



## MINUTES

**Town of Weaverville  
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Special Called Workshop  
Thursday, March 11, 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 a special called workshop meeting on Thursday, March 11, 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.

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Discussion Items.**

**A. Community Center**

**1. Approval of Solar Conduit Change Order.**

Mayor Root described the conversation previously held by Council related to the installation of conduit for potential solar panels at the Community Center.

*Vice-Mayor Jackson motioned to approve change order #3 for the installation of conduit for solar panels on the community center and the corresponding budget amendment utilizing contingency funds for the conduit. Councilmember McKenna seconded and via a roll call vote all voted unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.*

**2. Community Center Contributions Discussion.**

Councilmember Sherrill read from a letter submitted from Albert Weaver III describing a contribution to the community center project of \$25,000, to be given over a 5-year period, with the proposition that the large room in the community center be named after him. Councilmembers Sherrill and Fitzsimmons spoke in favor of the naming of the room as suggested in light of the donation to the project. Mayor Root requested and received Council consensus to approve the request for naming the large room in this manner.

B. 911 Dispatch Services.

Ms. Coffey described that Buncombe County was attempting to charge individual municipalities for dispatch services related to Police Departments. Mayor Root described Jerry Vehaun's, Mayor of Woodfin and former Emergency Services Director of Buncombe County, objection to the charge by the County. Fire Chief Williams spoke to the Fire Department's absence from such a charge. It became the consensus of Council to object to the aforementioned charge by the County.

C. FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Ms. Coffey described some projects for Council's consideration in the upcoming fiscal year budget process. These projects include phase II of the Community Center Project, the Street Improvement Program which was postponed in FY2021 due to COVID-related loss of revenue, the Reems Creek Greenway Project, Bike-Ped planning project, living wages for municipal employees, and solar panel projects.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons spoke to the need to staff the Community Center with a position to manage and coordinate the use of the Center. Councilmembers Fitzsimmons, McKenna and Nagle along with Vice-Mayor Jackson suggested that the town should aim for a revenue neutral tax rate in light of property reevaluations.

Ms. Coffey described the discrepancy between the population of the Town provided by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management and the Town's population estimated by staff. The census numbers are delayed so it will likely be several more months before the Town has an official new population count.

Mayor Root spoke to the importance of continuing the Town's Street Improvement Program.

**3. Adjournment.**

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



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**James Eller, Town Clerk**