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**Town of Weaverville
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Regular Workshop
Tuesday, June 8, 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 workshop on Tuesday, June 8, 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, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier, Police Chief Ron Davis, Fire Chief Ted Williams, Planning Director James Eller, Public Works Director Dale Pennell and Water Treatment Supervisor Trent Duncan.

1. Call to Order

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

Mayor Root recognized Doug Dearth who briefed Council on the Reems Creek Greenway project. Consensus was achieved to allow Mr. Dearth and Ms. Coffey to continue negotiations with the vendor despite the project being estimated significantly over budget.

2. Budget Discussion Items

Ms. Coffey presented responses to prior budget information requests which included a COLA/Merit program information, an employee compensation study, and an updated salary proposal for a new recreation coordinator position. Consensus was achieved to budget the compensation study and recreation coordinator position.

Vice-Mayor Jackson motioned to budget the proposed COLA/Merit program at 2% COLA and 3% Merit. Councilmember Sherril seconded and Councilmember McKenna cast a favorable vote. Councilmember Nagle and Fitzsimmons cast dissenting votes. Motion passed 3-2.

Chief Davis presented information related to the consolidated 911 cost-share including the cost to the town to develop its own dispatch. Chief Davis also addressed the possibility of teaming with other jurisdictions on dispatch and effects on call response times. Consensus was achieved that Council should budget and pay Buncombe County the approximate \$55,000 for 911 dispatch with the understanding that all relationships with the County should be reevaluated.

Consensus was achieved to explore the possibility of bringing back tax collections from Buncombe County as soon as the 2022-2023 budget process.

Consensus was gained that a potential solar panel project at the fire department should not be funded at this time.

Consensus was gained that a potential sidewalk improvement program should not be funded at this time but council would continue to receive updates on the comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle plan. Staff was requested to work on a sidewalk priority list for consideration by Town Council prior to the conclusion of the plan.

The previously mentioned recreation coordinator position was again noted.

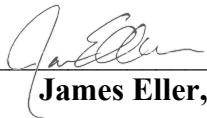
Mr. Pennell and Ms. Coffey update Council on the Community Center project including that the center would not be completed in time to satisfy the construction contract and that potential events in July should not be contemplated. Ms. Dozier provided Council with a review of the Community Center project budget.

3. Town Council Discussion

Town Council reached consensus that no further budget workshops would be necessary.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Root declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00p.m.



James Eller, Town Clerk