

TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE

TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes - December 21, 2015

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville held a public hearing at 6:45 P.M., on December 21, 2015, in the Council Chambers at 30 South Main Street, Weaverville.

Present: Mayor Dottie Sherrill.  
Council Members Doug Dearth, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Doug Jackson and Andrew Nagle.  
Attorney Rebecca Reinhardt, Town Manager Selena Coffey.  
Staff: Greg Stephens, Courtney Banks, Ted Williams, Tony Laughter and Shelby Shields.

Absent: Vice Mayor John Penley.

Visitors: Harriet Burnette, Dewayne Ramsey, Jill Britton, Karen VanderElizen, Donna Bollinger, Janet Buckner, Karen Paradise, Mary Miller, Pat Reese, Rhonda and Jeff McKenna, Woody Bolinger, Rodney Edwards, Lawrence Ponder, Connie Moon, Jimm McElroy, Hugh Moran, Joe Quinlan, Cindy Wright, and Doug Theroux.

Mayor Sherrill called the hearing to order and stated the purpose was to hear public comment on the closing of a un-named street, as shown on a plat dated, Jul 20, 1927, on property located off North Main Street and Critter Trail, now owned by Mountain Housing Opportunities.

Mayor Sherrill opened the hearing for public comment on the matter. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Sherrill closed the hearing.

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Shelby Shields,

Town Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Weaverville was held on December 21, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at 30 South Main Street.

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Council Members Doug Dearth, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Doug Jackson and Andrew Nagle.  
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Mayor Sherrill called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The motion to approve the Agenda was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Fitzsimmons, and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Sherrill asked the three people who wished to speak on the Cycling request, if they would wait until after hearing the request. The three people agreed to wait.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 Workshop and November 16, 2016, Regular meeting, was made by Council Member Nagle, seconded by Council Member Fitzsimmons, and unanimously approved.

**Employee Recognition:**

There was no recognition was given.

**Old Business:**

**A. Approval of Resolution to Close Un-Named Street:**

Mountain Housing Opportunities, Inc. has requested that the un-named street be closed through their recently purchased property off North Main Street and Critter Trail. There was no public comment at the Public Hearing just held on this matter. The motion to adopt the Resolution To Permanently Close An Un-Named Street on a Recorded Plat Dated Jul 20, 1927, in Book 14,

Page 29, as recorded in the Buncombe County Registry, was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Fitzsimmons, and unanimously approved.

**B. 2016 USA Cycling (“USDA”) Collegiate Nationals Request:**

Mr. Jimm McElroy thanked the Council for giving their committee more time to work on the request to hold the Cycling event in the Town on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Since that time, more research has been done, and two (2) alternate routes have been chosen for the Council’s consideration. The two alternate routes would be less demanding on traffic detour requirements. There was a review and discussion on the proposed routes that entail South Main Street and the side streets in that area.

Connie Moon explained all the processes they have been through since last meeting in contacting and meeting with the businesses and residents in the Town.

Ms. Coffey stated that she was somewhat surprised that Town staff has spent all of this time getting to this point, and then finding out that the USAA Cycling hasn’t approved this route after spending all this time on the matter..

Mr. Moran stated that it isn’t that they haven’t approved, they have. It is just that the alternate site/routes haven’t been approved. They will be in Town in a couple of weeks, and walk the route to see first-hand before they can officially put their rubber-stamp on it.

Ms. Coffey further stated that her issue is that Council and staff have worked schedules around, and now hearing that this alternate route hasn’t been approved, is obviously a concern. She had made the following recommendations to Council: that the races be reduced from eight to only four races; start with an earlier time to reduce the amount of inconvenience to the residents and people on the street; an up front payment for Town expenses; a written agreement reviewed by the Town Attorney; and to go with Alternate 2, if the Council so chooses.

Council Member Nagle clarified that USAA Cycling has approved Weaverville based on the original course. He felt Alternate 3 was the best, getting off Main Street, and less inconveniences to the neighborhood. Mr. Moran state the USAA Cycling didn’t like that route; they prefer the Main Street connection.

Council Member Jackson stated that he was neither for or against the race, but felt Alternate Two was best for the Town, less intrusion on Main Street. He would rely on the Town Manager and staff for their recommendations.

Council Member Nagle thanked the Town Manager and staff for their hard work done, and will also, rely on the Town Manager and staff for their recommendations.

Council Member Fitzsimmons stated that over the last month, he has talked to a number of residents on the cycling race, and had received a lot of positive feed-back.

Council Member Dearth stated that the proposal of the Alternate Two route, where it is now is acceptable, limiting it to four races instead of eight, starting it at an earlier, and highlight the point made by the Town Manager to have a written agreement with whomever writes the check.

Also, require an up-front check as stipulated by the Town Manager, with the deadline that Ms. Coffey establishes.

Mayor Sherrill stated that three people have signed up to speak, and gave them the opportunity.

Karen Vander Elzen, 9 Rhonda Ct. and owner of Shop around the Corner at 55 North Main Street - stated that Weaverville couldn't be compared to Marshall for the race. Her concern is the neighbors and peoples who can't get out if the streets are closed. Her estimations from the set-up time to the take down time would be approximately eight houses and she doesn't see the Town as benefitting that much from the race. She asked if there would be a monetary benefit to the Town.

Ms. Coffey explained that it is basically a reimbursement for estimated man hours for the Police, Fire and Public Works.

Lawrence Ponder, former Mayor of Marshall, stated that he was involved with the Cycling last year, when there were approximately 400 kids, and over 100 universities involved in the race.

Ross Prezant, 8 Strawberry Lane - felt it would be positive for the Town to have the cycling races since his children ride bicycles and go to Weaverville Elementary School .

#### **New Business:**

##### **A. Appointments to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board:**

Ms. Coffey stated that Mayor Sherrill and the former Town Manager are the Town's representatives on the Firemen's Relief Board. Mayor Sherrill needs to be reappointed and a replacement for the former Town Manager. The motion was made by Council Member Jackson to reappoint Mayor Sherrill and appoint Town Manager Coffey to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dearth, and unanimously approved.

#### **Manager's Report:**

Ms. Coffey reported that she was now preparing agenda cover sheets to each Council agenda item in effort to provide a summary of the respective agenda item.

The selection process of hiring a Planner & Code Enforcement Officer has been completed. James Eller will begin work on January 5, 2016.

Ms. Coffey and Courtney Banks have been working with financial advisor firms for the last few months regarding the refunding of the Town's Series 5 General Obligation Bonds. They have received proposals and would like to move forward. She will be asking Council to adopt the bond order and resolution at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Coffey reported that she has been working sporadically on the website improvements, and plans to get the improvements done after the first of the year.

Next month she plans to ask everyone to go online, to the Town website, and sign up for the e-newsletter. However, residents who wish to receive a paper copy will still be able to do so.

Lighting at Lake Louise: The Public Works Department will soon be trenching for and installing conduit to light the gateway sign. They have recently completed the mounting of lighting on the flag at the stage area at Lake Louise.

Ms. Coffey further reported that the 2015 Tree City USA Application has been approved by the State and forwarded to the Arbor Day Foundation for approval.

She has recently reinstated her credentials with International City-County Manager's Credentialing. (ICMA)

A reminder that the January Council meeting will be held on the fourth Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM, due to MLK Day; the February Council meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 due to Presidents Day. The January Workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 30 South Main Street.

**Department Reports:**

All Department Reports are available on the table at the entrance.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Dearth, seconded by Council Member Fitzsimmons, and unanimously approved.

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Town Clerk