



## MINUTES

**Town of Weaverville  
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Regular Workshop  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

### **Remote Electronic Meeting**

**Zoom: [http:// us02web.zoom.us/j/85948891960](http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948891960)**

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met for its regularly scheduled regular workshop on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. as an electronic video meeting via Zoom Meeting.

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

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

Members of the public remotely present were: Tom Balestrieri, Michele Wood, Kelly Shanafelt and Jan Lawrence.

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

Mayor Root called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m and requested that the issue of electric vehicle charging stations be added to the agenda.

#### **2. Discussion of the New Community Center.**

- A. Progress Update – Ms. Coffey presented photos illustrating the construction progress of the project including aerial photos of the property and internal photos of the facility.
- B. Project Budget Update – Ms. Coffey presented tables reflective of the project budget update and contingency details.
- C. Fundraising Update – Ms. Coffey also presented a table reflective of current fundraising needs. Councilmember Fitzsimmons spoke regarding potential fundraising methods. Ms. Shanafelt spoke to various grant opportunities which may be available for the project.
- D. Solar Panel Discussion – The details related to the possible installation of solar panels at the community center were discussed including roof installation, solar farm ground mounted installation and parking lot canopy installation. Clarification of a Buncombe

County program to aggregate all county and municipal facilities into a single customer account to achieve a better rate was provided. Consensus was achieved for staff to contact Sundance Power Systems for an analysis on the solar options for the community center, including feasibility, cost of installation, and return on investment or estimated production capacity value.

- E. Other Related Topics – Mr. Balestrieri spoke regarding a potential programing relationship with a non-profit group being organized under the name of The Center for Creative and Health Living, with potential programming with the YMCA, UNCA, and local musician groups, among others. Ms. Shanafelt spoke regarding a pamphlet which is being formulated for the project.

**3. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.**


Ms. Coffey and Councilmember McKenna spoke regarding a current grant opportunity for the installation of electric vehicle stations which would be installed on public property for the use of the general public. If installed, the offering of the service for free or at a charge was discussed. Given the time constraints for applying for the noted grant, consensus was achieved that the town should apply for the grant while other details were discussed.

**4. Smoking on Town Properties.**

Councilman Fitzsimmons asked the opinion of Council on the request to prohibit smoking on municipal properties. Mayor Root directed staff to investigate ordinances of other jurisdictions related to the prohibition of smoking on public properties for further discussion.

**5. Adjournment.**

Noting the consensus of Council, Mayor Root declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10.



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**James Eller, Town Clerk**