

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
May 10, 2018

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

PRESENT:	Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor	Paige Dowling, Town Manager
	Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner	Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
	Harold Hensley, Commissioner	Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney
	Greg McPherson, Commissioner	
	David Nestler, Commissioner	

ABSENT: Lynda Sossamon, Mayor

Vice-Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Bryson (Asst. Police Chief), Tammy Hooper (Police Chief) and Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: Tanner Hall and David Noland.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Hensley stated he would like to switch the order of the ABC Board Appointment discussion and the Rescue Squad discussion. Hensley made a motion change to approve the agenda with the change stated. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reminded everyone of the community yard sale on June 30th. Commissioner Nestler commented that he enjoyed the police academy meeting and wished more people participated. Commissioner Hensley explained that Greening Up The Mountains was fantastic. He commended the police department and public works department for their long hours during the festival. Commissioner McPherson thanked the staff for their work on Greening Up The Mountains. He noted that he was happy to see the progress on the mural. Commissioner Hamilton also praised everyone for their work on the festival. She also thanked Manager Dowling and Sarah Thompson for their work on the Great Main Street award.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Dowling reported that the Town of Sylva has received the "Great Main Street" award from the NC chapter of the American Planning Association. The award will be presented on May 23, 2018 in Raleigh and at a local event later in the summer. The town will have an intern from WCU's Master of Public Affairs program working this summer. There will be active shooter training on May 24, 2018 at the library sponsored by the Sylva Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Dowling reported that the May meeting will be on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Chamber of Commerce.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

CANCEL MAY 17, 2018 BUDGET WORK SESSION: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to cancel the May 17, 2018 budget work session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

RESCHEDULE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING-MAY 16, 2018: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to reschedule the public art committee meeting to May 18, 2018 at White Moon Café.*

ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION: Manager Dowling explained that David Noland, Chairman of the ABC Board, had approached both the Town and the County to request the two-term limit be removed from the ABC forming resolution. Currently ABC Board members can serve two consecutive terms. Both the Town Board and County Commissioners would have to agree to remove the term limits and amend the agreement. The ABC Board is requesting this change because they have a board that is working well together and the store is profitable. The Jackson County ABC Board is the 12th most profitable ABC system in the State.

Commissioner Nestler told the board he was a huge proponent of term limits and that he opposes changing the term limit requirement. Commissioner Hensley stated that the board works well together and he is in favor of removing the term limit requirement as long as the board had the option of removing a member at any time. Commissioner McPherson commented that the ABC Board is a cohesive unit.

Commissioner Hensley made a motion to remove the term limit requirement of the ABC Board joint agreement. The motion carries with a 4 to 1 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Gelbaugh, Hamilton, Hensley and McPherson. Voting against was Commissioner Nestler.

RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING DISCUSSION: Manager reported that she received a request from the County for \$7,500 to make improvements to the American Legion building (former Rescue Squad Building). The total cost of improvements would be around \$50,300. Jackson County currently owns this facility and leases the facility to the American Legion at no cost. The improvements to the building are functional and aesthetic. Commissioner Hensley commented that the American Legion does help the county and it would be nice to help them and improve the entrance into Sylva at that location. *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to appropriate from fund balance the \$7,500 to help with renovations in the 2018-2019 FY budget. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

FORMAL PRESENTATION OF FY 2018-2019 BUDGET: Manager Dowling formally presented the FY 2018-2019 budget to the board and reminded them of the public hearing scheduled for May 31, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) to consult with the town attorney at 6:40 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 7:23 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Barbara Hamilton
Vice-Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk