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**Town of Weaverville
State of North Carolina**

**Town Council Workshop
Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

The Town Council for the Town of Weaverville met remotely for its regularly monthly workshop on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with remote access via zoom.

Councilmembers present remotely were: Vice Mayor Jeff McKenna, and Councilmembers Doug Jackson, Andrew Nagle, John Chase, Catherine Cordell and Michele Wood. Councilmembers present remotely were: Mayor Fitzsimmons and Councilmember Nagle

Staff members present remotely were: Town Manager Selena Coffey, Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson, Clerk/Planning Director James Eller, Finance Officer Tonya Dozier, Public Works Director Dale Pennell, Water Superintendent Trent Duncan.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Water System and Water Treatment Plant Expansion Discussion

Representatives of WithersRavenel, a civil & environmental engineering firm, presented Council with information related to the proposed water treatment plant expansion project.

James Heinel, a representation of save the Ivy, spoke to Council regarding the organization's opposition to the water treatment plant expansion project.

Councilmember Chase presented the Town Council Water Subcommittee findings and recommendations which included 1) Move ahead with deliberate speed on the water supply resiliency, redundancy and safety improvements and pursue all reasonable funding sources including the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grants/loans, 2) Engage in formal discussions with neighboring jurisdictions and other stakeholders to determine the feasibility of cooperative agreements that will allow a broader regional approach to the supply of water in and around the Town of Weaverville and, 3) Delay the Town's Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project while the regional water discussions are taking place and the water supply resiliency improvements are being pursued and to consider carefully and water allocation requests for properties outside of town limits during these regional conversations.

3. Questions& Answers

Representatives of WitherRavenel entertained questions from Council and the general public related to the water treatment plant expansion project including the capacity of the plant, allowable

withdrawal from the Ivy River, environmental concerns, and alternatives to water treatment plant expansion.

4. Public Input

Alea Tuttle, John Bowen, Jeremy Diner, Roger Cordell, Chuck Thornton, Will Harlan, Jim Tibitz,, Sarah Murphy, Thomas Veasey, and Meagan Taylor shared their comments and questions with Council related to the proposed water treatment plant expansion project.

Following the public input session Councilmember Jackson motioned to enter into closed session as allowed by NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) in order to consult with its attorney. Vice Mayor McKenna seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote of 6-1 with Councilmember Nagle cast a dissenting vote.

[CLOSED SESSION]

Councilmember Nagle motioned to exit closed session. Vice Mayor McKenna seconded the motion. and all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Adjournment.

Councilmember Cordell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wood seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion which passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.



James Eller, Town Clerk