

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, February 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room at Town Hall, 102 Massel Avenue, SW, Valdese, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor John F. “Chip” Black, Jr., Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman Gary L. Delp, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were: Town Manager Seth Eckard, Town Attorney Marc Mitchell, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, and various department heads.

Absent: Councilman Keith Ogle.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Black stated that this was a Special Called Council Meeting to meet with representatives from McGill Associates to discuss a possible streetscape project in conjunction with the development of Valdese Lakeside Park.

**VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK:** Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight provided a brief update on the Valdese Lakeside Park. Mr. Knight shared with Council that the closing on the property occurred on January 31, 2018, staff met with representatives from the North Carolina Wildlife Foundation on February 12, 2018 to discuss opportunities to partner for site cleanup, and a calendar of upcoming meetings and events has been created and distributed. A concept and direction setting meeting will be held on February 20, 2018 at Town Hall, Friends of Valdese Rec organized cleanup day for March 3, 2018, a meeting will be held on March 13, 2018 to present the findings of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, a ribbon cutting ceremony at Valdese Lakeside Park will be held on March 29, 2018, a public workshop is scheduled for April 3, 2018 at the Old Rock School, and a Special Council meeting will be called on May 1, 2018.

**PROPOSED MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT/STREETSCAPE PROJECT:** Representatives from McGill Associates provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on a possible Main Street Improvement Project. The presentation focused on what the town currently has on Main Street with regard to street lights, sidewalks, parking, and other amenities. Based on this discussion, Council considered what they would like to see downtown, how much they would be required and/or willing to contribute to a project of this scope, and how to fund it. This matter will be discussed further during the upcoming budget process.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:26 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

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