



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jonathan Brown, Commissioner
Blitz Estridge, Commissioner
Mary Gelbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Brad Waldrop, Commissioner

Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Hatton (Police Chief)

VISITORS: Luther Jones, Sarah Hirsch, Geoffrey Hirsch, Jennifer Harr and Natalie Newman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Estridge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Luther Jones addressed the board and expressed his concerns about the new amendments to the solicitation ordinance. Sarah Hirsch, Geoffrey Hirsch and Jennifer Harr followed Luther Jones with the same concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Phillips has requested the help of Luther Jones in researching history related to the survey marker at the new restrooms. He would like to incorporate that marker into the design of the building.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh mentioned having a skate park at the Mark Watson Park garage area. Commissioner Waldrop reminded everyone of the styrofoam recycling events being planned in the near future. Commissioner Brown noted that he had received welcoming feedback about the upcoming Matt Stillwell concert.

MANAGER'S REPORT: In the absence of Manager Dowling, Amanda Murajda reported the following:

- Reminder of the Bridge Park Ribbon Cutting and Matt Stillwell concert on August 25, 2024.
- The new restroom project has an estimated completion date of August 30, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT—CHAPTER 30: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS: Mayor Phillips asked for a motion to approve the amendments to the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Estridge made a motion to approve the amendments. Commissioner Waldrop followed with a request to Estridge to withdraw his motion so that a public hearing could be scheduled. The board discussed having a public hearing. Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the solicitation ordinance for September 12, 2024. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE: Mayor Phillips called for a motion to approve the resolution to establish the Town of Sylva Economic Development Committee and approve the committee's rules of procedure. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: JACKSON COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET FUNDRAISER—ALCOHOL

REQUEST: The Jackson County Farmer's Market and Innovation Brewing are requesting permission to serve alcohol at their market fundraiser on September 7, 2024. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk