

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, April 1, 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:

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-KRISTINA MERCER, 800 ZELINE AVENUE NE, VALDESE: Ms. Mercer spoke in support of Valdese Lakeside Park. Ms. Mercer believes the park will help local businesses increase their revenues. Ms. Mercer believes that the park is a great incentive for teachers and students of North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, and others looking to relocate, to live in Valdese. Ms. Mercer finished by sharing a story regarding a Burke County homeowner who converted their basement into an apartment; the owner rents the apartment through Airbnb and recently received a reservation from an individual from Stockholm, Sweden. This individual is traveling to Burke County to participate in a swim/run event at Lake James State Park in April. Ms. Mercer finished by saying that Valdese Lakeside Park will be a park that people travel for someday, and encouraged Council to approve the agenda items related to Valdese Lakeside Park.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-JIM CLARK, 4639 LAKEVIEW ACRES RD, VALDESE: Mr. Clark informed Council that he is speaking in support of Friends of the Valdese Rec, and to urge Council to support the Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan. Mr. Clark shared that he and his family are very active and for many years have had to travel to other towns to make use of their parks and facilities. Mr. Clark stated that the Valdese Lakeside Park gives his family the opportunity to be active in their hometown. Mr. Clark finished by sharing how individuals, families, students, and volunteers have already put great efforts in building and maintaining the park; highlighting how many young students from Draughn, Heritage, and even younger children, are already investing time in the park. Mr. Clark shared "that by supporting the efforts at the park, we are supporting these young people whom we will leave this town to."

ROCK SCHOOL ARTS FOUNDATION-LINDA HARVEY, 404 LOUISE AVE, VALDESE: Ms. Harvey informed Council that she is the president of the Rock School Arts Foundation and thanked Council for their ongoing support. Ms. Harvey introduced Sharon Bowman, the new Rock School Arts Foundation Executive Director. Ms. Bowman provided Council with an overview of her experience and accomplishments and thanked Council for their past and present support of the foundation.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-BROOKE HEAVNER, 207 FOREST DRIVE NE, VALDESE: Mr. Heavner shared that he supports Valdese Lakeside Park, as long as tax payer dollars are not used to fund it. Mr. Heavner shared that he donated to the park because he knew it was a great opportunity for the town; thinking that the park would have trails and simple amenities, but it has turned into a \$3.2 million project that the Town cannot afford. Mr. Heavner believes the Town should spend money on paving streets, replacing water lines, and maintaining the property the Town already has. Mr. Heavner identified ways that the Town could bring in additional revenues through the Recreation Department, such as hosting volleyball and basketball tournaments.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-GLENN HARVEY, 404 LOUISE AVE, VALDESE: Mr. Harvey expressed concerns with Council being asked to approve resolutions related to multi-million dollar investments at Valdese Lakeside Park, without giving the public an opportunity to discuss and express their desires for this project. Mr. Harvey expressed concern with the Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan as the plan was

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previously presented at \$3.1 million, and is now \$3.8 million. Mr. Harvey requested that Council table the resolution adopting the Valdese Lakeside Park Plan, hold one or more public hearings on the park, and seek input from all residents through a survey or ballot.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-BETH HEILE, 5294 MINERAL SPRINGS MOUNTAIN AVE, VALDESE: Ms. Heile provided Council with an overview of events that have been held, or are scheduled, at Valdese Lakeside Park; sharing that the past events have been well attended and hundreds of hours of volunteer time have been logged. Ms. Heile shared with Council that in addition to those attending the meeting in support of the park, there are many other ways to identify that there is enough support to continue seeking grant funding, such as weekly visitors to the park and “constant buzz” on social media. Ms. Heile shared that many of the donors to the Valdese Lakeside Park Project are Valdese residents or businesses. Ms. Heile finished by asking Council to approve all items that move the Valdese Lakeside Park project forward.

QUESTIONS-BRENDA SHUPING, 600 CAROLINA STREET, VALDESE: Ms. Shuping shared that she is not against Valdese Lakeside Park but questioned if now is the right time for Valdese to invest so much money in a park. Ms. Shuping shared that she would like to see walking and biking trails, a picnic area with a shelter, and a small playground at the park. Ms. Shuping questioned what “significant” meant to Council with regard to public input; how many citizens actually have the same goals as the ones being presented; what will the Town do if the resolutions are approved and grant funds, contributions, and gifts are not received as hoped; and if the citizen petition will have any impact on Council’s decisions.

FOOD TRUCKS & VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-PETER SKELTON, 796 SKIE CIRCLE, VALDESE: Mr. Skelton asked Council to consider adopting an ordinance that will allow food trucks in town. Mr. Skelton believes that food trucks will positively impact business at The Levee Brewery and will bring more visitors to Valdese. Mr. Skelton also spoke in favor of Valdese Lakeside Park as he believes it will encourage more people to visit Valdese.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-DON BRITTAIN, 909 EDMOND STREET NW, VALDESE: Mr. Brittain shared a story about “suds falls” and how the area turned into McGalliard Falls Park. Mr. Brittain stated that Valdese Lakeside Park will take time to develop but will be a great asset in Valdese. Mr. Brittain finished by encouraging everyone to join Friends of the Valdese Rec.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-VERITY CONLEY, 512 SOUTH AVE SW, VALDESE: Ms. Conley shared that she enjoys taking her younger sister to Valdese Lakeside Park, and believes that parks are important for children to be able to play outside.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-DOROTHY NURMINEN, GRANITE FALLS: Ms. Nurminen informed Council that she is from Granite Falls and visits Valdese Lakeside Park frequently. Ms. Nurminen shared that she loves the park and believes the proposed amenities will bring a lot of people to Valdese.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-JEAN MARIE COLE, 703 BERTIS STREET SW, VALDESE: Ms. Cole shared that she loves the idea of the park, but would like to see other municipalities make financial contributions to its development as they will benefit from the park as well. Ms. Cole expressed concerns about the issues with the Public Safety Building and stated that police and fire protection are more important to her than a park.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-LINDA GIBBS, 629 LAUREL STREET NE, VALDESE: Ms. Gibbs spoke in favor of Valdese Lakeside Park by stating that the park will add to the quality of life in Valdese.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-CARLA BERRY, 204 COLOMBO STREET NW, VALDESE: Ms. Berry stated that she trusts in the Council to make the best decision possible for the future of Valdese and expressed her appreciation for each member.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2019

APPROVED BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2019

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AND MARCH 22, 2019

SPRING LITTER SWEEP, APRIL 13-27, 2019 The Town will be participating in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Biannual Cleanup Drive that will be held April 13-27, 2019.

APPROVED RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE APPROVING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE ISSUED MARCH 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Archives and History of the Department of Cultural Resources is responsible for assisting local governments in records management, including the destruction of obsolete records and the protection of essential records as provided by Chapters 121 and 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and;

WHEREAS, the municipal records management program provides advice, service and training in the control, maintenance, preservation and disposal of official public records in the custody of local governmental units, and;

WHEREAS "Public Record" means any document, paper, letter, map, book, photograph, film, sound recording, magnetic or other tape, electronic data processing record, artifact or other documentary material made or received pursuant to law or ordinance in connection with the transaction of public business by any agency of the North Carolina government or its subdivisions, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Cultural Resources has issued an amendment to the Records Retention Schedule date March 1, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies Retention and Disposition Schedule is endorsed by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources, Archives and Records Section, Government Records Branch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Valdese Town Council that the Council adopts the North Carolina General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies Retention and Disposition Schedule, as updated by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources in accordance with the provision of Chapters 121 and 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, dated March 1, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this schedule is to remain in effect from the date of approval until it is reviewed and updated.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE, NORTH CAROLINA, on this, the 1st day of April, 2019; such meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

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:

REQUESTS TO SELL ALCOHOL AT SUMMER EVENTS: Councilman Ogle asked where the alcohol sales would occur. Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi informed Council that sales will occur in the town-owned parking lot where the Family Friday Nights Summer Concert Series takes place. The area will

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be barricaded for safety and signs will mark "no alcohol beyond this point" to inform attendees of the drinking boundaries. Ms. Angi presented the following requests:

Friends of the Valdese Rec request to sell beer in the town parking lot located adjacent to the 100 block of West Main Street in Downtown Valdese during the Family Friday Nights Summer Concert Series Kickoff Celebration on May 24, 2019 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm and the Family Friday Nights Summer Concert Series Finale Celebration held on August 30, 2019 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm; and to sell beer in the parking spaces located adjacent to the 100 block of West Main Street in Downtown Valdese during the Valdese Independence Day Celebration on June 28, 2019 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm and Waldensian Festival event on August 9, 2019 from 5:00pm until 11:00pm and August 10, 2019 from Noon until 11:00pm.

The Levee Brewery & Pub request to sell beer in the town parking lot located adjacent to the 100 block of West Main Street in Downtown Valdese during the Family Friday Nights Summer Concert Series Kickoff Celebration on May 24, 2019 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm and Family Friday Nights Summer Concert Series Finale Celebration held on August 30, 2019 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Waldensian Style Wines request to sell wine in the parking spaces located adjacent to the 100 block of West Main Street in Downtown Valdese during the Valdese Independence Day Celebration on June 28, 2019 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm and Waldensian Festival event on August 9, 2019 from 5:00pm until 11:00pm and August 10, 2019 from Noon until 11:00pm.

Waldensian Heritage Wines request to sell wine in the parking spaces located adjacent to the 100 block of West Main Street in Downtown Valdese during the Valdese Independence Day Celebration on June 28, 2019 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm and Waldensian Festival event on August 9, 2019 from 5:00pm until 11:00pm and August 10, 2019 from Noon until 11:00pm.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE Police Chief Jack Moss introduced Police Officer Dustin McKinney.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT #1-2-19 Mayor Black opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak either for or against the request.

WPCOG Planning Technician Hunter Nestor shared that the proposed rezoning request was petitioned by Striker Properties, LLC for the parcels located at 108 Parley Street SW and Waldo Street SW, requesting that the parcels be rezoned from M-1 Manufacturing to B-2 General Business. The Valdese Planning Board recommended that Council approve the rezoning. Mr. Nestor offered a PowerPoint of the property and said the public hearing was properly advertised, the property was posted and adjoining property owners were notified by mail.

Mr. Nestor informed Council that Striker Properties, LLC may seek a conditional use permit for the two parcels if Council approves the rezoning request.

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

After a brief discussion, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve the aforementioned rezoning, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to call a public hearing on May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a conditional use permit application, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION SCATTERED-SITE PROGRAM WPCOG Community Development Administrator Lisa Helton presented the Fair Housing Plan & Activities, Section 3 Plan, Equal Employment & Procurement Plan, Language Access Plan, and the following Capital Project Ordinance:

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TOWN OF VALDESE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
SCATTERED SITE HOUSING
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 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The project authorized is established to finance the CDBG NR Scattered Site Housing Project for a project that rehabilitate houses scattered through the town limits and is to be financed by a CDBG grant and the Town of Valdese.

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:

CDBG Grant	32-3480-000	\$ 350,600
Town of Valdese	32-3480-001	<u>25,000</u>
		\$ 375,600
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Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Administration	32-4900-040	\$ 31,800
Rehabilitation	32-4900-450	343,800

		\$ 375,600
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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 General 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 1st day of April, 2019

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

/s/ Frances Hildebran, Clerk to the Board

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Plan & Activities, Section 3 Plan, Equal Employment & Procurement Plan, Language Access Plan, and Capital Project Ordinance for the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Scattered-site Housing Program; seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

CONTRACT WITH WPCOG FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION SCATTERED-SITE PROGRAM WPCOG Community Development Administrator Lisa Helton informed Council that the agreement authorizes WPCOG to administer the \$350,600 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for the Neighborhood Revitalization Scattered-site Housing

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Program; in the amount of \$31,000 for administrative services and \$18,000 for construction supervision services. Funding for this agreement will come from the grant funds.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the agreement with WPCOG for grant administration, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK WPCOG Community & Economic Development Administrator Erin Schotte informed Council that staff is working diligently to submit viable applications for grant funding for various projects at Valdese Lakeside Park. Staff is requesting permission to submit an application for funding from PARTF. To have the strongest possible application, Council will need to approve the PARTF Basic Facts and Assurances, Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan, and Valdese Lakeside Park CIP. Ms. Schotte informed Council that no Town funds are being committed to these projects, all matching funds will be provided from private contributions. Ms. Schotte presented the PARTF Basic Facts and Assurances, Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan, and Valdese Lakeside Park CIP.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve the PARTF Basic Facts and Assurances, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED RESOLUTION ADOPTING VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK MASTER PLAN Ms. Schotte informed Council that the Master Plan was presented and adopted at a past meeting but it has since been revised to clarify some recommendations, including the pedestrian bridge across McGalliard Creek that would connect two Town parks. The adopted Master Plan will garner additional points on the grant application. Ms. Schotte presented the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese has partnered with Destination by Design to create a Master Plan for the new Valdese Lakeside Park designed to reflect the needs and desires of the Town and of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the result of that partnership is the “Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan” presented to the Town Council this date for review, a copy of which shall be on permanent file in the Valdese Town Hall;

WHEREAS, any future Park progression related to this plan will be subject to available funds and approval by Town Council before proceeding.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Town Council for the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, that the “Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan” is hereby adopted.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2019.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor
Town of Valdese

ATTEST: /s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk
Town of Valdese

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

APPROVED RESOLUTION ADOPTING VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK CIP Ms. Schotte informed Council that the text of the revised Capital Improvement Plan clearly states the Town’s intent to fund the amenities only if awarded sufficient grant funds and private contributions. Ms. Schotte explained that having an adopted CIP showing the proposed amenities garners points on the grant application. Ms. Schotte presented the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese has acquired the 302-acre lakeside property with assistance from local donors, Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF); and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese has partnered with Destination by Design to create a Master Plan for the new Valdese Lakeside Park designed to reflect the needs and desires of the Town and of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the result of that partnership is the “Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan” which makes certain recommendations for short-term investments in park development and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese has a Capital Improvement Plan which prioritizes the Town’s capital investments over the next 3-5 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Town Council for the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, that the Capital Improvement Plan is hereby amended to include the recommended park improvements, provided that the park improvements are funded solely through private donations and grant funds.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2019.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr., Mayor
Town of Valdese

ATTEST: /s/ Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk
Town of Valdese

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM PARTF Ms. Schotte informed Council that the adoption of the PARTF Basic Facts and Assurances, Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan, and Valdese Lakeside Park CIP allows the Town to submit a viable application for PARTF funding. Ms. Schotte requested permission to apply for a PARTF grant in the amount of \$285,000 with the matching funds being provided from private donations and Friends of the Valdese Rec funds.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to authorize staff to apply for the aforementioned PARTF grant, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TEMPORARY REPAIRS Benjamin “Benjie” Thomas of West Consultants, PLLC, recommended that temporary structural supports be installed at the Public Safety Building. Mr. Thomas shared that Structural Engineer C. Michael Alberto will have a final design for the supports by May 31, 2019; at which time West Consultants can assist with preparing bidding documents. Mr. Thomas hopes to receive bids in time for presentation at the June 24, 2019 or August 5, 2019 council meeting. Mr. Thomas shared that the support system will consist primarily of pressure treated lumber and would be expected to last at least five years, with the possibility of several more years with proper maintenance.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to authorize Town Manager Seth Eckard to partner with West Consultants to solicit bids for temporary repairs to the Public Safety Building, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

BUDGET AMENDMENT Finance Director Bo Weichel presented the following budget amendment:

Valdese Town Council Meeting	Monday, April 01, 2019
Budget Amendment #	27
Subject:	Reconcile Cash Accounts

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, 2019:

Section I:

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

Account	Description	Increase/ Debit	Decrease/ Credit
10.4200.991	Bad Debt Expense	13,162	
10.4200.040	Professional Services	1,765	
Total		\$14,927	

This will result in a net increase of \$14,927 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
10.3010.081	2008 Ad Valorem Taxes		176
10.3010.091	2009 Ad Valorem Taxes		2,220
10.3010.101	2010 Ad Valorem Taxes		1,211
10.3010.111	2011 Ad Valorem Taxes		1,898
10.3010.121	2012 Ad Valorem Taxes		1,479
10.3010.131	2013 Ad Valorem Taxes		1,599
10.3010.141	2014 Ad Valorem Taxes		6,344
Total			\$14,927

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 budget amendment, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

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

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6 p.m.

The Employee Appreciation Cookout is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019 at Children's Park from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This cookout is sponsored by the Wellness Program.

Old Colony Players Production of Jesus Christ Superstar is scheduled for April 5-7, 12-14, 17-20, 2019. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit oldcolonyplayers.com.

The April Craft Market is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Old Rock School from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Budget Workshop Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2019 at Valdese Town Hall Community Room, 6:00 p.m.

The WPCOG Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. This event is being held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Ogle asked Town Manager Seth Eckard to direct staff at the Rec Center to identify ways to become self-supported. Mr. Ogle expressed a desire to capitalize on

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the buildings that the Town owns to host tournaments or various other programs to increase revenue and usage of existing facilities. Mr. Ogle informed Council that he received a phone call about issues with bowling at the Rec Center last week. Town Manager Seth Eckard said he will look into the matter.

Councilman Sweezy shared that another group walk at Valdese Lakeside Park has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Black expressed his appreciation for the citizens who participated in the meeting. Mr. Black shared that he believes everyone has one thing in common, the desire to maintain Valdese as a great place to live, work, and play. Mr. Black continued to say that while different viewpoints exist on how to get to this common goal, at least the objective is the same.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:38 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

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

Town Clerk

Mayor

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