

B. Councilman Byars made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 24002 rezoning tax parcel numbers 154-14-00-028.000 and 154-14-00-031.000. Councilman White seconded the motion all were in favor.

C. Councilman White made a motion accept the first reading of Ordinance 24003, to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Blacksburg Code by making certain text amendments in Article 2 of the Zoning Code regarding restaurant, Brewpubs, and Micro Distillery Uses. Councilman Byars seconded the motion with all in favor.

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 is working with the Appalachian Regional Commissions' READY Local Government in relationship to the 2nd phase of the recent Grant Training that was completed. The second phase of this program is expected to make available a \$50,000 internal capacity grant.
4. The Town Administrator, in conjunction with Blake Sanders and Studio Main LLC, has finalized the Streetscape and Placemaking Study, and will begin researching grants that will assist in possible funding to realize the given recommendation.
5. The Town Administrator is working with the Town's Attorney on another possible annexation project.
6. The Town Administrator is working with the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission on re-zoning several different parcels to allow for additional housing within the Town limits.
7. The Town Administrator has been working with CC&I Services and other stakeholders to address several troubled and dilapidated structures to make the Town and the Town's Core Commercial District more attractive and marketable.
8. The Town Administration is working on the remaining town events for 2024 to include the Iron City Festival on September 14, 2024, and the Christmas Parade & Christmas on the Square on December 14, 2024.
9. The Town's Public Works staff recently repainted the floor, along with cleaning the carpet, making the Museum of History look much better for visitors and staff alike.
10. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had __ calls for service in July 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.

12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had ___ calls for service in July 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
13. Town has completed the 4th Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 31.18 % of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.

VII. Executive Session:

Councilman White made a motion to enter in executive session Administration-SC30-4-70(a)(1) Police Personnel. Councilman Byars seconded the motion all were in favor. Councilman Byars made a motion to return to regular session with Councilman White seconded the motion all were in favor.

Councilman White made a motion to promote Office Larry Sprouse to the position of Sargent. Councilman Byars seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adjournment 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Debby Mulanax
Town Clerk



Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }
CHEROKEE COUNTY }
ORDINANCE NO. 2024 -002 }

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG CODE
BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING TWO PARCELS
LOCATED ON WEST PINE STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL 1A (R-1A) AND RESIDENTIAL 1B (R-1B)
TO RESIDENTIAL 1C (R-1C)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Blacksburg, in Council assembled ("Council"):

Section 1. That this ordinance is being adopted in order to effect proper compliance with the provisions of the Home Rule Act of 1975, now South Carolina Code of Laws for 1976, Section 5-7-30, Section 5-7-260 and Sections 6-29-710, *et seq.* and the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Blacksburg, including Article VII thereof.

Section 2. That the Zoning Ordinance matters and things affected by this Ordinance are being acted upon following Planning Commission consideration and recommendation thereof after its meeting on July 3, 2024, and a public hearing held before Council on August 13, 2024.

Section 3. That the official Zoning Map of the Town of Blacksburg be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

By rezoning the following two parcels:


- 702 West Pine St., Tax Parcel No. 154-14-00-031.000 from R-1B to R-1C
- 620 West Pine St., Tax Parcel No. 154.14.00.028.000 from R-1A to R-1C

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall be and become finally binding immediately after receiving first and second readings given in the manner required by law.

DONE AND RATIFIED in Council assembled on this the 6 day of August, 2024.

BLACKSBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA


Mike Patterson, Mayor


Darren Janesky, Mayor Pro-Tem


S.L. Ford, Councilmember


Scott Byars, Councilmember


Brian White, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Debby Mullinax, Municipal Clerk

First Reading: July 9, 2024

Second Reading: Aug 6, 2024