

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2021**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, April 12, 2021, 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 J. Andrew Thompson, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were: Town Attorney Marc Mitchell, Town Manager Seth Eckard, Deputy Town Clerk Jessica Lail, and various department heads.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**909 W MAIN ST- KAY DRAUGHN, 108 W END STREET SW., VALDESE:** Ms. Draughn read the following statement: For the record, my name is Kay Honeycutt Draughn and I reside at 108 W. End Street SW in Valdese with my husband, David. We are adjoining property owners to the 13-year public nuisance located at 909 W. Main Street which is on your agenda tonight for code enforcement action, hopefully for the last time. As the Town Council is fully aware, this property has been a huge safety issue, a public nuisance and a violation of the minimum housing ordinance for almost two decades. How much longer is the Town going to allow this condemned structure to remain standing? How much longer is the Town going to allow this condemned structure to deface, degrade and disparage the western entrance to Valdese? How much longer is the Town going to allow this condemned structure to remain a safety hazard? It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt or dies. If this happens, the Town is just as guilty and liable as the property owners. How much longer is the Town going to allow this condemned structure to degrade our property values and our neighbor's property values? How much longer is the Town going to victimize its tax-paying, law-abiding residents by failing to resolve a 13-year problem? Not much longer, I hope.

Tonight, you have the opportunity to end 13 years of complaints. Tonight, you have the opportunity to do the right thing, the lawful thing, which is to approve the ordinance to demolish the public nuisance located at 909 W. Main St. and to approve the associated budget amendment.

Tonight, you have the opportunity to honor and fulfill the oaths you swore on the Bible which were to uphold the laws of the Town of Valdese, the laws of the State of NC and the laws of the United States to the best of your ability.

Tonight, you have the opportunity to remove slum and blight from the western entrance to the Town of Valdese. Tonight, you have the opportunity to send a strong and powerful message to other property owners that are violating the Town's ordinances—a message that says, "code violations will not be tolerated any longer so get your house in order". Tonight, you have an opportunity to abate a dangerous environment in our neighborhood before someone gets hurt.

Tonight, you will hear evidence from Mr. Todd Justice, the Town's own code enforcement officer hired to enforce its minimum housing ordinance. Mr. Justice is an expert in his field, he has followed all the statutes, procedures, and protocols. He has provided everything the TC needs to make a sound and legal decision. In fact, Mr. Justice has followed the general statutes and the Town's ordinances on this property not once, not twice but three (3) times because of ownership changes. David and I, as well as our neighbors, have waited patiently every single time the 3-month mandatory abatement process started over. Finally, the clock ran out, the current owners, a resident of Virginia and Mr. Deal, a Morganton resident, failed to take the proper action as required by the condemnation order issued by Mr. Justice.

David and I have tried to talk to each TC member before the meeting to ask for your support once again. Let me take a moment to address some of the comments we heard:

1. The demolition cost is too high.
2. There are other homes on Main Street that look worse than this one.
3. That house is structurally sound and could be repaired.

First, the price of the demolition was competitively bid out and the lowest bid is \$25,000. If that cost is more than the Town can afford, have the Town's employees tear it down. The Town has all the expertise and equipment it needs to do the job at a fraction of the cost. However, based on market conditions, we believe this cost is reasonable and whatever costs are incurred, a lien for that amount will be placed on the property.

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The Town will eventually recoup any costs incurred. Code enforcement exists to preserve and enhance the safety, appearance and economic vitality of the Town. Any monies spent on code enforcement is a worthwhile long-term investment. While we're on the subject of money, let me remind you that several years ago the Town assessed Mr. Deal, a former owner who created this mess and still has a financial interest in the property, over \$12,000 in fines. What happened to the fines? The Town staff doesn't know, and they couldn't find any records indicating that Mr. Deal paid them. In addition, last year the Town assessed Mr. Deal \$600 in fines for yardwork that have not been paid as of April 9th. According to the documentation, these fines were supposed to become a tax lien on the property if the invoices were not paid within 15 days. Why weren't the liens filed? Further, according to the Burke Co. Tax Administrator, some of the 2020 property taxes have not been paid.

Regarding the second statement, it is irrelevant whether there are other structures on Main Street with violations. The only relevant item before the TC tonight is to approve the ordinance to demolish a structure that is unsafe and unfit for human habitation.

Regarding the third statement, the house is not structurally sound based on factual evidence set forth in the Notice of Violations submitted by the Town's code enforcement officer and the time to repair the property has long since expired. Again, the only relevant item before the TC tonight is to approve the ordinance to demolish a structure that is unsafe and unfit for human habitation.

Tonight, you have an opportunity to abate a serious safety hazard, to end a 13-year nightmare for surrounding law-abiding property owners and the opportunity to right numerous wrongs of the past. Do not give the current owners an opportunity to deceive you again with any last-minute plans to convert the condemned structure into a bed and breakfast. The time to rehabilitate the property has long since passed so why are they being granted an opportunity to present to the TC? They've been given ample opportunities to comply with the Town's ordinances and have failed each time. Don't feel sorry for the property owners. When given the chance to sell the property, several good purchase offers were recently refused.

As requested by the Town's professional staff, its code enforcement officer and the neighbors, please approve the ordinance to demolish a structure that is unsafe and unfit for human habitation as presented. It's easy to fulfill your duty and put an end to 13 years of aggravation. All you have to do is say "aye" or raise your hand in the affirmative and all this will be over. Thank you.

**909 W. MAIN ST. - STEVE HOLDEN, 3894 MALONEY AVE., GLENN ALPINE:** Mr. Holden, Chief Building Inspector for Burke County, shared with Council that he has been involved with this home since 2007 when a permit was issued. Mr. Holden shared that not much has changed. Mr. Holden explained that the permit never expired due to the crisis with the economy in 2008, where the State allowed owners not to have to complete work as long as they could show a receipt of materials being bought and a little work completed. Mr. Holden explained that next week, Burke County is going to put a notice on the home that says it is unsafe and asking the owner to attend a hearing. Mr. Holden feels that the house is in worse condition now.

**909 W. MAIN ST. – WILL MULLER 610 DIXIE AVE. NW, VALDESE:** Will Mueller submitted the following comment read by Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica Lail: Regarding the empty and, by all appearances, abandoned house and apartment located at 909 W. Main Street, way too much time and effort has been expended on abatement proceedings. According to the WPCOG code enforcement officer Justice, two bids have been submitted for demolition of these structures; company "A", \$25,000; and company "B", \$28,000. It is now time for the Town Council to issue an ordinance for abatement. Issue the ordinance! This town pays good money each year to WPCOG for the services of the code enforcement officer, so let the man do his job. Hopefully, this situation will have a better outcome than the Carver property on Bass St. That property, to all appearances, is still just as full of junk as it has been for at least the eleven years that my wife and I have lived in Valdese. If more can be done to clean up that property, please do it. In summation, two properties; 909 Main Street and Bass Street, are unsightly, do not represent Valdese or its values, and should be TOTALLY abated. Please act on this tonight. Signed: Will Mueller, town resident

Mayor Black reminded Council that in the Rules and Procedures, Section 5, Public Comment section, that any citizens that want to address the Council would sign up to speak with the Town Clerk. Mayor Black said normally, we ask citizens to appear in person to speak but since the COVID-19 pandemic, citizens have been allowed to submit written comments to be read. Mayor Black asked Council if they wanted to continue to allow written comments or if we would ask for the citizen to come in-person. Councilman Ogle suggested that we continue to allow written comments while we are still dealing with COVID-19. All other Council members agreed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** (enacted by one motion)

**APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021**

**APPROVED BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021**

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP, APRIL 10-24, 2021**

**APPROVED ORDINANCE DECLARING ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE TOWN OF VALDESE ANNUAL EVENTS:**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING  
ROAD CLOSURE FOR TOWN  
OF VALDESE SPECIAL EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese desires to schedule an Independence Day Celebration, Annual Waldensian Festival; Treats in the Streets; and the Annual Valdese Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, part of US 70/Main Street in Valdese will need to be closed for each of these special events; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 20-169 provides that local authorities shall have power to provide by ordinance for the regulation of the use of highways by processions or assemblages;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese pursuant to G.S. 20-169 that the following portion of the State Highway System be closed during the times set forth below:

2021 Independence Day Celebration (*Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St*) on July 2, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM.

2021 Waldensian Festival Kickoff Celebration (*Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St*) on August 13, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM.

2021 Waldensian Festival Celebration (*Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St*) on August 14, 2021 from 5:30 AM until 11:00 PM.

2021 Valdese Treats in the Streets (*Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St*) on October 31, 2021 from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM.

2021 Valdese Christmas Parade (*Description of Closure: 1.19 mi. US 70 Main St from Hoyle St to Eldred St*) on December 4, 2021 from 9:30 AM until 12 Noon.

Signs shall be erected giving notice of the limits and times of these street closures as required by G.S. 20-169. THIS, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Town Clerk

**APPROVED REQUEST FROM WALDENSIAN STYLE WINES TO SELL WINE AT ANNUAL EVENTS:**

Waldensian Style Wines has been authorized to sell wine at the Craft Market event on May 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Independence Day Celebration on July 2, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Waldensian Festival events on August 13 & 14, 2021.

**APPROVED REQUEST FROM OLD COLONY PLAYERS TO SELL ALCOHOL AT ANNUAL EVENTS:**

Old Colony Players has been authorized to sell beer at the Family Friday nights summer concert series kickoff on May 28, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Independence Day Celebration on July 1, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Family Friday nights summer concert series finale on September 3, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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:** Due to a scheduling conflict, no employees were present to be introduced.

**PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH PROPERTY (909 MAIN ST):** WPCOG Code Enforcement Officer Todd Justice began by calling the property owner of 909 Main St., Ms. Judy Kuniba. Mr. Justice recapped the high points of the violations served and the history within the last year when Mr. Justice was assigned the Town of Valdese. An Order to Demolish was sent to Ms. Kuniba with a 90-day deadline which expired last month. Mr. Justice explained that since he had issued the Order to Demolish, Ms. Kuniba has hired an Engineer and an Architect to do an assessment of the property to see what it would take to renovate the house fully. Mr. Justice recommends the Town give her more time to complete the assessment. Mr. Justice shared a few things that need to be completed immediately to make the property safe and not dangerous to the public. The home needs to have deadlocks installed to secure anyone from entering. Mr. Justice also shared that the concrete privacy fence at the back of the house is starting to fall over and needs to be addressed.

Ms. Kuniba explained to the Council the history of how she became the home owner after her brother passed away. Due to executor issues, finding documents, COVID-19, and being out of Town, it has taken some time to get where she is today. Ms. Kuniba apologized to Council for the delay. She will get the items completed that were deemed unsafe and wants the structural engineer and architect to see what it would take to renovate.

Mayor Black asked Ms. Kuniba what reasons there are for Council not to proceed with the Order to Demolish. Mayor Black asked the architect to explain what he is planning on doing with the residence. Mike Robbins, the architect, surveyed the home this past December and took some plan dimensions to develop a plan. Mr. Robbins said that the engineer would start working on the house to stabilize the home to meet the Code Enforcements criteria. Mr. Robbins shared that Richard Deal and Judy Kuniba do have a long-term plan, and Ms. Kuniba wants to make a change. Mr. Robbins explained that right now, the most pressing issue is stabilizing the home. Mr. Justice shared that this will take a lot of time and money to get the house stabilized. Councilman Ogle asked Mr. Robbins if he felt the house was salvageable. Mr. Robbins shared that there are unknowns, and right now, they are focused on getting the property safe and work on a long-term plan. Mr. Justice recommends giving it another 90 days.

Councilwoman Hildebran addressed Ms. Kuniba and expressed her sympathy for her brother's passing. Councilwoman Hildebran is concerned that Richard Deal is still involved and shared that he has not been truthful with the Council for the last ten years. Councilwoman Hildebran expressed her reservations in moving forward with this and needs to see more than what Ms. Kuniba is proposing. Councilwoman Hildebran asked Town Attorney Marc Mitchell if we give Ms. Kuniba a timeline would we have to start this process over again. Town Attorney Marc Mitchell said no, based on the Ordinance, Council can defer action. Councilman Sweezy would need to see something completed within the 90 days. Councilwoman Stevenson has concerns with Mr. Deal's involvement but would like to see the home restored.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Mr. Justice would give Council an update in 30 days and it would be placed on the June 28, 2021 Council meeting for reconsideration. Councilman Ogle asked if the garage was included and Mr. Justice shared that it was not because it is not considered a part of the dwelling and not covered in the General Statute.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to continue the consideration of the ordinance for 90 days, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

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**APPROVED TENTATIVE AWARD OF CONTRACT – MCC PROJECT:** Public Services Director Greg Padgett presented a Resolution for a tentative award of contract for the MCC project. The lowest bidder was Smart Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$839,400, and after negotiations, the amount ended at \$789,957. (Other bids: Connelly Springs Electric, Inc., - \$848,195, Lake Electric Company, Inc. - \$962,637, Page Power Systems, Inc., - \$979,471, and ITAC - \$1,012,783)

Councilman Ogle made a motion to award the contract to Smart Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$789,957, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVED OFFER & ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR MCC PROJECT:** Public Services Director Greg Padgett presented a Resolution and an offer and acceptance of funds from the State. Mr. Padgett explained that we will receive \$210,692 in grant money that we will not have to pay back and an \$884,022 loan with zero percent interest to pay back over a 20 year period.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the Offer & Acceptance of Funds, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVED ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR CLINE AVE. BASIN & PUMP STATION UPGRADES:** Public Services Director Greg Padgett presented an Agreement for Engineering Services with McGill Associates, P.A. for Cline Ave. Basin & Pump Station Upgrades Project. Mr. Padgett explained that this project had been approved. Councilman Ogle stated we had to have an engineering contract to complete the project.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the Engineering Contract for the Cline Ave. Basin & Pump Station Upgrades, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

**INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING DISCUSSION:** This item was deferred, no discussion.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION REPEALING SECTION 2-2010 OF THE TOWN ORDINANCES (APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK):** Town Manager Seth Eckard presented the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION REPEALING SECTION 2-2010  
(APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK)  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, Section 2-2010 of the Code of Ordinances provides that the town council shall appoint a town clerk; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-148(1) provides that all city officers and employees not elected by the people whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by law shall be appointed by the town manager; and

WHEREAS, the council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the town if the town manager, as opposed to the town council, appointed the town clerk; and

WHEREAS, upon repeal of Section 2-2010, it would become the town manager's responsibility to appoint the town clerk as provided in G.S. 160A-148(1);

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 2-2010 (Appointment of Town Clerk) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed. This ordinance repeal shall take effect upon adoption.

THIS, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

ATTEST:  
/s/ Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle asked if the Council would still appoint the Town Clerk. Mr. Eckard explained that the Town Manager would be the person to hire and fire this position just like any other Department Head. Councilwoman Hildebran said that the Town Clerk worked for the Council and asked if the Council would

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not be involved in selecting the Clerk. Mayor Black disagreed with that statement. The Council hires and fires the Town Manager and the Town Attorney. Mr. Eckard explained there are some legal issues with the way it is laid out currently. Councilwoman Hildebran does not have an issue with this Resolution because the Deputy Town Clerk does all the work. Mr. Eckard will consult with Council, as he has been when hiring a Town Clerk.

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

**APPROVED UPDATE TO THE SALARY & POSITION GRADE SCHEDULE:** Chief of Police Jack Moss presented Council with an updated Salary & Position Grade Schedule that includes the recommendation of a new position, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. Chief Moss shared that staff met again to discuss the details and all agreed that this position would report to the Chief of Police and would be advertised as a Sworn or Non-sworn Officer. Chief Moss explained that the current Animal Control vehicle would now go to the Police Department for the Officer to use.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer position in the updated Salary & Position Grade Schedule, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**CAPITAL RESERVE ORDINANCE – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN:** Finance Director Bo Weichel presented the following capital reserve ordinance and explained that this comes from the US Department of Treasurer to help the Town with COVID-19 recovery. Mr. Weichel shared that there are guidelines on how you can use the money. Mr. Weichel explained that Council would see some of the money in the budget they will be approving for next FY. Town Manager Seth Eckard said that we have to report to the Department of Treasurer what we are using the funds for.

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
CAPITAL RESERVE ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese that pursuant to Section 18 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital reserve ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The purpose of this reserve fund is to recognize and distribute funding from the American Rescue Plan according to the US Department of Treasury guidelines on eligible items. Eligible items these funds may be used for include replacement of lost revenue due to the pandemic, eligible expenses under the CARES Act, and utility infrastructure. Funds will be fully accumulated by the end of FY 21-22 and must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital reserve within the terms of the program ordinance and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to contribute to this fund:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Account Number</b>
Proceeds for General	\$ 390,000	77.3970.001
Proceeds for Utilities	900,000	77.3970.002
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	\$ 1,290,000	
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Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Account Number</b>
Transfer to General	\$ 390,000	77.4200.740
Transfer to Utilities	900,000	77.8120.740
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	\$ 1,290,000	
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Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Reserve Fund sufficient

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specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to town council required by the program procedures, loan agreement(s), grant agreement(s) and state regulations.

Section 6. The finance officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

Section 7. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of the past and future cost and revenues on this project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 8: Copies of this ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Capital Reserve Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

**CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE – CLINE AVE. BASIN & PUMP STATION UPGRADES:**

Finance Director Bo Weichel presented the following capital project budget ordinance:

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
CLINE AVE. BASIN & PUMP STATION UPGRADES  
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1. The project authorized is **Cline Ave. Basin and Pump Station Upgrades**. Project proposes replacement of aged pipelines and manholes and an aged pump station and force main in the Town of Valdese wastewater collection system. This project proposes to replace approximately 2,200 LF of 8" gravity sewer lines and associated gravity sewer manholes beginning at the existing Cline Avenue Pump Station and extending upstream to Milton Avenue. The project also includes the upgrade of the existing pump station mechanical equipment, discharge piping in the station and approximately 1,575 LF of 8" force main.

The project is to be financed by Division of Water Infrastructure SRP loan of 1.10% interest rate.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the program ordinance and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to contribute to this project:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Assigned Account Number</b>
Utility Fund Contribution	\$ 23,520	50.3000.001
SRP Loan	1,176,000	50.3000.002
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	\$ 1,199,520	
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Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Assigned Account Number</b>
Engineering Report	\$ 22,000	50.8110.100
Design	89,000	50.8110.200
Bidding & Award	7,000	50.8110.300
Construction Admin	72,000	50.8110.400
Planning & Funding Admin	20,000	50.8110.500
Loan Closing Fee	23,520	50.8110.600

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Legal/Admin	5,000	50.8110.700
Construction	961,000	50.8110.800
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	\$ 1,199,520	
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Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to town council required by the program procedures, loan agreement(s), grant agreement(s) and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of the past and future cost and revenues on this project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 9: Copies of this project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2021.

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

ATTEST:  
/s/ Town Clerk

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned capital project budget ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS** Finance Director Bo Weichel presented the following capital project ordinance amendments:

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Capital Project Ordinance Amendment # 5-35

Subject: Public Safety building

Description: To amend capital project ordinance Fund 35  
Phase II environmental site assessment  
Preparation and submittal of Environmental Report for USDA

Proposed Action:  
BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Valdese that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the capital project ordinance for various capital projects funded from a variety of sources is hereby amended as follows:  
Section I:  
Revenues available to the Town to complete the projects are hereby amended as follows:

Account	Description	Decrease/ Debit	Increase/ Credit
35.3480.001	Distributions		17,204
	Total	\$0	\$17,204

Amounts appropriated for capital projects are hereby amended as follows:

Account	Description	Increase/ Debit	Decrease/ Credit
35.5300.041	Professional Services	17,204	
	Total	\$17,204	\$0

Section II:  
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.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Capital Project Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.



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Capital Project Ordinance Amendment # 1-54

Subject: Water Plant Upgrades (MCC)

Description: To amend capital project ordinance Fund 54  
The original CPO was approved at the August 2018 council meeting. In accordance with the amended offer and acceptance, this will increase the loan amount over the original project ordinance.

**Proposed Action:**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Valdese that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the capital project ordinance for various capital projects funded from a variety of sources is hereby amended as follows.

**Section I:**

Revenues available to the Town to complete the projects are hereby amended as follows:

Account	Description	Decrease/ Debit	Increase/ Credit
54.3970.000	Transfer from Utility Fund	16,000	
54.3480.002	State Reserve Loan (0% interest)		251,944
Total		\$16,000	\$251,944

Amounts appropriated for capital projects are hereby amended as follows:

Account	Description	Increase/ Debit	Decrease/ Credit
54.8120.045	ER/EID Prep	16,224	
54.8120.041	Loan Admin Fee	4,841	
54.8120.760	Construction	171,086	
54.8120.900	Contingency	43,793	
Total		\$235,944	\$0

**Section II:**

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 Hildebran made a motion to approve the aforementioned Capital Project Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Town Manager Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

Town Council & Staff Spring Litter Sweep volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Due to the part-time employee helping pick up litter, there may not be a need for this day. Council will be notified if this is canceled.

Town Council Budget Workshop Dinner Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2021, Old Rock School, Waldensian Room, 6:00 p.m.

Old Colony Players Presents: The Wizard of Oz, April 23-24, 29-30, 2021 & May 1, 6-8, 2021 at the Fred B. Cranford Amphitheatre, visit oldcolonyplayers.com for tickets.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor Black thanked Council and staff for working so hard on this agenda.

Councilman Ogle referred back to Ms. Kay Draughn's public comment on the Town staff not having record of Mr. Deal's fines being waived. Councilman Ogle remembers that Council did waive the fines and feels it is in the minutes. Town Manager said that staff could not find it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:16 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor