

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, March 5, 2018, 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, 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 Gary L. Delp.

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.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018

APPROVED ORDINANCE DECLARING ROAD CLOSURES FOR TOWN OF VALDESE SPECIAL EVENTS

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING ROAD CLOSURE
FOR TOWN OF VALDESE SPECIAL EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese desires to schedule an Independence Day Celebration, Annual Waldensian Festival; Treats in the Streets; and the Annual Valdese Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, part of US 70/Main Street in Valdese will need to be closed for each of these special events; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 20-169 provides that local authorities shall have power to provide by ordinance for the regulation of the use of highways by processions or assemblages;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese pursuant to G.S. 20-169 that the following portion of the State Highway System be closed during the times set forth below:

2018 Independence Day Celebration
Friday, June 29, 2018, 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
(Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St)

2018 Waldensian Festival Kickoff Celebration
Friday, August 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m., until 11:00 p.m.
(Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St)

2018 Waldensian Festival Celebration
Saturday, August 11, 2018, 5:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.
(Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St)

2018 Valdese Treats in the Streets
Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
(Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St)

2018 Annual Valdese Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9:45 a.m. until 12 Noon
(Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St)

Signs shall be erected giving notice of the limits and times of these street closures as required by G.S. 20-169.

THIS, the 5th day of March, 2018.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

APPROVED FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018 AS TAX LIEN ADVERTISING DATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

APPROVED REAPPOINTMENT TO VALDESE ABC BOARD W.T. Sorrell, III was reappointed to the Valdese ABC Board for a first, full three-year term which expires April 1, 2021.

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

End Consent Agenda

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE Fire Chief Charlie Watts introduced Fire Marshal Keshia Smith. Ms. Smith has been employed as a part-time fire fighter for almost two years; she was recently promoted to Fire Marshal.

TOWN OF VALDESE MISSION STATEMENT Council held a strategic planning retreat on January 8, 2018 at the WPCOG Offices. During this retreat, Council provided recommendations for a mission statement for the Town. Mayor Black encouraged Council to review the proposed mission statement and send any comments or revisions to Town Manager Seth Eckard. The mission statement will be reviewed at a future meeting.

FAÇADE GRANT REQUEST FROM SALON ON MAIN: Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi presented a request from Salon on Main for a Façade Grant in the amount of \$2,500. Grant funds will be used to help fund the installation of new entry doors at Salon on Main. The total cost of the project to install new doors is \$5,400. Staff will be contacting the business owner to offer an opportunity to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new location.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Façade Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VALDESE WATER RECYCLING Town Manager Seth Eckard introduced Walter Currie of Campbell Shatley, PLLC, the firm that is providing legal oversight of this matter. In 2016, Valdese Water Recycling, LLC purchased the old Alba Waldensian Mill with the intent to demolish the dilapidated building on the property and construct a new facility. Valdese Water Recycling, LLC is seeking assistance from the town, in the form of a CDBG grant. The company has offered to provide match money if a grant is awarded to the town. Mr. Currie informed Council that there are two tracts of land in this discussion; a 3.32-acre tract of land on the other side of the railroad tracks that will be given to the town and a 3.16-acre tract containing the building that is to be demolished. Mr. Currie informed Council that the building will be severed from the real estate by declaring it as personal property. At that time, Valdese Water Recycling, LLC would provide the town with a deed, declaring the building personal property and enter into a short-term ground lease with the town. The town will then contract with a demolition company to tear down the existing structure. Lastly, the town will require a performance bond from Valdese Water Recycling, bonding the company to perform as agreed upon. Sherry Long of Western Piedmont Council of Governments will be overseeing the grant application process.

Town Manager Seth Eckard informed Council that the memorandum of understanding between the town and Valdese Water Recycling, LLC needs to be approved and Council needs to call for a public hearing at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Hildebran asked what liability the town has if the grant is not awarded. Mr. Eckard informed her that if the town is not awarded the grant, the project will be canceled. Valdese Water Recycling, LLC has agreed to pay the match money for the grant; therefore, the town will not incur any expenses for the project.

Mayor Black asked what the risk to the town is, assuming this project goes forward and the CDBG grant is approved and awarded to the town.

Attorney Walter Currie stated that there is a short-term risk while the town owns the building (before it gets torn down); expressing confidence as it should be covered through the town's insurance. Mr. Currie also explained that once the

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town awards a contract to a demolition company, that company will be required to provide insurance as well. Mr. Currie said, “down the road, the main risk is that the recycling company doesn’t do what it said its going to do; that is why we decided that you should require a performance bond, to make sure that those things do happen.” The Memorandum of Understanding requires the performance bond to be in place for a five-year period.

Town Manager Seth Eckard informed Council of some of the benefits to the town, shall Council decide to proceed with this project. One of the main benefits is clearing a dilapidated, blighted building from downtown, with a company committing to building a new facility. Additionally, the company has agreed to partner with the town, agreeing to accept materials from citizens that Valdese Water Recycling, LLC will properly dispose of, at no charge. The town will also receive a 3.32-acre parcel of land near the railroad tracks.

Larry Leonhardt spoke on behalf of the owner of Valdese Water Recycling, LLC, sharing that the company plans to build a 10,000 sq. ft building on the lot. The building will have a working laboratory where testing of the water from different streams will occur to make sure that they are ready to be sent to the city. This site will be for the company headquarters and testing. Processing will still occur at the Burke Mills site, so heavy traffic will not be an issue at this site.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Valdese Water Recycling, LLC and call for a CDBG second public hearing on April 2, 2018, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF INTERSECTIONS AT ST. GERMAIN, RODORET, MASSEL AVE Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth provided an update on the traffic signal issue at the intersection of Saint Germain Ave and Rodoret Street. The traffic signal is over 35 years old and has cycling issues, causing it to not change from red to green. The control panel will need to be repaired and upgraded to resolve this issue which may cost up to \$10,000. Public Works has contracted with a traffic engineer to conduct a study on the intersection to determine if the repair should be made or if a different traffic control should be placed at this intersection. The engineer will also evaluate the intersection of Massel Ave and Rodoret Street to evaluate the location of the stop signs at this intersection. Staff will present the engineer’s recommendations at the next Council meeting.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND TREE CITY CELEBRATION UPDATE Mayor Black presented the following proclamation:

ARBOR DAY 2018 PROCLAMATION

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, 2018 is the 146th 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 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John F. Black, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 16, 2018, as the 146th Anniversary celebration of

“Arbor Day 2018”

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in the Town of Valdese and the Town will hold an Arbor Day Event in conjunction with Valdese Elementary School at the Old Rock School on Friday, March 16, 2018, 1:15 p.m., regarding 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 5th day of March, 2018.

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

Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth shared that the town has partnered with Settlemyre Nursery to provide vouchers for \$10.00 off Musckogee Crape Myrtle trees as part of the 30-year Tree City Anniversary celebration. These vouchers will be available at Old Rock School and at Settlemyre Nursery's booth at the April Craft Market on April 14, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO CLOSE A SECTION OF WHISNANT STREET Mayor Black reconvened the public hearing that has continued since December 4, 2017 and asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth informed Council that Mr. Shatley is currently looking into options to improve his parking situation at Alray Tire; he will be grading behind his facility to provide employee parking. With no additional comments, the public hearing was closed.

STREET CLOSING ORDER

Prepared by/mail to: MARC MITCHELL, P.A., PO DRAWER 69, VALDESE, NC 28690

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF THAT SECTION OF WHISNANT STREET SE described in the attached Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of October, 2017, the town council of the Town of Valdese adopted a resolution of intent (the Resolution) to close that section of Whisnant Street SE described in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution called for a public hearing on December 4, 2017, and it directed the town clerk to publish the Resolution at least once each week for four successive weeks before the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution directed the town clerk to send a copy of the Resolution by certified mail to the owner of each property adjoining the section of Whisnant Street SE to be closed and to cause adequate notice of the Resolution and public hearing to be posted as required by G.S. 160A-299; and

WHEREAS, such notices have been published, mailed and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing called for December 4, 2017, was opened, and it was continued until January 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on January 2, 2018, at which time all interested persons had an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether or not the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or the property rights of any individual, and after which town council gave and complete consideration to the matter; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the satisfaction of the town council that the closing of the section of Whisnant Street SE described in the attached Exhibit A is not contrary to the public interest, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of such street would be deprived of a reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from their property because of the closing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the town council of the Town of Valdese, meeting in regular session, that the section of Whisnant Street SE described in the attached Exhibit A is hereby ordered closed, and subject to the reservation of rights set forth below, all right, title and interest in the right of way described in the attached Exhibit A shall be conclusively presumed to be vested in those persons owning the lots or parcels of land adjacent to the section of the street so closed.

In accordance with G.S. 160A-299(f), the Town of Valdese hereby reserves all of its right, title and interest in any utility, drainage, pedestrian, landscaping, conservation or other improvements or easements within the section of the street hereby closed because the reservation of such easement is in the public interest.

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The mayor is hereby authorized to execute quitclaim deeds to prove the vesting of all such right, title and interest as is vested by virtue of this street closing order in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the section of street closed by this order, the title of such adjoining landowners, for the width of the abutting land owned by them, to extend to the centerline of the herein closed section of street in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-299(c).

The town clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this street closing order to be registered in the office of the register of deeds of Burke County.

ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

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

/s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to adopt the street closing order, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION DEDICATING TOWN PROPERTY AS PART OF WHISNANT STREET SE

Prepared by/mail to: MARC MITCHELL, P.A., PO DRAWER 69, VALDESE, NC 28690

WHEREAS, the town council decided to relocate a section of Whisnant Street SE;

WHEREAS, to relocate that section of Whisnant Street SE, on January 2, 2018, the town council ordered that a section of Whisnant Street SE be closed; and

WHEREAS, having closed that section of Whisnant Street SE, the town council desires to dedicate the property that will become part of the relocated section of Whisnant Street SE in order to complete the relocation of Whisnant Street SE; and

WHEREAS, the relocated section of Whisnant Street SE is shown on a plat of survey prepared for the Town of Valdese entitled, "Town of Valdese (Whisnant Street SE Relocation)" dated September 12, 2017, prepared by West Consultants, PLLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, the town council of the Town of Valdese hereby dedicates the following property as part of Whisnant Street SE, a public street:

BEGINNING at a point located the following courses and distances from a reference point located in the northeast corner of that property recorded in Book 960, page 42, Burke County Registry: South 48° 05' 05" East 21.72 feet to a point; South 62° 28' 19" East 75.59 feet to a point, the point of BEGINNING, and running thence from said point of BEGINNING North 62° 28' 19" West 35.60 feet to a point; thence South 17° 02' 26" West 86.20 feet to a point; thence with the arc of circular curve to the right having an arc length of 24.82 feet, a radius of 25.00 feet, a delta angle of 56° 53' 20", a chord bearing of South 45° 29' 06" West and a chord length of 23.82 feet to a point; thence South 73° 55' 46" West 28.54 feet to a point; thence with the arc of a circular curve to the left having an arc length of 11.16 feet, a radius of 55.00 feet, a delta angle of 11° 37' 35", a chord bearing of South 68° 06' 59" West and a chord length of 11.14 feet to a point; thence South 18° 57' 41" West 52.81 feet to a point; thence South 39° 08' East 23.56 feet to a rebar set; thence North 18° 57' 41" East 27.51 feet to a rebar set; thence with the arc of circular curve to the right having an arc length of 19.19 feet, a radius of 20.00 feet, a delta angle of 54° 58' 05", a chord bearing of North 46° 26' 43" East and a chord length of 18.46 feet to a rebar set; thence North 73° 55' 46" East 28.54 feet to a rebar set; thence with the arc of a circular curve to the left having an arc length of 59.57 feet, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 45° 29' 06" East and a chord length of 57.16 feet to a rebar set; thence North 17° 02' 26" East 79.72 feet to the point of BEGINNING and being that property designated as "Portion of Town of Valdese Property to be dedicated to Whisnant Street SE – 6675 sq ft" as shown on that plat of survey prepared for the Town of Valdese entitled, "Town of Valdese (Whisnant Street SE Relocation)" dated September 12, 2017, prepared by West Consultants, PLLC.

This resolution was adopted this 5th day of March, 2018.

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

/s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the resolution dedicating town property as part of Whisnant Street SE, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL PHASE III LAKE VISTAS SUBDIVISION Planning Director Larry Johnson presented the final plat approval for Phase III of the Lake Vistas Subdivision; preliminary plat approval was given at the August 7, 2017 Council meeting. Mr. Johnson presented a map of the development which identified approximately 83 acres that will be subdivided into 47-50 lots, each lot with a minimum of 1-acre or greater of land. Mr. Johnson informed Council that Phase III will be the same as Phase I and II of this development, the parcels will not be served with town water or sewer rather well and septic systems. Approximately one mile of new, private roads with a pavement width of 25 feet will be constructed which will meet DOT standards in the event the town would ever take in the roads for maintenance. Mr. Johnson shared that development standards for this phase meet or exceed the other two phases and all necessary requirements for final plat approval have been met by the developer. Final Plat approval is recommended by the Town of Valdese Planning Board. Mr. Johnson recommended approval of final plat of Phase III, contingent on receiving the cash bond.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked if there is a requirement for fire hydrants. Mr. Johnson shared that, as with Phase I and Phase II, fire hydrants will not be available as the town is not providing water or sewer. Fire Chief Charlie Watts further stated that the lack of water lines is what prevents the installation of fire hydrants in the subdivision.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve Lake Vistas Phase III Final Plat, including the Subdivision Improvement Agreement, Cash Bond in the amount of \$745,013, and Defects Agreement, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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Budget Amendment No. 11

Subject: Meridian Economic Incentive

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.

Action Suggested:

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, 2017:

Section 1. To amend the Utility Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Acct. <u>No.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
30.8100.921 Trans to Gen Fund - Econ	180,000	
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Total	\$180,000	\$ 0
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This will result in a net increase of \$180,000 in the expenditures of the Utility Fund. To provide funding for the above, the following revenue budgets will be increased. These additional revenues have already been received.

Acct. <u>No.</u>	
30.3990.000 Fund Balance	180,000

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Total	\$	\$180,000
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Section 2. 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.

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Budget Amendment No. 11A

Subject: Meridian Economic Incentive

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.

Action Suggested:

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, 2017:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Acct.		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<u>No.</u>		180,000	
10.4200.941	Econ Develop Meridian		
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Total		\$180,000	\$ 0
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This will result in a net increase of \$180,000 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.

Acct.

<u>No.</u>		180,000
10.3970.303	From Util - Econ	

Total		\$ 180,000
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Section 2. 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.

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Budget Amendment No. 12

Subject: Rock School Arts Foundation

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.

Action Suggested:

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 1. To amend the Util Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

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Acct.			
<u>No.</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
30.8100.928	Tran to Gen Fund - Econ	25,000	
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Total		\$ 25,000	\$ 0
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This will result in a net increase of \$25,000 in the expenditures of the Util Fund. To provide funding for the above, the following revenue budgets will be increased. These additional revenues have already been received.

Acct.			
<u>No.</u>			
30.3990.000	Fund Balance		25,000
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Total		\$	\$25,000
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Section 2. 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.

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Budget Amendment No. 12A

Subject: Rock School Arts Foundation

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.

Action Suggested:

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

Acct.			
<u>No.</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
10.6250.928	Public Art Fund	- 25,000	
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Total		\$ 25,000	\$ 0
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This will result in a net increase of \$25,000 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.

Acct.			
<u>No.</u>			
10.3970.303	From Util - Econ		25,000
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Total		\$	\$25,000
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Section 2. 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 budget amendments, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilwoman Stevenson requested information on recent vehicle break-ins. Police Chief Jack Moss informed Ms. Stevenson that his department is conducting an investigation of this matter in

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conjunction with Burke County and Drexel, as similar crimes have been committed in those jurisdictions. Chief Moss reported that almost all of the property stolen from vehicles has been returned. A total of five suspects have been identified at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Mayor Black shared with Council that a WPCOG Policy Board Executive Committee meeting was held last week where conversations of creating a code enforcement officer position was discussed. This officer would be employed by WPCOG and contracted out to surrounding municipalities to provide code enforcement services. Mayor Black informed Council that Executive Director Anthony Starr will be proposing a formal plan at a later date. The Committee also discussed Finance Director Andrea Roper's recommendation to purchase financial software that surrounding municipalities could implement in their finance departments, in hopes of having a uniform software throughout the area and also the possibility of acquiring the software at a better purchase price.

Councilwoman Hildebran shared the following update on the library: Burke County Public Library Director Jim Wilson informed Ms. Hildebran the architect is working on preliminary drawings which will include multiple program areas, work space for staff, a demonstration kitchen, separate area for young adults, storage, outdoor program area, and parking. The tentative schedule for the project is July 2018-January 2019. A surveyor will be conducting a survey and working on topography work for the architect soon.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Town Manager Seth Eckard informed Council of the following items:

The Annual Budget Retreat at Old Rock School is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Valdese Lakeside Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting is Monday, April 2, 2018.

Staff has been working on a solution for the litter issues in town. Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth identified three possibilities; help from Department of Corrections, community service labor, temporary or seasonal labor. Mr. Duckworth would like to hire seasonal or temporary help for 8 weeks in the Spring and Fall.

On March 3, 2018, Friends of the Valdese Rec, representatives from NC Wildlife, and approximately 65 volunteers spent two hours at the new lakeside park, cleaning up garbage from one of the main coves. Mr. Eckard remarked that it was a great day of community service.

ADJOURNMENT At 7:14 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk
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Mayor