

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
July 27, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on July 27, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lynda Sossamon and Commissioners Mary Gelbaugh, Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Rick Bryson (Lieutenant), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Nick Breedlove, Holly Kays, Hailey Smith.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon reported that the flower planters in town looked very good and thanked the Garden Club and Public Works Department.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reported that the excitement over WNC Rocks was great to see and that it was bringing more visitors into the downtown area. Commissioner Nestler told the board he was excited to see that proposals for the watershed grant plan were not being accepted. Commissioner McPherson also added his support of the watershed grant proposals. He asked if there were funds available to install sod grass under the new trees planted on Main Street. Commissioner Hamilton reminded everyone of the Concert on the Creek featuring Mountain Faith for Friday, July 28th.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling told the board that Servicemaster would begin cleaning Town Hall in August. Keener Cemetery will now be maintained by R&R Landscaping and they will begin work in August. She also noted that the Southwestern Commission has developed the RFP for the Scotts Creek Watershed Plan and Assessment and proposals for the planning consultant are due by Friday, August 18, 2017. Mountain Faith will hold a CD Release party prior to the concert on Friday, July 28th beginning at 6:15 p.m. and they will also sign autographs. The next Town sponsored Concert on the Creek will be August 4th.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dan Schaeffer reported that paving on Regal Avenue and Allen Street would be completed in this fiscal year. He will need to move money from the Powell Bill Fund Balance to cover the cost not budgeted for. Schaeffer also told the board that Frontier is not removing poles on Main Street as planned and that Eric Ridenour will work on the case. There will be work completed in the near future on the east trail of Pinnacle Park to help with erosion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Davis Woodard reported that the Police Department has been preparing for the upcoming Solar Eclipse. He also added that cameras had been installed on Parris Branch.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Manager Dowling reported that two new members joined the committee, Lisa McBride of the Farmer's Market and Craig Day from Jackson Paper. The August meeting will be to review current plans.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met July 20th and discussed a text amendment application from the Evergreen Foundation. They are requesting a text amendment to add daycare facilities as a conditional use. The Planning Board voted to recommend the approval of the request to the Town Board.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

SOLAR ECLIPSE PRESENTATION: Nick Breedlove from the Jackson County Tourism and Development Authority addressed the board about the upcoming total solar eclipse. The event will be on August 21, 2017 and the TDA has activities scheduled at Bridge Park beginning Friday, August 18th for visitor and residents. Breedlove reviewed traffic detours, parking, shuttle service and estimated attendance for the event.

RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE ALLEN STREET: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve a resolution to temporarily close Allen Street from the intersection of Municipal Drive to Mill Street on August 21, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the solar eclipse. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEMBER: Preston Springer who was appointed to the Public Art Committee in December 2016 will be moving out of Jackson County and a replacement will need to be made. The committee would like to have someone who is versed in social media and marketing. The Board of Commissioners would like the replacement appointment put on the August 10th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk