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**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall, 102 Massel Avenue, SW, Valdese, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman J. Andrew Thompson, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were: Town Attorney Marc Mitchell, Town Manager Seth Eckard, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, and various department heads.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He offered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR 125TH COMMITTEE: Mayor Black presented the following resolution to the members of the 125th Committee:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR 125TH COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, founded in 2016, the members of the 125th Committee are; Kevin Frederick, Freddy Leger, Chuck Moseley, Pam Pons, Gretchen Costner, Analia Sarver, Jim Rostan, Alex Garrison, Tamika Garrison, Sarah Owens, Madeleine Shull, Morrissa Angi, Seth Eckard, and Marilyn Norford; and

WHEREAS, the 125th Committee met consistently since January 2016, holding more than 30 brainstorming sessions; and

WHEREAS, the 125th Committee planned and coordinated over ten special anniversary events; and

WHEREAS, Valdese kicked off the celebratory year with the 2017 Christmas Parade, honoring the town's heritage by marching with the Valdese Flag; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 125th Committee graciously volunteered their time to provide invaluable insights, perspectives, and guidance in featuring the 125th Anniversary year with art, music, festivals and socials for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Valdese ended the celebratory year with the 2018 Christmas Parade by proudly leading the direct descendants of the original Waldensian settlers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of Valdese, North Carolina, and on behalf of the entire Town Council recognizes the 125th Committee for their service to our community. We honor the members of the 125th Committee for their dedication to serving others and for the contributions made to this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Valdese to be affixed this 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ELIZABETH FURR: Mayor Black presented the following resolution to Elizabeth Furr:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ELIZABETH FURR

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Furr began her career with the Rock School Arts Foundation in 2004 as the Foundation's first Executive Director; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Furr's dedication to raise appreciation of visual and performing arts has provided countless works of art for the enrichment of the community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Furr has given generously of her time through her service to bring art to the people of Valdese and surrounding area through artist and student art exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Furr encourages individuals to develop and share their artistic abilities through classes, workshops, and camps; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Furr has been instrumental in the Rock School Arts Foundation sponsoring yearly performances by Opera Carolina Express for elementary school children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Elizabeth Furr for her leadership and guidance with the Rock School Arts Foundation during the past 15 years as its Executive Director and extends congratulations and best wishes as she begins a new chapter in her life called, "Retirement."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Seal of the Town of Valdese to be affixed, this the 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RENEE GRAVEL: Mayor Black presented the following resolution to Renee Gravel:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MARGARET "RENEE" GRAVEL

WHEREAS, Renee Gravel has been a public servant for over 30 years, and for the past 25 years, has served the Town of Valdese with distinction as the Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS, these 25 years of service have been marked with outstanding dedication and devotion to the Town of Valdese as she has worked faithfully assisting the athletics supervisors with registrations, paperwork, scheduling concessions and gate workers; and

WHEREAS, Renee Gravel has served the Parks & Recreation Department and Director by supervising concession workers, maintaining concession supplies, recording purchase orders, inventories, and daily bank deposits; and

WHEREAS, Renee Gravel, has enthusiastically served many years as the cheerleading coordinator during our football seasons; and,

WHEREAS, Renee Gravel has been a stabilizing and cheerful presence in the front office, and has been a tremendous ambassador for recreation in the Town of Valdese.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Renee Gravel for her guidance, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Parks & Recreation Department staff and citizens of Valdese for the past 25 years as Administrative Assistant, and we extend congratulations and best wishes upon her retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Seal of the Town of Valdese to be affixed, this the 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2018

APPROVED RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR:

TOWN OF VALDESE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-1011 of the Town of Valdese Code of Ordinances, there shall be a regular meeting of the council at the town hall, on the first Monday in each month, at 6:00 p.m., unless another place, date or time shall be designated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Valdese Town Council adopts the following amended Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2019:

January 7, 2019	
February 4, 2019	
March 4, 2019	
March 18, 2019	Annual Budget Retreat Old Rock School - Waldensian Room, 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
April 1, 2019	
April 22, 2019 April 15, 2019	Council Budget Workshop Dinner Town Hall - Community Room, 6:00 p.m.
May 6, 2019	
June 3, 2019	
June 24, 2019	Budget Public Hearing; serves as the July Council Meeting
August 5, 2019	
September 3, 2019	Tuesday, due to Labor Day Holiday
October 7, 2019	
November 4, 2019	
November 14, 2019	Thursday, Annual Dinner Meeting with Valdese Merchants Association Old Rock School - Waldensian Room, 6:30 p.m.
December 2, 2019	

Amended this the 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC ART COMMISSION: Appointment of Leslie Rostan to serve a three-year-term on the Public Art Commission. The term will expire December 31, 2022.

APPROVED AMENDED FY 17-18 AUDIT CONTRACT WITH LOWDERMILK, CHURCH & CO., LLP: The only change to the amended contract was the change of due date to the Local Government Commission (LGC).

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

End Consent Agenda

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: Police Chief Jack Moss introduced Police Officer John Ray. Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight introduced Administrative Specialist Stephanie Haylock.

AMENDED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FOR ST GERMAIN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Water Resources Director Greg Padgett informed Council that the St. Germain Water System Improvement Project bid was higher than expected. The Town requested additional funds from NC DEQ to

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cover the additional cost. Mr. Padgett shared that additional funds will be allocated to the Town upon Council approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF VALDESE

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered an amended **DWSRF** loan in the amount of **\$329,338** for the construction of the **Saint Germain Avenue Water System Improvement Project (DWI Project No. WIF-1924)**, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF VALDESE,

That the Town of Valdese does hereby accept the amended State DWSRF loan offer of \$329,338.

That the Town of Valdese does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that all items specified in the loan offer, Section II - Assurances will be adhered to.

That Seth Eckard, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such loan and grant offer for the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the loan and grant offer.

That the Town of Valdese has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 7th day of January, 2019 at Valdese, North Carolina.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to approve the aforementioned resolution, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR MAIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Water Resources Director Greg Padgett presented the following capital project ordinance:

TOWN OF VALDESE
MAIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE
DWI PROJECT NO.: WIF1955

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The project authorized is the **Main Street Water Line Replacement Project (WIF1955)** consisting of replacing approximately 6,800 LF of 6" and 8", 40+ year old cast iron water lines that extend from the east side of town to the west side of town along Main Street (US HWY 70). Project proposes new service connections, service lines and re-connection to all existing water meters, new fire hydrants, new valves, pavement replacement, and related appurtenances. The project is to be financed by a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan and Town of Valdese contributions.

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Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the program ordinance and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to contribute to this project:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assigned Account Number</u>
Valdese Utility Fund	\$ 55,659	59.3970.000
DWSRF Principal Loan Forgiveness	1,000,000	59.3480.001
DWSRF Loan (0% interest loan)	1,782,950	59.3480.002

	\$ 2,838,609	
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Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assigned Account Number</u>
Construction	\$ 2,397,070	59.8120.760
Engineering Design	184,000	59.8120.040
Construction Admin	143,000	59.8120.043
Loan Admin	28,000	59.8120.041
ER/EID Prep	30,000	59.8120.045
NCDEQ Loan Admin Fee	55,659	59.8120.042

	\$ 2,838,609	
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Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to town council required by the program procedures, loan agreement(s), grant agreement(s) and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the Utility Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of the past and future cost and revenues on this project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 9: Copies of this project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor

/s/ Courtney Kennedy, Deputy Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned project ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT DISINFECTION CONVERSION PROJECT: Water Resources Director Greg Padgett presented the following capital project ordinance:

TOWN OF VALDESE
WATER TREATMENT PLANT DISINFECTION CONVERSION PROJECT
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE
DWI PROJECT NO.: H-SRP-D-18-0163

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The project authorized is the **Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Conversion Project**

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(H-SRP-D-18-0163) consisting of replacing of aged disinfection treatment system at the Valdese Water Treatment Plant with a new system consisting of bulk storage chlorine bleach tanks, day storage tanks, transfer pumps, chemical pumps and related appurtenances. The project is to be financed by a State Reserve Project Grant and a State Reserve Loan and Town of Valdese contributions.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the program ordinance and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to contribute to this project:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assigned Account Number</u>
Valdese Utility Fund	\$ 12,343	58.3970.000
SRP Grant	164,575	58.3480.002
State Reserve Loan (% interest)	493,575	58.3480.001

	\$ 670,643	
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Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assigned Account Number</u>
Construction	\$ 536,900	58.8100.760
Engineering Design	47,300	58.8100.040
Construction Admin	40,100	58.8100.043
Loan Admin	16,000	58.8100.041
ER/EID Prep	18,000	58.8100.045
NCDEQ Loan Admin Fee	12,343	58.8100.042

	\$ 670,643	
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Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to town council required by the program procedures, loan agreement(s), grant agreement(s) and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the Utility Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

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Section 9: Copies of this project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor

/s/ Courtney Kennedy, Deputy Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned project ordinance, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCES FOR ST. GERMAIN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Water Resources Director Greg Padgett presented the following capital project ordinance:

TOWN OF VALDESE
ST. GERMAIN AVE. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WIF 1924)
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159

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of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The project authorized is the **St. Germain Ave. Water System Improvements (WIF 1924)** consisting of replacing approximately 1,350 feet of 6-inch cast iron water main and 475 feet of 2-inch galvanized pipe, including valves, valve boxes and other appurtenances along St. Germain Avenue and Rodoret Street. The project is to be financed by a loan and by Town of Valdese contributions.

Section 2. The officers of the Town are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the project ordinance and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to contribute to this project:

Source	Amount	Assigned Account Number
Valdese Utility Fund	\$39,818	57-3970-000
DWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan	156,828	57-2480-001
DWSRF Loan (zero interest loan)	172,511	57-3480-002
Total	\$369,156	

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Source	Amount	Assigned Account Number
Design	\$ 23,500	57-8120-040
Land Surveying	5,000	57-8120-046
Loan Administration	5,000	57-8120-041
ER/EID Preparation	6,000	57-8120-045
Construction Administration	6,700	57-8120-043
Construction Observation	6,000	57-8120-044
Construction	295,589	57-8120-760
Contingencies	14,780	57-8120-761
NCDEQ Loan Administration Fee	6,587	57-8120-042
Total	\$369,156	

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to Town Council required by the program procedures, loan agreement and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the Utility Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of the past and future cost and revenues on this project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 9: Copies of this project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2019.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor

/s/ Courtney Kennedy, Deputy Town Clerk

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to approve the aforementioned project ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLE FOR PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth requested approval to purchase a used dump truck, not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the purpose of streamlining rough trash and white good services. Mr. Duckworth informed Council that the use of a dump truck will allow goods to be transported directly to the landfill which will create efficiencies because the items will no longer need to be placed in staging areas. Currently, a small pick-up truck is used to pick up items from citizens. The items are staged and weekly or bi-weekly, the items are picked up with the brush truck and hauled to the landfill. Mr. Duckworth believes that approximately 8-10 trips are made to the landfill each week; a dump truck could cut that number in half. Mr. Duckworth informed Council that the brush truck or other larger pieces of equipment that are currently in the Public Works fleet cannot be used to pick up items from citizens as a CDL is required to operate these vehicles. The duties for rough trash and white goods services are the responsibility of the maintenance worker position, which does not require a CDL. Mr. Duckworth shared that if an employee is required to obtain a CDL to perform their duties, they will be classified in a higher grade as an equipment operator.

After discussion, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a used dump truck, not to exceed \$25,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The motion did not pass, with voting as follows: Ayes-Stevenson and Sweezy; Nays-Ogle, Hildebran, and Thompson.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth requested approval to purchase snow removal equipment for vehicle 813-202. Mr. Duckworth informed Council that the equipment will be purchased and installed by B and H Sales for a total cost of \$5,725.00. Mr. Duckworth shared that this addition will bring the snow removal fleet total to five vehicles and will allow Public Works to provide faster and more efficient snow removal in the town.

After discussion, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to authorize the purchase of snow removal equipment from B and H Sales, in the amount of \$5,725.00, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The motion passed, with voting as follows: Ayes-Hildebran, Stevenson, Thompson and Sweezy; Nays-Ogle.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLE FOR TOWN HALL: Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth requested approval to purchase a Ford Explorer for Town Hall. Mr. Duckworth informed Council that the vehicle will be purchased through state contract from Asheville Ford, at a cost not to exceed \$32,134.22. Finance Director Bo Weichel informed Council that the vehicle will be used for daily commuting to the bank and post office, in addition to numerous training opportunities locally and in Chapel Hill. Mr. Weichel informed Council that the sale of surplus vehicles and reconciliation of accounts has identified enough funds to pay for this vehicle.

Town Manager Seth Eckard informed Council that he and staff drove the vehicle that is currently assigned to Town Hall. Mr. Eckard shared that the vehicle does not perform well on the interstate as the steering wheel starts to shake once the vehicle reaches approximately 50 mph. Mr. Eckard shared that the vehicle is 17 years old but works well for daily trips around town; however, he is concerned about major repairs that may be needed soon. Mr. Eckard shared that the purchase of a new vehicle is a preemptive move to make sure staff always has safe transportation.

After discussion, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Ford Explorer, at a cost not to exceed \$32,134.22. The motion died for the lack of a second, in accordance with Council's Rule of Procedures.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Finance Director Bo Weichel presented Budget Amendment #17 (Budget Amendment #18 was not presented as the purchase of a vehicle for town hall was not approved).

Valdese Town Council Meeting

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Budget Amendment # 17

Subject: Recognize sales tax revenues

Memorandum:

As per discussions held in previous council meetings pertaining to the subject, the following budget amendment is essential in order to appropriate the necessary funds.

Proposed Action:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina that the following amendment is made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

Section I:

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account	Description	Increase/ Debit	Decrease/ Credit
10.4200.570	Miscellaneous	8,979	
Total		\$8,979	

This will result in a net increase of \$8979 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide funding for the above, the following revenue budgets will be increased. These additional revenues have already been received.

Account	Description	Decrease/ Debit	Increase/ Credit
10.3670.000	Sales Tax Refund		8,979
Total			\$8,979

Section I:

Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the aforementioned budget amendment, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Town Manager Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

The Town has been awarded \$350,600 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. This Program will assist low-income and elderly homeowners in Valdese who have extensive structural repair items that require attention. A total of 12 homes have been identified to receive funding.

Movies at the Rock, “Chronicles of Narnia” scheduled on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts at the Rock, An Evening with Jimmy Fortune & Nu Blu, scheduled on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in Observance of Martin Luther King Day.

A special called meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 for a workshop on the Fire and Police Department Building. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Rock School Waldensian Room. Council and staff will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Station to tour the facility with the engineer.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Ogle announced that the next neighborhood watch meeting for Dixie Avenue and the surrounding area is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Town Hall.

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Councilwoman Hildebran provided the following update on the Library Project: the fence and job site sign have been installed and grading should begin next week. Ms. Hildebran shared that masonry foundation work should begin the week of January 21st, weather permitting.

Councilwoman Stevenson shared that she received many compliments on the Town's snow removal during the recent storm.

Councilman Sweezy shared that the New Year's Day Run was held at Valdese Lakeside Park on January 1, 2019. The event had a lot of participation from local citizens and visitors from Charlotte and Asheville.

Mayor Black informed Council that he has received questions regarding trees that are being removed on Carolina Street, near the interstate. Planning Director Larry Johnson shared that there is a major gas line in that area and believes that this may be the result of the gas company performing periodic clearing.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:02 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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