

MINUTES

**TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2016**

The Town of Weaverville Town Council met on Tuesday, January 10, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm in the training room within the Weaverville Fire Department at 3 Monticello Road.

Council Present: Mayor Dottie Sherrill, Vice-Mayor John Penley, Council Members Doug Dearth, Patrick Fitzsimmons and Andrew Nagle. Councilman Doug Jackson absent.

Staff Present: Town Manager Selena Coffey, Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson, Fire Chief Ted Williams, Police Chief Greg Stephens, Public Works Director Tony Laughter and Town Planner James Eller.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was slightly delayed due to heavy traffic causing two members of Council to be late. Mayor Sherrill called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

2. Budget

Town Manger Coffey provided Council with a mid 2016-2017 fiscal year budget review and offered preliminary discussion items for to 2017-2018 fiscal year. Ms. Coffey also requested that Council review the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget calendar presented and noted the dates which corresponded with previously scheduled Council Workshops.

Vice-Mayor Penley motioned to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget calendar as presented. Councilman Dearth seconded and all voted unanimously.

3. Water Resources Discussion

Public Works Director Laughter presented an overview of the present state of the Town's water supply system. Of particular note was that the previously established threshold of 75% of the system's committed water capacity in the Ivy River Water Treatment Plant had been reached and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality recommends that water providers begin the planning process to address future water supply demands whenever 80% of permitted capacity is reached.

With the interconnection of the Town water system with that of the City of Asheville Mr. Laughter demonstrated the cost of producing water through the municipal water system was \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons of production and the cost of purchase from the City was \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons purchased.

Ms. Jackson noted to Council that the performance of the water system had ramifications outside of municipal borders with other jurisdictions such as the City of Asheville, Buncombe County, the Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Town of Woodfin and the Town of Mars Hill due to water system interconnections and sewer infrastructure.

Through both Mr. Laughter and Ms. Jackson, Council was presented with several options for addressing the need of additional water in the future including remaining at current capacity, water plant expansion, bulk water purchase from the City of Asheville, and a possible collaboration with various other water and sewer providers.

Ms. Jackson gave figures to Council illustrating the cost of capital projects of the aforementioned options with an estimated cost of the water plant expansion of \$9 million and improvements made to the system to allow for bulk purchase from the City of Asheville at \$5.25-6 million.

The engineering firm McGill & Associates has put together an estimate of \$25,000-\$30,000 for a study to evaluate the details, permit requirements and estimated costs of the Ivy River Water Treatment Plant and the alternative of purchasing from the City of Asheville.

A consensus was reached to have staff work with McGill & Associates to formalize a proposal for the study and present to Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Downtown Parking

Councilman Dearth suggested that the topic not be discussed without new options present for a long standing conversation.

5. Closed Session

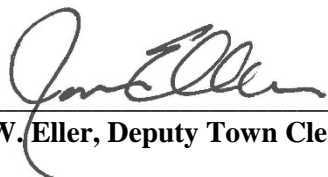
Councilman Dearth motioned to enter closed session. Vice-Mayor Penley seconded and all voted unanimously.

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Councilman Dearth made the motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Nagle seconded and all voted in favor to return to open session.

6. Adjournment

Councilman Fitzsimmons motioned to adjourn. Councilman Jackson seconded and all voted unanimously.



James W. Eller, Deputy Town Clerk