

## MINUTES

**TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met for a special called meeting and budget workshop on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Weaverville Fire Department located at 3 Monticello Road, Weaverville.

Council members present were: Mayor Dottie Sherrill, Councilman Doug Jackson, Councilman Doug Dearth, Councilman Nagle and Councilman Patrick Fitzsimmons. Vice Mayor John Penley was absent.

Staff present were: Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson and Town Manager/Town Clerk Selena Coffey, Police Chief Greg Stephens, Fire Chief Ted Williams, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier and Public Works Director Tony Laughter.

### **Call to Order of Workshop**

Mayor Sherrill called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. Town Manager Selena Coffey then began discussing the items on the agenda regarding budget deliberations for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. The first topic of conversation was to discuss preliminary tax valuation figures. There was stated concern that the media had reported a 32% average increase in tax values after the reappraisal. The Town Manager cautioned Council about expecting that average to come to fruition due to appeals that will be filed from this date through April and reminded Council that the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget will be drafted prior to tax valuations being finalized by Buncombe County. The Manager advised that the Town would not see more realistic tax valuations and revenue projections until appropriately April 2017.

The Town Manager then opened discussion as Council had requested regarding the Town's payment of retiree health insurance. This issue was discussed and Council requested that staff prepare a study of other jurisdictions with whom the Town competes for employees. In addition, Council requested that staff provide scenarios with current Town employees' years of service to determine employees' eligibility for this benefit moving forward.

The final discussion focused on the Town's plans for the Lake Louise Community Center and its future use. After discussion, Council asked staff to develop a list of individuals, and business and other organization representatives within the Town to potentially develop an ad hoc committee to study the best use of the facility. It was emphasized that this committee needs to include a cross-section of the community and the various age groups. Council suggested that Vice Mayor John Penley chair this group, as he had been involved in previous discussions on this matter.

*No formal action was taken on the aforementioned budget topics.*

At this time, Mayor Sherrill referred to Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson to state Council's justification to enter into closed session. The Town Attorney then read N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3) providing for Council to enter into closed session to consult with their attorney to preserve attorney-client privilege concerning the handling and settlement of the following judicial action: Mayfair Partners, LLC, Petitioner versus the Town of Weaverville, Michael Watkins, Thomas Plaut and Marian Plaut, James Proffitt and Sharon Proffitt, Thomas Veasey and Sara Veasey, Lake Louise Preservation Association, and Conley Hyer; Buncombe County File 17-CV-246.

*Councilman Nagle made the motion to go into closed session under the purpose as stated above by the Town Attorney, seconded by Councilman Dearth. All in favor.*

[Closed Session]

*Councilman Dearth made the motion to exit closed session, seconded by Councilman Nagle. All in favor.*

*Councilman Dearth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Nagle. All in favor.*

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00pm.

**ATTEST:**

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Selena D. Coffey, MPA, ICMA-CM  
Town Manager / Town Clerk

APPROVED