

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2018**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, June 4, 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 Susan Stevenson, Councilman Gary Delp, and Councilman Roy Sweezy. Also present were: Town Manager Seth Eckard, Town Attorney Marc Mitchell, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, and various department heads.

Absent: Councilwoman Frances Hildebran.

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:

RECOGNITION OF VICKI HYDE: Mayor Black presented the following resolution to Vicki McGuire Hyde:

**RESOLUTION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PRESENTED TO
VICKIE MCGUIRE HYDE**

WHEREAS, she successfully oversaw the production of 47 programs including 9 full scale musicals; and

WHEREAS, Old Colony Players produced eleven prosperous seasons of the historic outdoor drama "From This Day Forward" under her management; and

WHEREAS, she scoured the local region for the most inexpensive can of Coke in effort to make the most profit off each can sold at the Old Colony Players concession stand; and

WHEREAS, Old Colony Players had every detail attended to whether it be the color of a button on the lead actor's costume or the color of the annuals planted in the hanging flower baskets at the amphitheater. Her attention to detail proudly gave her the nickname "Picky Vickie"; and

WHEREAS, Old Colony Players greatly benefited from her continued devotion to community theatre for over 12 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., by the authority vested in me as mayor of Valdese, North Carolina, and on behalf of the entire Town Council and all of our citizens, recognize, by this resolution, Old Colony Players as a continuing asset to our historic Waldensian heritage and confers upon Vickie McGuire Hyde, the honorary title Distinguished Valdese Citizen;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Valdese to be affixed this 4th day of June, 2018.

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

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT-JONAH SEVERT, 412 ITALY STREET NE, VALDESE Mr. Severt informed Council that he would like to construct and install two concrete corn-hole boards behind Old Rock School. Mr. Severt would like to strategically place the bean bags at local sites which would encourage players to explore the town to find them before playing. Mr. Severt has met with Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi to discuss this project. Town Manger Seth Eckard shared that this project has been reviewed and approved by staff.

VALDESE LAKESIDE PARK-BETH HEILE, 5291 MINERAL SPRINGS MOUNTAIN AVE, VALDESE Friends of the Valdese Rec President Beth Heile reported that Saturday was National Trails Day and parks across the nation were having events to get people off their couches and out onto the trails. FVR hosted a trails event with the support of the Valdese Recreation Department at Valdese Lakeside Park. Ms. Heile shared that the event ran Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with approximately 70 participants. Participants were able to choose from five different activities: trail run, bike orienteering event, hiking, disc golf lessons, or socializing with others. Ms. Heile shared that

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FVR has posted signs and placed info boxes with maps at the gates. Ms. Heile shared a note of thanks to Mayor and Council' "please accept my deepest thanks for your support in acquiring this property and allowing our community to get out there and explore nature with beautiful lake views."

LAUREL STREET- DAN HOYLE, 413 BOUCHARD AVE, VALDESE Mr. Hoyle wished to express his concern regarding the dangers of Laurel Street. His main concerns are the area where it curves, speeding vehicles and blind intersections at Walnut and Bouchard. Mr. Hoyle stated that he is here tonight to ask Council to look at the situation and others like it all around town, with fresh eyes, asking if there is anything that can be done to make drivers realize the dangers of this road and encourage them to slow down. Mr. Hoyle offered the idea of a speed bump, three way stop intersection and/or the issuance of more speeding tickets in the area.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE-BLENDA ICARD, 409 PINEBURR AVE SW, VALDESE Ms. Icard informed Council that she was in favor of the proposed animal control ordinance. Ms. Icard expressed her concern about the existing animal control ordinance, referencing an incident where a dog bit her daughter 26 times, was deemed dangerous, but still allowed to remain in town with its owner. Town Manager Seth Eckard said that staff would investigate this matter.

SERVICE-GLENN HARVEY, 404 LOUISE AVE NE, VALDESE Mr. Harvey shared that he was bringing a message on behalf of a number of citizens who have been raising a lot of questions recently. Mr. Harvey stated that the group understands the town has a lot of major issues to deal with and recognizes the responsibility that each member of council has taken on when they agreed to serve on the board. Mr. Harvey stated that the group wanted to express their appreciation for Council's service, share that they will not stop asking questions, and would like "everyone here to join in on applauding you for what you do for us and for what you continue to do for us."

CARLA BERRY, 204 COLOMBO STREET NW, VALDESE Ms. Berry commented that she has spent her entire life in Valdese, sharing some of her favorite memories and places to visit; noting that many of those places are still in town. Ms. Berry stated that if you ask 40 people about anything, you will have 40 different opinions. Ms. Berry encouraged everyone "that in whatever we do we have compromise, compassion for each other and that we go towards a goal of making Valdese the very best we can make it."

Mayor Black thanked everyone for attending and for their participation, expressing his delight to have so many citizens at the meeting. Mr. Black referenced Mr. Harvey's comment about a group of citizens who have asked some questions and had some issues they are concerned about, stating that he wants to make sure that any issues, concerns, and questions are addressed correctly and accurately. Mr. Black suggested that Mr. Harvey meet with his group, and any other interested parties, to determine a time that they would like to have a meeting and offered to provide the community room at town hall for this meeting. Mr. Black promised to make himself and Town Manager Seth Eckard available to attend this meeting to hear more about their concerns and questions, and to make sure that everyone understands the limitations of what can and cannot be done; perhaps clarifying some of the issues or concerns. Mr. Black asked Mr. Harvey to provide him the details of the meeting as soon as he is able to schedule it.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2018

APPROVED VALDESE ABC BOARD TRAVEL POLICY

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The following guidelines will be used as a travel policy for all employees traveling on Valdese ABC Board business:

1. Reimbursement of travel expenses-

Meals will be covered on a per day rate. (Based on the current Federal Per Diem Rate) The Federal Per Diem Rates listing (found online at www.gsa.gov) is updated on an annual basis in October. If the traveler's destination is not listed on the website, the standard rate is used.

When traveling to attend a conference, where some meals are provided by the conference, remaining meals not provided by the conference will be eligible for reimbursement on a reasonable and actual basis (receipts required).

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When on a trip not involving an over-night stay, expenses (i.e. mileage, meals) will be eligible for reimbursement on a reasonable and actual basis (receipts required).

Lodging will be covered for reasonable and actual cost (receipt required). Unless attending a conference, the Federal Per Diem Listing should be used as a guideline in determining reasonable cost.

2. Board credit cards may be used to reserve lodging. Travel related cost however, should not be charged to the credit cards. All travel expenses will be covered through travel advances and / or reimbursements.
3. It is the responsibility of the General Manager to determine which meal allowances are eligible for reimbursement to employees for partial day travel. Reimbursement will be for reasonable and actual cost (receipt required).
4. All requests for travel expense reimbursement (i.e. meals, lodging, mileage, etc.) must be accompanied by a travel expense report.
5. Other issues-
 - Transportation: As a general rule, it is the Board's policy that an employee is authorized to use a private vehicle and be reimbursed at the current standard mileage rate. The current standard rate shall be the same as paid by the Town of Valdese following the IRS rate.
 - Telephone: Any employee traveling out of town and staying overnight will be allowed a personal telephone call up to \$4 per night. Board business related calls will be paid by the Board.
 - Registration: Registration fees are generally paid in advance directly to the vendor, not from travel advance.
 - Advances: The Board does permit employees to request advances whenever an estimated trip cost exceed \$25. If the cost is less than \$25, employee must seek reimbursement when the trip is completed.

Adopted the 21st day of May, 2018 by the Valdese ABC Board of Directors.

Approved this the 4th day of June, 2018.

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

Attest: /s/ Town Clerk

APPROVED FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2018, TAX LIEN ADVERTISING DATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

APPROVED VEDIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS The VEDIC Board of Directors recommended the reappointment of Christian Ramazzini and Eddie McGlimsey, and the appointment of Thomas Winfield to the VEDIC Board. The three-year-terms will expire July 1, 2021.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

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WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service or that plans to provide public water service and each large community water system shall, either individually or together with other units of local government and large community water systems, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for the Town of Valdese, has been developed and submitted to the Valdese Town Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Valdese Town Council finds that the Local Water Supply Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the Town of Valdese, as well as useful information to the Department of Environmental Quality for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Valdese Town Council of the Town of Valdese that the Local Water Supply Plan entitled, Town of Valdese Local Water Supply Plan for the year 2017 is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valdese Town Council intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 4th day of June, 2018.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

APPROVED RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT AT OLD ROCK SCHOOL Lease agreement with Dream Connections for rental space at the Old Rock School, in the amount of \$970 per month.

APPROVED AGREEMENT WITH WPCOG FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORTING THE WESTERN PIEDMONT STORMWATER PARTNERSHIP An agreement with WPCOG for assistance in supporting the Western Piedmont Stormwater Partnership for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$2,111. The partnership fee is the same as the previous two fiscal years.

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

End Consent Agenda

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES Police Chief Jack Moss introduced Police Officer Brian Smith. Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth introduced Meter Technician Jackson Shonewolf, and Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight introduced Aquatic and Fitness Supervisor David Andersen.

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION REQUEST FROM PUBLIC ART COMMISSION Public Art Commission Chair Linda Rostan thanked Council for their support of the upcoming train project for the 125th celebration. Ms. Rostan requested approval of a concept of adding an addition to the platform on which the train will be placed. The idea is to add more interest in the area by designing a railway like walk way, leading to a depot. Ms. Rostan stated that at the time of the arrival of the new settlers, there was not a depot, the depot the Commission plans to install is more like a gazebo. The walkway will be ADA compliant and will have gentle curves and rises. The gazebo will be made of materials that will require as little maintenance as possible. The Committee would also like to add some trees and shrubbery that would be indigenous to our area now, as well as when the original settlers arrived. Funds for this project will be secured through private donations and fundraising.

Councilman Delp made a motion to approve the Public Art Commission request to expand the commemorative art project to include a walkway and gazebo, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING Fire Chief Charlie Watts informed Council that staff has been monitoring the structural faults in the public safety building for a number of years with no marginal change in those characteristics. Chief Watts stated that the extreme cold the area experienced in January created two additional cracks in the floor that weren't there previously and also worsened the cracks in the walls that had existed prior to that time. Chief Watts stated that these changes brought the structural integrity of the building into question. Chief Watts met with representatives of West & Associates and was advised that review by a structural engineer was recommended because what was in the building was beyond their expertise. Chief Watts then contacted C. Michael Alberto, III and requested an inspection of the facility. Mr. Alberto conducted a forensic inspection of the building and made recommendations based on his findings. Chief Watts shared that this report had been distributed to Council for their review and that a copy of the report can be found on the Town's website. Chief Watts highlighted the findings in Mr. Alberto's report.

Town Manager Seth Eckard stated that the building is not in any immediate danger of collapse. Mr. Alberto stated that isolated damage could occur if there were an extreme event such as a tornado. Chief Watts indicated that minimal repairs; such as, putting braces up on the outside of the building every so often and bracing the wall will be made to buy some time over the next couple of years to allow the Town to create an action plan. Mr. Eckard stated that the

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Town is currently considering three options: renovate the current structure, usefulness of the BB&T building, and building a new facility. Mr. Eckard stated that the assistance of professionals is important during this process to ensure the best investment for Valdese. Mr. Eckard stated that long term solutions will be studied closely and presented to Council during next year's budget process.

Chief Watts introduced Ken Newell of SCN Architects, sharing that he selected this firm as they specialize in fire and police departments. Mr. Newell highlighted his proposal and stated that he will not duplicate the work that Mr. Alberto has already completed. Mr. Newell will develop a written program for every interior and exterior space associated with both departments, evaluate long term and short term needs of the departments, study the BB&T facility to determine if one or both departments would fit, and study the existing public safety building. SCN Architects will review the report created by Mr. Alberto and give recommendations on the existing building to determine if its use as a public safety building should be continued. SCN will also provide preliminary design options including rough estimate construction cost projections for the aforementioned buildings.

Mayor Black asked Mr. Newell if his position as an architect would influence the decision to renovate or build new and asked if entering into this contract for design services and feasibility study would bind the Town to further contract with SCN Architects. Mr. Newell stated that his firm provides various services across North Carolina and that many times it makes more sense to renovate and/or add to existing facilities than to build new. Mr. Newell stated that the Town has no obligation to contract with his firm after the study is complete; however, one benefit of using SCN for this process is that credit would be applied to future invoices for work already performed if the Town did decide to further contract with SCN.

Councilman Ogle asked if there was a way to explore options without entering into a contract. Town Manager Seth Eckard stated that staff did not have the expertise to make the necessary determinations and recommendations.

Councilman Delp stated that he didn't think Council should be asked to make an informed decision without being informed of the available options and what it may cost. Mr. Delp felt it was important to have someone that knows what they are talking about to assist with this process.

Councilwoman Stevenson said she felt it was important to have the proper information so we do not end up with this problem again. This will help us make the right decision.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to enter into a contract with Stewart Cooper Newall Architects for design services and a feasibility study in the amount of \$17,500, and to authorize the town manager to sign the contract, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The motion passed with voting as follows: Stevenson-aye, Delp-aye, Sweezy-aye. Opposed: Councilman Ogle.

OFFER TO PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR 225 MAIN STREET E, VALDESE Town Manager Seth Eckard presented Council with the option to purchase the BB&T building located at 225 Main Street E, Valdese, for \$400,000. Mr. Eckard informed Council that this does not commit the Town to purchase the building, rather it allows the Town a 60 day to perform due-diligence with the facility so that an informed decision can be made at the August meeting. Mr. Eckard informed Council that there is \$20,000 of earnest money that needs to be deposited. Further stating that the Town would receive those funds back if we chose to not proceed with the purchase of the property. The town will provide insurance liability coverage while the usefulness of the building is being studied by SCN Architects and staff.

Town Attorney Marc Mitchell informed Council that this is not really an option to purchase, if approved, Council will be entering into a contract to purchase the property. Mr. Mitchell further stated that Council will need to cancel this within the 60-day window if they decided they do not wish to purchase the parcel. Mr. Mitchell finished by stating that there isn't much difference between the wordings, but he wished to stress the importance of Council taking action if they later decided to not pursue this.

Councilman Delp asked if the purpose of this was to keep someone else from buying it first. Town Manager shared that BB&T would have placed this building on the market for a higher price.

Councilman Ogle noted that the Town receives \$5,500 in taxes and the County receives \$7,500 with this parcel on the tax scroll. If the Town purchases the building, that revenue will no longer be received.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to authorize the town manager to sign a purchase contract and deposit \$20,000 in earnest money into an escrow account for the purchase of the BB&T Building located at 225 Main Street E,

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Valdese, seconded by Councilman Delp. The motion passed with voting as follows: Stevenson-aye, Delp-aye, Sweezy-aye. Opposed: Councilman Ogle.

ORDINANCE SETTING SPEED LIMIT FOR HOYLE STREET

ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR HOYLE STREET AT 25 MPH

WHEREAS, there has been some question as to whether the speed limit for Hoyle Street is 25 mph for both north and south bound lanes; and

WHEREAS, the town council intends that the speed limit for Hoyle Street be 25 miles per hour, and it is therefore adopting this ordinance in order to confirm that the speed limit for Hoyle Street, both north and south bound, shall be 25 miles per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Valdese Town Council that Hoyle Street is added to Appendix I, Section 116, of the Code of Ordinances, the section where streets with a 25 mile per hour speed limit are listed.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2018.

/s/ John F. Black, Jr.

ATTEST: /s/Town Clerk

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

ADOPTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth informed Council that this ordinance was a complete rewrite of the existing Animal Control Ordinance. Notable revisions are: clearer definitions, dangerous dogs section and inclusion of an appeal process. **(Note: Ordinance may be found in Ordinance Book No. 9)**

Councilman Ogle made a motion to adopt the Animal Control Ordinance as presented, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

AWARD OF BID FOR VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT Water Resources Director Greg Padgett provided an update on the Valve Replacement Project. Project Manager RJ Moseley of McGill Associates presented a bid tabulation for the informal bid process for the Valve Replacement Project. McGill Associates is recommending the award be made to Iron Mountain Construction Co. The project will replace two 24" butterfly valves that are part of the main water transition line from the water plant to the tanks on the other side of town. This project is expected to be completed by July 4, 2018. The bid is higher than what was allocated through the Capital Improvement Plan for this project; however, the impact on the budget should be limited as the Town acquired grant funds that can be used towards this project. Mr. Moseley stated the McGill Associates solicited bids from four companies; Iron Mountain Construction Co. was the only responsive bidder.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to award the bid for the Valve Replacement Project to Iron Mountain Construction Co. in the total bid amount of \$63,459.00, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018 The budget was submitted to the Valdese Town Council on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Town Manager Seth Eckard said, "Honorable Mayor Black and Members of the Valdese Town Council: It is my pleasure to respectfully submit to you the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. The proposed total of the FY 2018-2019 budget is \$10,435,336. The proposed budget includes a total General Fund Budget of \$5,681,270 and a total Utility Fund Budget of \$4,754,066. The proposed budget ad valorem tax rate will remain the same, at 54.5 cents per \$100 valuation. Economic Improvements and Constraints - The FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget continues existing service levels while striving for a balanced financial foundation. The Town of Valdese is showing signs of moderate economic growth as is evident by low unemployment numbers and historically high sales tax revenues. The Town has successfully continued the slow process of addressing major capital projects with the funds generated by the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 tax increase.

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Anticipated state collected local revenues have been calculated utilizing data supplied by the North Carolina League of Municipalities and local economic data. The Town is anticipating small increases in most of these revenue sources as a result of an improving local, state, and national economy.

The Town of Valdese successfully recruited Valdese Water Recycling Inc., to our community. Valdese Water Recycling Inc. will redevelop the blighted former Burke Mills and Alba Waldensian Warehouse properties. Valdese Water Recycling Inc. proposes approximately two million dollars of capital investment and the creation 12 new jobs. The North Carolina Department of Commerce awarded the Town a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to demolish the dilapidated Alba Waldensian Warehouse property.

The only unoccupied manufacturing building, of quality, left in Valdese is the Valdese Textiles building located on HWY 70. The Town of Valdese is working diligently with the property owner to find a suitable business that will create a significant number of jobs and proposes to make a substantial capital investment.

General Fund - In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Town plans to make strategic capital investments amongst all departments to ensure efficient and effective service delivery as well as continue to repair our aging infrastructure. The General Fund Budget reflects expenditures of \$298,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for projects across multiple departments. Highlights include:

General Fund Capital Project Include:

- Replace patrol vehicle with over 185,000 miles in the police department
- Hydraulic combination extraction tool for the fire department
- Replace back hallway flooring in Old Rock School
- Enhance the downtown experience by installing speakers that will play ambient music
- Significant investments to Tiger Gym: replace roof, demolish annex, provide for additional storage, and address gym floor moisture issues
- Paint community center
- Replace 1986 public works bucket truck
- Patch asphalt in identified areas on Cline and Magnolia

Streets:

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget, the Town completed four street resurfacing projects. The Town of Valdese will continue to service the debt on the existing street resurfacing loan and make plans for another round of paving projects scheduled to take place in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

Fire Department / Police Department Building:

It has come to the Town's attention that the existing fire and police department building has reached the end of its useful life. Over the next twelve-months, staff will investigate short and long-term solutions for both departments.

Employee Classification / Salary Study / Personnel Policy:

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget, the Town of Valdese will partner with a human resources consultant to revise our employee classification database, salary grades, and personnel policy. Our goal is to identify how Town of Valdese employee wages compare with other jurisdictions in the region and strategically implement proposed recommendations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. Staff will conduct a complete overhaul of our personnel policy to ensure it is up-to-date with current human resources best practices and complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

Utility Fund - The Utility Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is \$4,754,066.

In the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget, the Town conducted a comprehensive capital improvement plan for the utility system. The study revealed that the Town has pressing needs which should be addressed to ensure high-quality water and wastewater treatment for our citizens. The Town is heading into implementation year three of our 10-year plan.

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The Capital Improvement Plan contains a recommended funding model that restructures our utility rates to ensure that we will be able to pay for all of our capital needs. The Town proposes to restore the utility fund balance to a level that will accommodate future projects; this budget proposes a four percent increase in revenues.

The Town of Valdese Utility Capital Improvement Plan calls for several major investments next fiscal year. According to the model, these projects will be paid for by either grants, loans, cash reserves or a combination of the three. Each new project will be presented to the Council for approval once we hear back from various grant funders.

Utility Fund Capital Projects Anticipated to be Completed this Fiscal Year:

- Water Treatment Plant Backup Generator
- 24" Transmission Main Valve Replacement
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Grit System Replacement
- System-wide water meter replacement with smart meters (AMI Technology)
- St. Germaine Water Line Replacement
- Water Treatment Plant Motor Control Center Upgrades
- Waterline replacement projects throughout the entire system

Utility Fund Capital Projects Anticipated to Begin this Fiscal Year:

- Waste Water Treatment Plant Centrifuge Drivers & Controls Upgrade
- Main Street Waterline Replacement
- Conversion to Sodium Hypochlorite System at the Water Treatment Plant

In conclusion I would like to thank the dedicated employees of the Town for their hard work and good stewardship of the Town's resources. These people work hard and take pride in carrying out their duties. I would like to thank Mayor Black and the Town Council for their dedication in carrying out their responsibilities in providing leadership and guidance during the budgeting process." Mr. Eckard asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to set the public hearing for the FY 2018-2019 budget on Monday, June 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS Finance Director Jerry LaMaster presented the following budget amendments:

Budget Amendment No. 16

Subject: Thermal Camera

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>
10.5300.740	Capital Equip	6,000	
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Total		\$ 6,000	\$
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This will result in a net increase of \$ 6,000 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide funding for the above, the following revenue budgets will be

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increased. These additional revenues have already been received.

Acct.		
<u>No.</u>		
10.3970.302 From Capital Reserve		6,000
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Total	\$	\$ 6,000
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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.

Budget Amendment No. 17

Subject: Earnest Money for Old BB&T Building

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>			
10.5100.720 Capital Outlay Bldgs		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
		20,000	
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Total		\$ 20,000	\$
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This will result in a net increase of \$20,000 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>		
10.3990.000 Fund Balance		20,000
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Total	\$	\$ 20,000
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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.

Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the two aforementioned budget amendments, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Delp shared that he agrees with Mr. Hoyle's comments about the dangers of Laurel Road and hopes that something can be done before something tragic happens. Mr. Delp shared with Council that a recent newspaper article alleged that Mr. Delp built a fence to hide the view of his neighbor's yard. Mr. Delp continued to say, "I don't know how anyone knows why I constructed a fence other than me but 27 years ago when that fence was constructed, my neighbor's house was very nice and that fence was constructed at the request of my daughter who wanted to lay in the back yard without being looked at by passing cars or other houses

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in the area. That fence had nothing to do with the looks of the neighbor's house as was printed in the News Herald." Mr. Delp encouraged people to take time and find out the truth before placing information in the newspaper.

Councilman Ogle asked Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi about damage to one of the flower beds at Old Rock School. Ms. Angi shared that this damage had been noticed and will be addressed; unfortunately, the cameras at Old Rock School did not capture how it occurred. Mr. Ogle commented that the street light that Duke just installed in front of Family Dollar has already been damaged.

Councilwoman Stevenson expressed her gratitude for all of the Town's staff and thanked them for how hard they have been working, commenting on how much has been happening within the town lately.

Mayor Black informed Council that he received a letter from VEDIC Executive Director Kerri Poteat. Mr. Black shared that many years ago, the Town Council was wise enough to establish the VEDIC loan program. During the last 18 months, VEDIC has made loans of \$1,340,000 to 22 businesses; 16 of these businesses are in Burke County. These loans resulted in the creation of 439 full-time jobs and 163 part-time jobs. Mr. Black shared how significant these results are as the program was started with approximately \$5,000. Mr. Black congratulated Council on the success of this program.

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

For the second year in a row, the Town has been awarded the AWOP Award for superior water quality.

The Fall Citizens Academy is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6 p.m. The Academy will run for seven weeks, one day a week. Mr. Eckard encouraged the public to join. Participation is limited to 20 individuals; however, accommodations can be made if necessary.

Next Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018, 6 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration, Friday, June 29, 2018, 7 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (a)(5) To establish, or 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 7:28 p.m., Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to recess into Closed Session Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) to establish or 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 Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 7:39 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT At 7:40 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Delp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor