

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP  
APRIL 15, 2019**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, April 15, 2019, 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., Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman J. Andrew Thompson, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were Town Manager Seth Eckard, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi, Fire Chief Charlie Watts, Police Chief Jack Moss and Finance Director Bo Weichel.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Others present: Dwayne Wilson of Dwayne Wilson Insurance & Financial Services, David Hill of HR Consulting Essentials, Alison Adams and Billy Rickles of Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and invited members of Council to enjoy dinner catered by Myra's.

**WPCOG CODE ENFORCEMENT SOFTWARE PRESENTATION** Code Enforcement Officer Billy Rickles provided Council with an interactive presentation of the software that is used by WPCOG for code enforcement. Mr. Rickles explained the process he follows when code enforcing for towns and shared that enforcement through the WPCOG contract with the Town of Valdese will be complaint driven. Alison Adams of WPCOG shared that meet-and-greets will be held with Mr. Rickles to provide citizens an opportunity to learn about him and the services he will provide for the Town.

**SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE AND APPLICATION PRESENTATION** Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi provided an overview of a proposed ordinance and application for special events. Ms. Angi shared that she met with department heads of departments that are affected by special events to discuss how the current process works and to identify any possible issues or areas for improvement. Ms. Angi shared that staff identified a need for a more informative process to ensure public safety when special events are being held on public property and within the Downtown District. Ms. Angi will present the Special Event Ordinance and Special Event Permit Application at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE** Mr. Wilson discussed Blue Cross Blue Shield's renewal quote and informed Council that our coverage is being discussed with other providers. Mr. Wilson is working with BCBS to reduce the projected rate increase to 18%. Mr. Wilson will update staff as soon as the quotes are received.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET & REVALUATION DISCUSSION** Town Manager Seth Eckard offered an update on Town projects and reiterated that additional revenues from the revaluation of real property will be allocated for street resurfacing and repairs to the public safety building in the amount of \$25,000 and \$100,000; respectively.

**FY 19-20 PROPOSED BUDGET AND HIGHLIGHTS** Town Manager Seth Eckard and Finance Director Bo Weichel presented the proposed budget for FY 19-20. They reviewed the General and Utility Funds Revenues and Expenditures.

**FY 19-20 PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE & FEE SCHEDULES** Town Manager Seth Eckard briefly reviewed the proposed rate structure which was also presented at the budget retreat.

**PERSONNEL POLICY PRESENTATION & PAY STUDY FOLLOW-UP** Mr. David Hill of Piedmont Triad Regional Council discussed proposed changes to the Town of Valdese Personnel Policy. Mr. Hill will provide pay study information to Council within the next week.

**ADJOURNMENT** At 8:38 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

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

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Town Clerk

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