

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL/JOINT DINNER MEETING WITH VALDESE MERCHANTS  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met jointly with the Valdese Merchants for the Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old Rock School, Waldensian Room.

The following were present: Mayor John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilman Gary Delp, and Councilman Roy Sweezy. Also present were Town Manager Seth Eckard, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, and Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi.

Absent: Councilwoman Susan Stevenson

A quorum was present and no action was taken.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Black welcomed everyone and thanked the business owners for investing their time and money into the Town of Valdese. He offered the invocation and invited everyone to enjoy dinner catered by Myra's Catering. There were approximately 50 downtown merchants and building owners in attendance.

After dinner, Mayor Black presented the following proclamation to Larry Earp:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING LARRY EARP**

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize and promote a sense of community through the support of friendship of neighbors working with one another to make our community welcoming and prosperous; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are the backbone of our economy, providing jobs, revenues, and investments; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp moved to Valdese, North Carolina in 1977 and continues to live here today; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp is a member of the First Baptist Church in Valdese; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp has been a member of the Valdese Rotary Club for thirty-five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp has been a business owner in Valdese for over forty years; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp has provided countless jobs to Valdese and Burke County residents over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp continuously coordinates and participates in town events to promote our community

**WHEREAS**, Larry Earp, in 2000, started Myra's Cruise-In which continues today and is a vital attraction in the town of Valdese.

**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 proclamation, the outstanding contribution that Larry Earp has made to Valdese and the entire community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Valdese to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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

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Town Manager Seth Eckard offered a brief overview of the following: Downtown Streetscape Improvements project, Public WiFi usage, Electric Vehicle Charging Station usage, Treats in the Streets, Fire Department's new ladder fire truck, Valdese Family Splash Park, Valdese Lakeside Park, upgrades at Children's Park and McGalliard Falls Park, and the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

At 7:56 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

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Town Clerk

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