

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, October 3, 2016, 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 Gary L. Delp, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were Town Manager Seth Eckard, Town Attorney Marc Mitchell, Deputy Town Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney, 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:

KEN STETTLER, 200 LOUISE AVENUE, REPRESENTING GUIGOU BROTHERS REGARDING DOWNTOWN PARKING Mr. Stettler said they had five buildings (four retail and one restaurant) they lease Downtown Valdese, and there were parking issues at all of their buildings. They all were having problems with space for their customers to park and this issue has been going on for years but it had gotten worse lately because the business owners and employees were parking on Main Street all day long. He recommended going to two-hour parking from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He said 100 Main Restaurant was having issues getting customers in during the lunch hour. He recommended issuing parking tickets. He said the parking lot at Main/Italy has employees parking in that lot and the new lot which cost the Town \$60,000 was vacant.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

APPROVED RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT AT OLD ROCK SCHOOL WITH DAVID HARMON STUDIOS Lease Agreement for rental space at the Old Rock School in the amount of \$283 per month.

APPROVED RENEWAL OF LEASE WITH STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION FOR LOCATION OF ATM ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY Lease for ATM located on Town-owned property near the Police/Fire Complex. The terms are \$350 per month for three years.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ZONING AMENDMENT - PLANNING UNIT DEVELOPMENTS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

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:

REAPPOINTMENT TO VALDESE HOUSING AUTHORITY The reappointment of Miriam Vaught for another five-year term. The term would expire October 31, 2021.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned reappointment, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION - DOWNTOWN TWO-HOUR PARKING Town Manager Seth Eckard offered a brief background which was discussed at the September 6th Council meeting. He offered another option for a three or four hour parking limit on Main Street. Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi offered photos of the downtown area and there was consistency with the same vehicles parking on Main Street on a daily basis.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to establish a 3 hour parking limit, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, a fee of \$25 to be charged for violations on the following streets: Main Street from Praley Street to Eldred Street, plus North and South Rodoret Street and Faet Street, SW. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sweezy.

Councilman Ogle amended his motion to include a one month warning after the November Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Sweezy.

Mayor Black requested that Mr. Eckard work with the Town Attorney to update the Town Code regarding Downtown Parking for the November Council meeting.

Mr. Eckard said staff would include a map of the perimeters of the downtown area that was affected and the Downtown Merchants would be notified, information posted on the Town's website and a CodeRed® message would be sent out.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION - RELOCATION OF TOWN HALL HANDICAP PARKING West Consultants Representative Benjie Thomas presented several options to relocate handicap parking to the front of the building. He said there would need to be two handicap parking spaces at Town Hall.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to go with the option with two handicap parking spaces on the front, right side of the building and do away with the handicap parking on each side of the building in an estimated amount of \$11,700, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eckard said West Consultants would provide an award of bid for the November agenda for relocation of handicap parking spaces at Town Hall and there would also need to be a Budget Amendment.

BUDGET AMENDMENT Finance Director Jerry LaMaster presented the following amendment:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10 - STREET CRACK SEALING PROJECT

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.

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, 2017:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
10.5700.150 Maint & Repair	<u>84,000</u>	
Total	<u>\$84,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$84,000 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.

10.3991.000 Powell Bill Fund Balance		<u>84,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$84,000</u>

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.

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

PRESENTATION OF SAFETY AWARDS – FIRE CHIEF CHARLIE WATTS Chief Watts presented the following awards and he commended the Department Heads and he thanked Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth for holding a weekly safety meeting for his employees:

Community Affairs 5 years

Parks & Recreation	5 years
Administration	28 years
Fire	1 Gold
Police	2 Gold
Public Works	9 years
Triple Water	3 Gold
Water	7 years

AWARD OF BID FOR LADDER TRUCK Fire Chief Charlie Watts said the bid was with Pierce Manufacturing and Atlantic Emergency Solutions for a Pierce Enforcer 75' Heavy Duty Aluminum Ladder Truck for the Fire Department in the amount of \$851,097. The delivery date was approximately 12-13 months.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the bid for the aforementioned ladder truck, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GYM UPGRADES Councilman Delp recommended everyone go by the gym to see the upgrades.

MCGALLIARD FALLS PARK Councilwoman Stevenson commended the Public Works staff and Councilman Delp and his wife for all the hard work. The park looks great and the recent event was very nice.

TEACHERS COTTAGE Councilwoman Hildebran said she recently picked up a friend's granddaughter from Valdese Elementary School and as she waited in line she noticed the Teachers Cottage looked really bad and recommended that the front door be painted. She said the Industrial Arts Building looked bad as well. These buildings are an eye sore in the community.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

BLUEGRASS AT THE ROCK BEGINS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

"TREATS IN THE STREETS," MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016, 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., WITH COSTUME CONTEST AT WELLS FARGO PARKING LOT AT 6:00 P.M.

UPDATE ON ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENTS Mr. Eckard reported that the Online Utility Payments Program went live this date. He commended Planning Director Larry Johnson and Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi for their hard work on this project.

UPDATE ON RECYCLING PROGRAM Mr. Eckard said the new recycling bins had been delivered to Valdese residents and he said recycling would be collected this Wednesday for the east side of Town and the following Wednesday for the west side of Town. Recycling would be picked up every other week. He said there were cards attached to the recycling bins explaining everything that could be recycled.

TOWN E-MAIL ADDRESS Mr. Eckard said staff was in the process of changing the e-mail addresses.

At 7:05 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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