

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2018**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, May 1, 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., Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman Gary L. Delp, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were: Town Manager Seth Eckard, Deputy, 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. Mr. Black stated that this was a Special Called Council Meeting to meet with representatives from Destination by Design to discuss the Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan. Mr. Black informed the audience that no public comments would be taken at this meeting.

**VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK:** Eric Woolridge of Destination by Design presented the Valdese Lakeside Park Master Plan to Council. Mr. Woolridge's presentation highlighted opportunities and constraints, key features, a proposed budget, and economic impact of Valdese Lakeside Park. Mr. Woolridge also shared findings from the first public input meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Town Manager Seth Eckard provided a presentation to Council, where he shared the accomplishments that have been made over the last three years, current plans and procedures that are in place now to ensure proper upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities, and plans for the future. Mr. Eckard also identified the benefits of developing Valdese Lakeside Park, how this park would be different than surrounding parks, and financing options for the park. Mr. Eckard informed Council of a timeline for the project which will be approximately two years, and informed Council that the next step is to receive public input. Two public input meetings have been scheduled at Valdese Town Hall: Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Manager Seth Eckard shared that a website for Valdese Lakeside Park ([www.valdeselakesidepark.com](http://www.valdeselakesidepark.com)) has been developed and will be live tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3, 2018. A recording of this meeting, a copy of the master plan, the town manager's presentation, and other valuable information will be available on the website.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:44 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Black declared the meeting adjourned.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor