



## MINUTES

**Town of Weaverville  
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Special Called Meeting  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers within Weaverville Town Hall at 30 South Main Street, Weaverville, North Carolina.

Council members present were: Mayor Al Root, Councilman Andrew Nagle, Vice Mayor/Councilman Doug Jackson, Councilman Jeff McKenna, and Councilman Patrick Fitzsimmons. Councilwoman Dottie Sherrill was absent.

Staff present was: Town Manager Selena Coffey, Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson, Town Clerk Derek Huninghake, Town Planner James Eller, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier and Public Works Director Dale Pennell.

### **1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Al Root called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

### **2. Presentation on Asheville on Bikes**

Councilman McKenna introduced Clark Mackey, co-owner of CAKE websites and Asheville on Bikes Board Chairman, and thanked him for coming tonight to present Asheville on Bikes with Council.

Clark Mackey presented to Council the high demand for bicycling in Western North Carolina and that many of the popular bicycle routes in the area lead up to or around the Town of Weaverville. This makes Weaverville a very hot commodity for bicyclists, and with over \$43 million generated each year on bicycle tourism, a good opportunity for the Town to increase its revenue and tax base. There are so many types of bicyclists around the area like the road and gravel bicyclists, cargo and family bicyclists, urban bicyclists, mountain biking and bike packing, so being that it is not just a single demographic makes it even more favorable. Mr. Mackey mentioned that Weaverville doesn't have to invest a lot, since the bicyclists are already coming this way. However, building amenities like protected bikes lanes, greenway connections to neighborhoods, bike racks and bike repair stations would increase the bike riders traffic and keep the small town charm. If positioned correctly leading towards the downtown, it could lead to more revenue for businesses as well. Mr. Mackey believes this would be a great opportunity for the Town of Weaverville and thanked them for their time.

### **3. Community Center Project**

#### **A. Commercial Kitchen**

Council held discussion on the commercial kitchen and determined that it would be best to not have it included in the new community center project. Council agreed that the maintenance and cost of a commercial kitchen would be too high and the main use would be for storing and reheating food. Council discussed the possibility of having a recreational room inside the community center, instead of having all the rooms for business/conference meetings and weddings. Manager Coffey agreed to bring back cost estimates to upfit the rooms to double as meeting rooms and multi-sports rooms (i.e. pickleball, etc.).

**B. Dry Ridge Museum**

Next, Council held discussion on the Dry Ridge Museum and determined that there would need to be space for an exhibit in the new community center. The best place for the Dry Ridge Museum would be within the community center and it would need to be self-sustaining with no employees. Council also mentioned to reaching out to the library about the museum and the demand for their community room.

**C. Outdoor Space**

Council determined that the outdoor space at Lake Louise would be used for recreational activities. There is a lot of usable land for a tennis/basketball court, bike skills park, or pickle ball court. They want to make sure that the space is definitely going to be used and that it doesn't get over looked or placed on the back burner.

After all the discussion, Council determined that the commercial kitchen wasn't a big necessity and there needs to be space for an exhibit for the museum. Staff was asked to reach out to the architect to create other drawings reflecting these changes, and to see if indoor recreational opportunities could be inside community center.

Council asked staff to try and reach out to other Towns that have built new community centers recently and see the process that they went through and how they like it.

**4. Adjournment**

*Councilman Jackson made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Fitzsimmons seconded and all voted to adjourn the Council's meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

  
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Derek K. Huninghake, Town Clerk