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**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, March 4, 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:

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 31, 2019-GLENN HARVEY 404 LOUISE AVE NE, VALDESE: Mr. Harvey informed Council that he would like to discuss the minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting. Mr. Harvey expressed concerns as the minutes appear to imply that Mr. Harvey was asking the Town for more data and the response was that the Town has all of the necessary data through WPCOG studies and reports. Mr. Harvey shared that he was not looking for more data; he would like the Town to make more use of the data when putting together proposals and making decisions. Mr. Harvey provided an example from the aforementioned meeting, stating that Council heard justifications for why a newer, bigger public safety building was being proposed but was not presented with data to support those justifications. Mr. Harvey expressed a desire to have "Council operate like a board of directors and expect staff to come forth with proposals that are grounded with solid data and statistics." Mr. Harvey finished by encouraging Council to consider making an investment with a consultant to dig in deeper to determine if there is another way to do things; stating that ISO9000 may be more beneficial than continuing to invest in structural engineers and architects.

ADDITION TO NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Black informed Council that there has been a last minute request to add an item under new business.

Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to add Resolution for Lakeside Greenway Connector Project as Item H under new business, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2019

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT #1-2-19: Staff received a petition from Striker Properties LLC, requesting their property be rezoned from M-1 Manufacturing to B-2 General Business. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 for Zoning Map Amendment 1-2-19.

APPROVED REQUEST TO SELL WINE AT APRIL CRAFT MARKET: Waldensian Heritage Wines has been authorized to sell wine at the April Craft Market event on April 13, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Old Rock School.

APPROVED REAPPOINTMENT TO VALDESE ABC BOARD: John Heilman was reappointed to the Valdese ABC Board for a first, full three-year-term which expires April 1, 2022.

APPROVED SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 AS TAX LIEN ADVERTISING DATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Monday, March 04, 2019

Valdese Town Council Meeting

Budget Amendment # 25

Subject: Waterside tax incentive agreement
refund of 50% of taxes paid exceeds current budget amount

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
10.3120.001	Tax Refunds - Waterside	3,909	
Total		\$3,909	

This will result in a net decrease of \$3909 in the revenues 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
10.3010.161	2016 Ad Valorem Tax		3,909
Total			\$3,909

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.

Monday, March 04, 2019

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Budget Amendment # 26

Subject: Unrecognized Revenue in Lakeside Park CPO

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
53.6200.151	Other Improvements	26,467	
Total		\$26,467	

This will result in a net increase of \$26467 in the expenditures of the Lakeside Park 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
53.3970.022	Donations		25,000
53.3970.003	Donations-Kellex		1,467
Total			\$26,467

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.

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:

APPROVED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE FOR LEGISLATIVE FUNDING TO RE-ESTABLISH A PASSENGER RAIL CONNECTION FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA:

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE FOR LEGISLATIVE FUNDING TO RE-ESTABLISH
A PASSENGER RAIL CONNECTION FOR
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, rail service is an integral part of a comprehensive transportation system for the State of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Western North Carolina Rail Committee, Inc. has worked persistently in support of improved rail service and connectivity since 1999. These local communities, Asheville, Black Mountain, Old Fort, Marion, Morganton, Valdese, Hickory, Conover, Statesville and Salisbury would thus benefit from WNC Thruway Bus service; and,

WHEREAS, economic development, tourism and job creation will benefit through the enhancement of a passenger rail and bus system that serves the citizens of North Carolina and visitors to our state; and,

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WHEREAS, we applaud the State of North Carolina for development of comprehensive intercity rail and transportation services in urban jurisdictions through the state, and recognize that Asheville and Western North Carolina have been without a passenger rail connection since 1975; and,

WHEREAS, there is a vital need to provide a strong and balanced transportation system that promotes freight and passenger service; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in state funding for bus-rail service in North Carolina is necessary to connect our small urban and rural areas of the state with the urbanized centers of our state; and,

WHEREAS, support by local and state elected officials is essential for the future of alternative transportation in North Carolina, such as the successful Amtrak Thruway bus-rail service between Morehead City and Wilson and between Wilmington and Wilson; and,

WHEREAS, support and utilization of transportation improvements by business and commercial interests is essential for the successful deployment of alternative transportation modes in North Carolina, especially in Western North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is a vehicle to express the twenty years of unified support of communities and chambers of commerce throughout Western North Carolina for increased statewide funding for bus- rail service; and,

WHEREAS, rail and bus linkages between communities and regions within North Carolina establish and strengthen social, historical, commercial and cultural bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the average return on investment for the surrounding community for station revitalizations throughout North Carolina is more than one dollar for every dollar invested, as demonstrated in Salisbury, Morganton, Marion, Old Fort and Asheville (with purchase of land); and,

WHEREAS, the associated improvements to rail facilities have increased the efficiency and safety of rail service, helped attract new freight traffic and provided environmental benefits by reducing the impact of traffic congestion on North Carolina's highways, particularly Interstate 40; and,

WHEREAS, an integrated bus-rail system will enhance accessibility and reliability for citizens, tourists and businesses in Western North Carolina, and by extension to the entire State of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rail Division has agreed to manage, subject to NC Legislative appropriation, contract development and implementation of Amtrak Thruway bus service between Salisbury and Asheville, similar to the successful Amtrak Thruway bus-rail service in Eastern North Carolina that was intended to be extended to Western North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the WNC Rail Committee is committed to working with the local communities to effectively market Thruway Bus service in WNC and provide other local assistance/services as appropriate to help insure the connection service's long term success; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Valdese, through the adoption of this resolution, fully supports the creation of an attractive, marketable and cost effective bus-rail connection service for Western North Carolina, that includes sufficient new funding for a two year trial period by the North Carolina General Assembly to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division for the proposed Amtrak Thruway bus service between Asheville and Salisbury. This service will be evaluated prior to the completion of two years of service by Amtrak, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, the Western North Carolina Rail Committee, Inc. and the communities served by the Salisbury-Asheville bus-rail connection to determine its viability and whether continued funding from the North Carolina General Assembly should be sought by the parties.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2019

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

Councilwoman Hildebran asked Planning Director Larry Johnson for an update on this initiative as it has been discussed for many years. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the WNC Rail Committee has formed a 501(c)(3) to support Western North Carolina rail services from Salisbury to Asheville. Mr. Johnson shared that after many years of trying to establish this service, the Committee identified a need to support all aspects of train service, not just passenger. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the aforementioned

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resolution is presented in support of establishing bus-rail connection service for Western North Carolina. The next WNC Rail Committee meeting is Monday, March 25, 2019.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE: Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth introduced Utility Field Services Technician Richard Damron.

AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION – FY 17-18 – LOWDERMILK CHURCH & CO., LLP: (Copy of audit on file in the Office of Finance Director.) Mr. Phil Church of Lowdermilk Church & Co., presented the 2017-2018 audit. Mr. Church thanked Finance Director Bo Weichel, staff, and Town Manager Seth Eckard for all of their help during this audit. Mr. Church informed Council that highlight sheets had been provided as a detailed report of the audit will not be provided at this time; however, Mr. Church is available to meet with any member of Council if they would like further review of the audit. Mr. Rick Hammer reviewed the following highlight sheets:

TOWN OF VALDESE					
Financial Highlights					
Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017					
	2018	2018	2017	2018	2017
General Fund (Includes Powell Bill Funds)	Summarized Budget	2018	2017	Water and Sewer Fund	
Total assets		\$ 2,549,184	\$ 2,700,775	Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 537,544 \$ 1,775,921
Fund balance		\$ 2,166,052	\$ 2,341,540	Total assets	\$22,898,369 \$23,138,764
Fund balance - Reserved for Streets - Powell Bill (included in total fund balance)		\$ 35,528	\$ 17,091	Net position	\$20,252,056 \$20,074,441
Total revenue	\$ 4,759,589	\$ 4,725,397	\$ 4,398,374	Operating revenue	\$ 4,675,456 \$ 4,633,657
Total expenditures	\$ 6,023,374	\$ 6,466,899	\$ 5,897,561	Operating expenses	\$ 4,460,705 \$ 5,301,400
Revenues over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)		\$(1,741,501)	\$(1,499,188)	Operating income (loss)	\$ 214,751 \$ (667,744)
Other income (expense)	\$ 1,263,785	\$ 1,566,013	\$ 1,435,014	Nonoperating revenue (expenses)	\$ (66,441) \$ (81,893)
Increase (decrease) in fund balance		\$ (175,488)	\$ (64,175)	Transfers (to) from	\$ (815,348) \$ (585,000)
Ad valorem taxes collected		\$ 1,974,578	\$ 1,885,682	Capital Contributions	\$ 909,142 \$ -
Percent of taxes collected - current year levy		96.39%	94.19%	Change in net position, includes \$856,470 of depreciation expense 2018	\$ 242,104 \$ (1,334,637)
Investment income		\$ 11,611	\$ 4,463	Accounts receivable - customers	\$ 506,592 \$ 552,638
				Investment income	\$ 5,561 \$ 7,255
				Days sales in accounts receivable	39.54 43.53
				Fund Balance Available	
Fund Balance Available				Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 1,559,068 \$ 1,288,550
Unassigned Fund Balance	1,206,161	1,239,809	1,239,809	Expenditures and other financing sources and uses	5,276,053 5,977,148
Expenditures and other financing sources and uses	6,495,274	6,495,274	5,913,261	Unrestricted Fund Balance Percentage	29.54% 21.55%
Unassigned Fund Balance Percentage	18.56%	20.96%	20.96%		

* Local Government Commission minimum recommended general fund balance should be at least 8% of general fund expenditures at the end of the fiscal year.

The Unassigned Fund Balance of General Fund and Utility Fund were \$1,206,161 and \$1,559,068, respectively. Ad valorem tax collections were \$1,974,578 which was 96.39 percent of the levy.

Councilwoman Hildebran asked if the auditors would be able to do an in-depth analysis of the Town's finances to determine if the Town is able to fund a new building. Mr. Church indicated that this analysis may be something Lowdermilk Church & Co. could provide.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 audit report as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF FY 18-19 AUDIT CONTRACT – LOWDERMILK CHURCH & CO., LLP: Finance Director Bo Weichel informed Council that the FY 2018-2019 audit contract was being presented in the amount of \$15,960. The fee did not increase from last year.

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to approve the aforementioned contract for the FY 2018-2019 audit report, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND CEREMONY UPDATE: Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth informed Council that the Arbor Day Event will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019, in conjunction with Valdese Elementary School Fourth Graders. Mr. Duckworth shared that students will be presented with a small tree that they can take home and plant.

Mayor Black presented the following proclamation:

ARBOR DAY 2019 PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2019 is the 147th Anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese has received the prestigious Tree City USA award for the past 31 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John F. Black, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 22, 2019, as the 147th Anniversary celebration of

“Arbor Day 2019”

in the Town of Valdese and the Town will hold an Arbor Day Event in conjunction with Valdese Elementary School at Valdese Town Hall on Friday, March 22, 2019, 1:30 p.m., with the Arbor Day Tree planting and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

This 4th day of March, 2019.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE: Planning Director Larry Johnson presented the Planning Board recommendation for Text Amendment #01-02-19 with various amendments to Definitions, General Provisions, Use by Districts, Special Requirements for Certain Uses, and Sign Regulations. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the proposed amendments will limit the size of accessory buildings, allow light manufacturing in a commercial district, and redefine retail establishments. The Planning Board also recommends that Council approve flag signs in two zoning districts and clarify sign language in the Central Business District. **(Amendments may be found in Ordinance Book No. 9, page 144.)**

Mayor Black opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak either for or against the proposed amendments.

MR. TONY PIZZELANTI, 135 GRANDFATHERS PASS, VALDESE Mr. Pizzelanti spoke in favor of the zoning changes. Mr. Pizzelanti informed Council that he recently purchased a property that will benefit from these changes. If the amendments are approved, Mr. Pizzelanti will produce paper straws to assist with the efforts to transform from plastic to paper products. Mr. Pizzelanti explained that the current wait time to purchase paper straws is eight weeks; however, his new company will be able to produce 500,000 straws per day and will employ approximately ten local citizens.

MS. KRISTINA MERCER, 800 ZELINE AVENUE NE, VALDESE Ms. Mercer informed Council that she is the manager of Highlands Family Farm. The company is hoping to expand their business and establish a location in Valdese. Ms. Mercer explained that Highlands Family Farm would have a butcher shop where consumers can order items cut to their specifications. Ms. Mercer shared that they currently outsource all of their processing at an approximate annual cost of \$53,000. If the zoning amendments are approved,

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Highlands Family Farm can bring that process in house at their new location in Valdese. Ms. Mercer finished by sharing that, if the amendments are approved, they hope to be up and running within the next year.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Black closed the public hearing.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve Text Amendment #01-02-2019 as presented, to become effective immediately, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT, FUNDING APPROVAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: Planning Director Larry Johnson informed Council that the Town has been awarded a CDBG grant in the amount of \$350,600 from the NC Department of Commerce for the Neighborhood Revitalization Scattered-site Program. Mr. Johnson shared that this program will assist with the rehabilitation of 12 homes scattered throughout Valdese. Prior to the release of funds, Council must adopt and approve various items. The first step is to approve the Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, and Implementation Schedule; and to identify Town Manager Seth Eckard, Planning Director Larry Johnson, Finance Director Bo Weichel, and Councilman Roy Sweezy on the signatory cards for the project. Mr. Johnson shared that additional items will be presented at the April 1, 2019 meeting.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, Implementation Schedule and signatory cards, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT TO TOBACCO USAGE ORDINANCE: Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight informed Council that Burke Youth Health Coalition previously expressed concerns with smoking in parks and other Town-owned properties. Mr. Knight shared that some confusion existed with the current language in the ordinance and recommended that Council amend the ordinance to state that smoking was not permitted on Town property. Mr. Knight presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN
SMOKING AND E-CIGARETTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Sections 8-5006 through 8-5010 of the Valdese Town Code regulate smoking and the use of e-cigarettes in town buildings and vehicles and in town parks and sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, the town council desires to amend Sections 8-5006 and 8-5007 to prohibit smoking and the use of e-cigarettes on Town Grounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 8-5006 of the Valdese Town Code is amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-5006 Definitions.

- (a) “E-cigarette” shall mean any noncombustible product that employs a heating element, battery, or electronic circuit regardless of shape or size and that can be used to heat a liquid nicotine solution contained in a vapor cartridge. The term includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo and electronic pipe. The term does not include any product regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- (b) “Smoking” shall mean the use or possession of a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product.
- (c) “Tobacco product” shall mean any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled,

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snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component part of accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cheroots, stogies, periques, granulated, plug cut, crump cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco, snuff, snuff flour, Cavendish, plug and twist tobacco, fine-cut and other chewing tobacco, shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cutting and sweepings of tobacco, and other kinds and forms of tobacco. A tobacco product excludes any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

- (d) "Town Building" shall mean a building owned or leased by the Town of Valdese and occupied, managed or controlled by the town including, but not limited to, the Old Rock School building and the Valdese Community Center.
- (e) "Town Grounds" shall mean all unenclosed areas owned, leased, or occupied by the Town.
- (f) "Town Park or Sports Facility" shall mean a park or a sports facility owned, leased or operated by the Town of Valdese including, but not limited to, Valdese Community Center, McGalliard Falls Park, Children's Park, Fletcher Ball Park, the track and football facility located behind the Old Rock School including Joe Temple Field and Michael Jeffrey Morse Field House, Valdese Family Splash Park, and Lakeside Park.
- (g) "Town Vehicle" shall mean a passenger carrying vehicle owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Town of Valdese and assigned permanently or temporarily to town employees, agencies, institutions, or facilities for official town business.
- (h) "Universal "No-Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited" Symbol" shall mean a symbol consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette and tobacco product enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it.

Section 8-5007 of the Valdese Town Code is amended to read as follows:

"Section 8-5007 Areas Where Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products and E-cigarettes are prohibited.

Smoking and the use of tobacco products and E-cigarette are prohibited in the following locations:

- (1) Town Buildings;
- (2) Town Grounds;
- (3) Town Vehicles; and
- (4) Town Parks and Sports Facilities."

This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

THIS, the 4th day of March, 2019.

TOWN OF VALDESE
By: /s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Town Clerk

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

RESOLUTION FOR LAKESIDE GREENWAY CONNECTOR PROJECT: Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council desires to sponsor, the Lakeside Greenway Connector Project, which includes site preparation and construction of a bridge across McGalliard Creek connecting the new Lakeside Greenway with the town's existing McGalliard Falls Park; and the Council understands that the project will create environmental, social, and economic benefit in support of regional connectivity and eco-tourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Council requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to the Town of Valdese for the Lakeside Greenway Connector Project in the amount of \$ 100,000 or 75 percent of project construction cost, whichever is the lesser amount;
- 2) The Council commits to payment of remaining project costs, at least 25% of project costs;
- 3) The Council will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits;
- 4) The Council will assure that the project is completed within the 2-year grant period.

Adopted by the Valdese Town Council this 4th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

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

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

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

Council's Annual Budget Retreat is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019, 1:00 p.m. in the Waldensian Room at Old Rock School.

Movies at the Rock, Jurassic Park, is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Litter Program Update – Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth stated that the Town usually starts litter pickup efforts in April, in conjunction with the annual NCDOT Litter Sweep. Due to current concerns with litter, Public Works started now. Mr. Duckworth shared that to date, 44 hours have been spent picking up litter and approximately 156 bags of litter have been removed from the roadside. Mr. Duckworth will continue to allocate resources and seek volunteers to help with this effort.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Ogle expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for their efforts monitoring neighborhoods, especially near Dixie Avenue.

Councilwoman Hildebran provided the following update on the Library Project: much progress has been made at the work site as construction continues on the expansion; exterior walls are up and the slab will be poured this week; roof trusses and window framing will be delivered soon; and selection of interior finishes such as flooring, base molding, countertop laminate, and cabinet laminate has been finalized.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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