

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2018**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, May 7, 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 Pro Tem Susan Stevenson, Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, 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: Mayor John F. "Chip" Black, Jr. and Councilman Gary Delp.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT: Town Manager Seth Eckard announced, "due to a matter that has come to the forefront since the May 1st Lakeside Park Council Workshop, proposals related to the park project, including financing options are now on hold. Staff must focus on meeting more pressing needs at this time. A new strategy for the park will be looked at during a future budget year. The new budgetary priority will be presented, in detail, at the June 4th Town Council meeting."

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-BROOKE HEAVNER, 207 FOREST DRIVE NE, VALDESE Mr. Heavner thanked Council for their time and service to the community. Mr. Heavner stated that he had signed up to speak about Valdese Lakeside Park; however, the town manager's announcement changed that but that he would still like to discuss some challenges the town faces. He shared that he is concerned with the amount of lead joint piping in the town of Valdese; stating that it could result in lead issues in our water, while acknowledging that the most recent water survey was good. Mr. Heavner mentioned that at the last meeting, Council was informed that it would take approximately \$1.6 million to replace Main Street water piping that was installed in 1930, stated that the town is applying for grants but those most likely will cover only 25-50% of the project cost, and the project needs to be completed within the next two years. Mr. Heavner expressed concern with the paving of Eldred Street. He mentioned that the street was paved approximately six months ago and "has been dug up no less than four times in different places and that alone is troubling because we have already invested a lot of money in paving but then we are tearing it up." Mr. Heavner expressed concern with Tiger Gym, stating that the floor has a film on it that has not been taken care of so the gym cannot be used. Mr. Heavner provided an analogy to express his thoughts of the current situation: "Everyone has roof leaks, you have to replace your roof. The roof can be pretty expensive, up to \$10,000 even more for a big house. It is like going to get a \$10,000 loan and instead of fixing your roof, you go to Disney World." Mr. Heavner asked Council to think about their constituents when making decisions, encouraging members to visit residents in their districts and ask what is important to them.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TAXES, ENDOWMENT FUND-BUD LEVAN, 1006 CURVILLE STREET NE, VALDESE Mr. Levan informed Council that he had a chance to review the Valdese 2018 Action Plan. Mr. Levan stated that he has created a Town of Valdese "Residents Strategic Plan Request." Mr. Levan shared that he would like to create a safe, healthy environment for residents of Valdese and promote new home construction and future development. Mr. Levan believes that replacing aging water lines on Curville Street, and other town roads, with new updated, environmentally safe pipe; installing a city sewer line along Curville Street, and the installation of natural gas lines in this area would help promote new construction. Mr. Levan shared that he would like to see repairs to failing road ways. Mr. Levan requested that the Town provide special consideration to elderly residents by offering a residential property tax exemption for homeowners over the age of 80. Mr. Levan's last goal would be to establish a special source of revenue to the town of Valdese, such as an endowment fund.

VALDESE PLANNING PROCESS-GLENN HARVEY, 404 LOUISE AVE NE, VALDESE Mr. Harvey informed Council that he was introduced to strategic planning in 1975. Mr. Harvey believes that strategic planning should start at grassroots and work its way up and should be based on sound data. Mr. Harvey shared that when he came to Valdese about 12 years ago, he learned about the new town hall. He raised questions and shared his concerns; Mayor Hatley informed him that staff needed to move out of the old town hall because it needed repairs and it was cheaper to use grant funds and free money to build a new town hall. Mr. Harvey stated that he understood that the plan for the old town hall was to leave the police and fire departments there until it fell down. Mr. Harvey shared that last year, he met with town management to ask about the master plan for the top of Italy Street where there is a commercial building that is falling down. Mr. Harvey shared that he

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recently found the strategic plan for the town; stating that this plan has no indication that there was any survey of residents. Mr. Harvey stated that \$40,000 was spent on the park master plan, but expressed concern as that plan did not start with input from residents either. Mr. Harvey shared that he would like to see the town invest in strategic planning; encouraging Council to “spend some money on it, start with a sound, professionally developed survey of the residents, find out what the residents feel is important and put that in the plan.”

ITALY STREET PARKING LOT, BUILDING CODES-DAVID WRONKO, 120 DAVIS DR SE, VALDESE Mr. Wronko informed Council that he would like the Town to adopt a uniform building code to ensure that the character of Main Street is intact, and to dictate what the town will look like. Mr. Wronko stated that he would like to have a way to engage pedestrians, have storefronts come up to the sidewalks, and no gaps between buildings.

ITALY STREET PARKING LOT-PAULA REYNOLDS, 138 MAIN ST E, VALDESE Ms. Reynolds informed Council that she wished to provide personal input for consideration with regard to the parking lot, instead of just financial aspects of the matter. Ms. Reynolds stated that she has been a business owner for many years in Valdese, providing health care services to many patients that require the use of handicap parking spaces. Ms. Reynolds shared that she has ten patients that are not able to come into her office because they do not have a safe place to park and/or a safe place for their caregivers to park and deposit them at a location to access the sidewalk by using a ramp. Ms. Reynolds stated that there is no handicap parking in the back, or any other way for patients to enter her office as you must use five steps to access the office from the back. Ms. Reynolds also shared that allowing back entry to her office presents insurance issues. Ms. Reynolds acknowledged that plans are trying to be made with the property owners but begged Council for a resolution. Ms. Reynolds stated, “this is not just a financial thing; patients, customers, and patrons need this parking.”

BURKE DEVELOPMENT INC (BDI) ANNUAL UPDATE – ALAN WOOD Mr. Wood provided an update on BDI’s plans for the upcoming year and thanked Council for their support. Mr. Wood shared that 2017 was a great year at BDI; with the announcement of 725 new jobs and approximately \$110 million of new capital investment in Burke County. Mr. Wood shared that all of the companies that have been recently announced are paying wages that are higher than the county’s average. Mr. Wood continued to state that the upcoming year is looking good but one challenge BDI will have is the inventory of available buildings and sites. Valdese has one building that BDI has continuously tried to fill and remain hopeful that something will develop at that site. Mr. Wood shared that recruitment for the industrial park will continue. Mr. Wood informed Council that Work in Burke, an initiative that has been in place for approximately seven months, is focusing on providing students with education through technical schools and community colleges, as the shift in jobs for the foreseeable future requires workers with this type of experience and skill set.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2018

APPROVED BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2018

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2018

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS TO SELL BEER, WINE AND/OR MALT BEVERAGES AT TOWN EVENTS

Friends of the Valdese Rec – sell beer in Town parking Lot during the Waldensian Festival on Friday, August 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 11, 2018, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Waldensian Heritage Wines – sell wine in the Town parking lot during the Independence Day Celebration, Friday, June 29, 2018, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and the Waldensian Festival, Friday August 10, 2018, 5:00p.m.-11:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 11, 2018, Noon-11:00 p.m.

Waldensian Style Wines - sell wine in the Town parking lot sell beer and malt beverages at the Beer Garden, 101 W Main Street, Wells Fargo Parking Lot during the Independence Day Festival, Friday, June 29, 2018, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and the Waldensian Festival, Friday August 10, 2018, 5:00p.m.-11:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 11, 2018, Noon-11:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 234 – sell beer and malt beverages at the Beer Garden, 101 W Main Street, Wells Fargo Parking Lot during the Independence Day Festival, Friday, June 29, 2018, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

APPROVED RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT AT OLD ROCK SCHOOL WITH STILL WATERS COUNSELING, INC. APPROVED REGULAR MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018 Annual Lease Agreement at the Old Rock School with Still Waters Counseling, Inc. in the amount of \$283 per month.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy administered the oath of office to Apryl Hardin.

ADOPTION OF TOWN OF VALDESE EMPLOYEE SAFETY HANDBOOK Fire Chief Charlie Watts informed Council that this handbook will replace the current safety program. A copy of the Town of Valdese Employee Safety Handbook is on file in the clerk's office and at the fire department.

Councilwoman Hildebran made a motion to approve the Town of Valdese Employee Safety Handbook as presented, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VALDESE WATER RECYCLING Attorney Walter Currie informed Council that review of the phase 1 environmental report, the asbestos report and consideration of the utility of the parcel of land south of the railroad tracks were taken into consideration to determine the necessary changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with Valdese Water Recycling. Mr. Currie shared that the parcel of land the town would acquire would not be beneficial for the town and issues with the old tanks may arise. Mr. Currie informed Council that he met with Town Manager Seth Eckard and Water Recycling representatives at which time it was determined that it would make more sense to acquire a title to the private alley and parking area on the parcel. Mr. Currie stated that this resulted in changes to goals as listed in paragraph 3.0, to improve the connectivity of the central business district by the addition of public roads and public parking. Mr. Currie shared that this acquisition would improve access for the town's public safety staff. Mr. Currie informed Council that asbestos was found in the building and will be abated as part of the demolition contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson asked if the previously established funding amount was sufficient with the discovery of asbestos. Town Manager Seth Eckard assured Ms. Stevenson that the amount of grant funds and funds to match the grant, provided by the developer, will cover the cost of the entire project.

Mr. Currie shared that the next steps will be the conclusion of the second public hearing, approval of the authorizing resolution to submit an application for CDBG funding, and submission of the application. Mr. Currie informed Council that if the town is awarded a grant, Council will decide whether or not to continue with the project. If Council decides to pursue this project, a grant agreement and contract with Valdese Water Recycling will be presented for their approval.

Councilwoman Hildebran expressed concern that a rendering of the building to be constructed, after the demolition, has not been received yet. Mr. Currie stated that Valdese Water Recycling is required to provide definitive plans, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, for Council to review. This item will be forthcoming.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with Valdese Water Recycling as presented, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

CONTINUATION OF SECOND CDBG PUBLIC HEARING-DEMOLITION GRANT TO REMOVE OLD ALBA WALDENSIAN PLANT Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson reconvened the public hearing that was continued from the April 2, 2018 meeting and asked if anyone from the public would like to speak.

WPCOG Assistant Director Sherry Long said the purpose of the public hearing was to receive input regarding a CDBG-ED grant request to the NC Department of Commerce for the Alba Waldensian building demolition project. CDBG grant funds totaling \$500,000 are available for the demolition of the Alba Waldensian building located at 408 Praley Street, SW. The property is owned by Valdese Water Recycling, LLC, and the company had committed to pay the 25 percent required match for the CDBG project. The 61,739 square foot Alba Waldensian Mill was constructed in 1927, has been vacant for over five years and has exceeded its useful life. The post demolition restriction would require the site not be used for parking, recreation, residential housing (single or multi-unit), or retail.

Brooke Heavner, 207 Forest Drive NE, Valdese, asked if there will be any recycling of the materials, post demolition. Town Manager Seth Eckard indicated that this is something that will be considered when the town secures bids for the demolition.

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Elaine Applegate, 408 Bouchard Ave NE, Valdese, requested clarification on the location of the Alba Waldensian building. Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson identified the location. Ms. Applegate asked what the owner's intention was. Town Manager Seth Eckard explained that the current structure would be demolished and a new building will be constructed to serve as the company headquarters with approximately twelve individuals employed at this site.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson closed the public hearing.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF VALDESE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION ALBA
WALDENSIAN BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts within the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit Valdese Water Recycling, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council wishes the Town to pursue a formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit Valdese Water Recycling, LLC; and will require the property owner to invest monies totaling 25% of the project costs into the project as committed to in the application.

WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VALDESE TOWN COUNCIL:

That Seth Eckard, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Valdese with The NC Department of Commerce for approval of a Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development to benefit Valdese Water Recycling, LLC.

That Seth Eckard, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as The NC Department of Commerce may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Town of Valdese has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 7th day of May, 2018 at Valdese, North Carolina.

/s/ Susan T. Stevenson, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Frances Hildebran, Clerk to the Board

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned resolution for the CDBG Grant, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG FIRST PUBLIC HEARING Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak either for or against this item.

WPCOG Assistant Director Sherry Long shared that each year North Carolina receives approximately \$50 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Local governments can apply for these funds for various activities that benefit low-to-moderate income persons with severe needs. Public hearings are required to receive public comment before the Town can submit a CDBG application. This first public hearing is to assist the Town in the development of CDBG projects for the coming year. The three programs funded yearly with CDBG funds to North Carolina are Infrastructure and Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization. Below is a brief summary of both programs:

INFRASTRUCTURE (CDBG-IF) There will be approximately \$25 million available this year from the NC Department of Environmental Quality for this program. The funds can be used for water and wastewater transmission lines or improvements to water and sewer treatment facilities to serve low to moderate-income areas to correct severe health or environmental needs. Maximum grant amount based on the 2017 round of applications will be \$2,000,000 with no required match. Applications anticipated due in September 2018.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CDBG-ED) The North Carolina Department of Commerce will have approximately \$15 million available in 2017-18 to assist local governments. The funds may be used for the construction of public utilities – road, water, sewer, gas, electric city, etc. (up to \$1 M); demolition of industrial buildings (up to \$500,000); building reuse projects (\$750,000); loans to local governments for shell buildings or industrial park development; and low interest loan funds in tandem with a bank for private industrial investment. For all categories besides the demolition grants and loans for shell building and industrial park development, the industry or business must commit to create or retain permanent full-time jobs. Of the committed job creation, persons with low to moderate income must hold 60% of the jobs and this is based on their prior 12-month household income (below 80% of median). A local match of 25% (which can be paid by the Town or a developer) is required for public facilities and demolition grants. Applications accepted on a continuous basis.

Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) category is now being offered by the Department of Commerce and is designed to provide small cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to eligible units of governments. There is \$10M available, statewide and funds can be used for housing, housing related activities, and public facilities that support housing activities for low-to moderate-income persons.

Awards are made on a competitive basis. The maximum grant award is \$750,000. Applications are due July 27, 2018. Extensive public input is required to develop the application, including neighborhood meetings. Local funds are not required to apply for the grant; however, points will be given to local governments who do pledge local funds toward the project.

Planning Director Larry Johnson informed Council that a program is available that may assist with addressing housing needs within the Valdese community. Mr. Johnson shared that the housing assistance application will be for housing rehabilitation and be used to address health and safety needs within the community. Mr. Johnson shared that staff has identified several homes that may benefit from this program but would like to use this opportunity to solicit more applications from the public if they are aware of any families that may meet the qualifications for assistance or can identify some homes within the community for possible rehabilitation. Mr. Johnson stated that prior to the submittal of an application, staff will be canvassing the neighborhood, identifying potential houses for the submittal of an application. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the Town can apply for up to \$750,000; a financial commitment from Council will increase the likelihood of being awarded grant funds.

Councilwoman Hildebran asked how this information is going to be communicated to citizens. Mr. Johnson explained that a series of resources will be utilized; such as, social media, churches, community groups, word of mouth, and public meetings. Mr. Johnson continued to state that he is participating in a census survey and will be traveling every street in Valdese which will provide additional information on houses that could possibly be considered for this program. Ms. Hildebran asked what guidelines have been established. Mr. Johnson shared that there are certain income requirements that apply; low or moderate income based on family size, ownership; you must be a home owner, you must reside within corporate limits of Valdese; and the home must be in substandard condition. Ms. Hildebran asked how much money the Town would need to commit to this project. Mr. Johnson said that this would be determined by the application, encouraging at least five percent of the funds. This would provide additional points towards the Town's application and may increase the chances of being awarded a grant.

Bud Levan, 1006 Curville Street NE, Valdese, asked if a home that is rented that is in need of repair would qualify for this program. Mr. Johnson said that the home must be owned by the applicant to qualify. Rental property will not be considered.

Jean Marie Cole, 705 Bertis Street, Valdese, stated that she believes this will be a great program; however, she is curious where the Town will find money to help support their application. Mr. Johnson shared that a local match is not required; however, it increases the chances of being awarded a grant.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson closed the public hearing.

ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR WATER PLANT MCC REPLACEMENT PROJECT Water Resources Director Greg Padgett informed Council that McGill Associates, P.A. has been selected to provide services related to the preliminary engineering report, design, bidding & award, and construction administration of the Water Treatment Plant Motor Control Centers Replacement Project. This project was recently awarded funding by NC DEQ Division of Water

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Infrastructure including \$632,078 in a zero percent loan and \$210,692 in principal forgiveness. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$842,770 including the \$98,000 value of the contract for the subject engineering services.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the engineering services contract for the Water Treatment Plant Motor Control Centers Replacement Project in the amount of \$98,000 to McGill Associates, P.A., seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS Water Resources Director Greg Padgett informed Council that West Consultants, LLC, has been selected to provide services related to the preliminary engineering report, design, bidding & award, and construction administration of the Water System Improvement Project. This project was recently awarded funding by NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure including \$1,181,700 loan at zero percent with up to a maximum \$500,000 in principal forgiveness. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$1,181,700 including the \$130,000 value of the contract for the subject engineering services.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the engineering services contract for the Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$130,000 to West Consultants, LLC, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT WHISNANT STREET

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
(A portion of Whisnant Street SE)

WHEREAS, Roger Neil Shatley (Shatley) offered to purchase from the Town of Valdese for the sum of \$61,490 that parcel containing approximately 4,114 square feet, which is identified as "Portion of Town of Valdese Property to be Recombined with PIN 2743346272" on that map prepared by West Consultants, PLLC titled, "Town of Valdese (Whisnant Street SE Relocation)", which is on file at the Valdese Town Hall (the Map), together with that part of the adjoining parcel identified on the Map as "Portion of Whisnant Street SE to be Closed and Recombined" that is owned by the Town (both adjoining parcels are more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A and referred to as "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, at its April 2, 2018, regular meeting, the town council adopted a resolution proposing to accept Shatley's offer; and

WHEREAS, the town council directed town representatives to publish notice of the Town's intent to accept the offer and notice that any person could raise the bid as required by G.S. 160A-269, and that notice was published; and

WHEREAS, no upset bids were received and Shatley is the high bidder for the property;
and

WHEREAS, the Town does not need the Property, and the Town therefore desires to accept the offer made by Shatley and sell the Property on the terms hereafter set forth;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED pursuant to G.S. 160A-269 that the sale of the Property to Shatley for the sum of \$61,490 is approved. This sale shall be made subject to any and all existing easements, if any. The proper officers of the Town are authorized and directed to complete the closing of the sale of this Property and to execute and deliver to Shatley a deed for the Property upon receipt of the purchase price.

This resolution was adopted this 7th day of May, 2018.

/s/ Susan T. Stevenson, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

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

ORDINANCE CHANGING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ST. GERMAIN AVE AND RODORET ST, AND INTERSECTION OF MASSEL AVE AND RODORET ST.

ORDINANCE CHANGING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT

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THE INTERSECTION OF ST. GERMAIN AVENUE AND RODORET STREET
AND AT THE INTERSECTION OF MASSEL AVENUE AND RODORET STREET

WHEREAS, the intersection of St. Germain Avenue and Rodoret Street has been controlled by a traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Massel Avenue and Rodoret Street has been controlled by stop signs at each Massel Avenue approach, with Rodoret Street being the through street; and

WHEREAS, the town hired J.M. Teague Engineering and Planning to assess these intersections and make recommendations as to whether any safety or operational improvements to the traffic control signals at these intersections should be made; and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm recommended that the traffic signal at the intersection of St. Germain Avenue and Rodoret Street be removed and that that intersection be converted to 2-way stop control by adding two stop signs on both Rodoret Street approaches; and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm recommended that the stop signs on Massel Avenue at its intersection with Rodoret Street be removed and that stop signs be installed on Rodoret Street as it approaches Massel Avenue, making Massel Avenue the through street; and

WHEREAS, the town council has considered these engineering recommendations, which were agreed to by town staff, and the town council is of the opinion that the recommendations made by the engineering firm and town staff should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. At the intersection of Massel Avenue and Rodoret Street, Massel Avenue is designated as the through street. Stop signs shall be erected on both Rodoret Street approaches to the intersection.
2. Appendix I, Section 108, of the Code of Ordinances is amended by providing that at the intersection of Massel Avenue and Rodoret Street, Massel Avenue is declared to be the through street.
3. The traffic signal at the intersection of Rodoret Street and St. Germain Avenue shall be removed. This intersection shall be converted to an intersection controlled by stop signs with St. Germain Avenue being the through street and stop signs installed on both Rodoret Street approaches.
4. Appendix I, Section 135 of the Code of Ordinances is amended by removing the intersection of St. Germain Avenue and Rodoret Street as an intersection at which a traffic control signal shall be installed, and Appendix I, Section 108 of the Code of Ordinances is amended by declaring that at the intersection of St. Germain Avenue and Rodoret Street, St. Germain Avenue shall be the through street.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption. Adopted this 7th day of May, 2018.

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/s/ Susan T. Stevenson, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to adopt the aforementioned ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth delivered the draft animal control ordinance to Council, discussed some of the changes, and requested that they each review and provide feedback on the ordinance. Mr. Duckworth informed Council that staff will seek adoption of this ordinance at a future meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Ogle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Ogle shared that he liked the tax exemption idea that Mr. Levan discussed during open forum and encouraged staff to look into this for Valdese. Town Manager Seth Eckard shared that anyone in Valdese has access to any applicable state tax law; there is

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not a special program that the town can create. Town Attorney Marc Mitchell stated that state law defines tax exemptions, the town cannot create their own program. Mr. Ogle expressed his concerns with the Italy Street Parking Lot, acknowledging Ms. Reynolds' concerns. Mr. Ogle feels like the town has been pushed to purchase something by the owners. Mr. Ogle stated that the day the lot was listed for sale, the owners padlocked the lot. Mr. Ogle wished to make everyone aware that the Town of Valdese was not responsible for the padlocking of the lot. Mr. Ogle continued to state that this is a parking lot that the Town put money into, repaved and maintained, the owners are asking for more than the lot is worth and he does not believe tax payer money should be used to purchase a parking lot. Mr. Ogle expressed his desire to find a resolution for this matter.

Councilman Sweezy informed the public that he is the councilmember from Ward 3. Mr. Sweezy stated that he represents the entire town, encouraged the public to call him if they have a question or concern, and invited everyone to attend future Council meetings.

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

The first Family Friday Night was held on May 4, 2018.

My Cute Kid Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

The Valdese Farmers Market will be held at Old Rock School, May 18, 2018 through August 31, 2018, Fridays from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Granville Morrow Memorial Fun Fishing Day at McGalliard Falls Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (NOTE: Rain Date – June 2, 2018)

The Founders Day Festival is May 26, 2018, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Festival Di Birra, Debut of 125th Beer, at the Waldensian Mill on Saturday, May 26, 2018, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day

Next Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (a)(5) To instruct the public body's staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease.

At 7:25 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to recess into Closed Session Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5) to instruct the public body's staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson said the closed session was only an informational item and there would be no action taken afterwards.

At 7:41 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT At 7:42 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

Mayor Pro Tem

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