



MINUTES

**Town of Weaverville
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020**

Remote Electronic Meeting

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948891960>

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met for its regularly monthly meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. as an electronic video meeting via Zoom Meeting.

Councilmembers remotely present were: Mayor Al Root, Vice Mayor Doug Jackson, and Councilmembers Andrew Nagle, Dottie Sherrill, Jeffrey McKenna and Patrick Fitzsimmons.

Staff members remotely present were: Town Manager Selena Coffey, Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson, Planning Director James Eller, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier, Police Chief Ron Davis, Fire Chief Ted Williams, Public Works Director Dale Pennell, and Water Treatment Supervisor Trent Duncan.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Al Root called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda

Mayor Root declared the agenda adopted by consent with the movement of a greenway update up to agenda item #3.

3. Greenway Update

Doug Dearth and Ms. Coffey have been working with Buncombe County staff on the Reems Creek Greenway project and provided Council with an update on the status of the project.

4. Approval of the Minutes

With no comment related to the minutes, Mayor Root declared the minutes adopted.

5. General Public Comment

On a temporary basis due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, general public comments must be submitted in advance of the meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 450 words and must observe normal rules of decorum. Only comments that are timely received will be read into the record during the public comment period. Public comments can be submitted (1) by **emailing** to public-comment@weavervillenc.org at least 6 hours prior to the meeting, (2) by putting your written comment in a **drop box** at Town Hall (located at front entrance and back parking lot) at least 6 hours prior to the meeting, or (3) by **mailing** your written comment (must be received not later than Monday's mail delivery) to: Town of Weaverville, PO Box 338, Weaverville, NC, 28787, Attn: Public Comments.

No public comments were received.

6. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Nagle moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Jackson seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted to approve all action requested in the Consent Agenda listed below. Motion passed 5-0.

- A. Monthly Tax Report** – Submitted from the Buncombe County Tax Department.
- B. Code Amendments: Chapter 30 System Development Fees** – A recommended ordinance reflective of recent legislative changes related to the collection of system development fees.
- C. Budget Amendment: CRF Funds and ABC Revenue** – A proposed budget amendment reflective of amendments to coronavirus relief funds and an increased distribution from the ABC system.

7. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Coffey presented her Manager's report to Council which included information related to Community Center construction, USDA waterline loan, sales tax revenue update, Halloween festivities and the Reems Creek Greenway project.

8. Discussion and Action Items

A. Action on Annexation & Initial R-3 Zoning for Conrad Property on Reems Creek Road.

Councilman Nagle noted that he should be recused from the conversation and vote due to a close familial relationship with the applicant and property owner.

Councilman Fitzsimmons motioned to recuse Councilman Nagle. Vice-Mayor Jackson seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted to recuse Councilman Nagle.

Mr. Eller provided Council with an overview of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning request for the property commonly known as 24 Reems Creek Road. Mr. Eller also noted that the requisite public hearing had been held during the previous month's meeting and no public comment had been received. The Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation of initial zoning of R-2 and the applicant's desire for an initial zoning of R-3 was discussed.

Vice-Mayor Jackson moved to approve the proposed annexation ordinance with an initial zoning of R-3. Councilmember McKenna seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted to approve the annexation ordinance and initial zoning. Motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Nagle having been recused.

B. Ivy River Water Quality Project.

Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director for Buncombe County, spoke to Council regarding damage to the streambanks of the Ivy River as a result of Hurricane Florence in 2018. The specific area of damage to be addressed is just upstream from the Ivy River Treatment Plant intake and a contribution of \$7,012 is being requested of the town.

Council Member Nagle moved to approve the proposed fund appropriation. Councilmember MCKenna seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted to approve the code amendment. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Quarterly Report: Finance.

Finance Officer Dozier presented Town Council with the quarterly report for the Finance Department.

D. Quarterly Report: Planning.

Planning Director Eller presented Town Council with the quarterly report for the Planning Department.

9. Closed Session

Councilmember Sherrill made a motion to enter closed session as allowed by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) in order for Town Council to consult with the attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) in order to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Councilmember Fitzsimmons seconded the motion and without objection Town Council went into closed session.

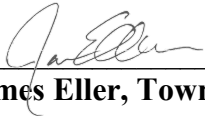
All meeting attendees, except the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers, Town Manager and Town Attorney, were placed in the waiting room and the closed session meeting was locked during the closed session.

[CLOSED SESSION]

Councilmember McKenna made a motion to exit closed session and return to open session. Vice Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the open session meeting resumed.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Root declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



James Eller, Town Clerk