

**TOWN OF VALDESE
QUORUM PRESENT – Citizens Input Meeting Regarding Possible 6 cents Tax Increase
FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016**

On Friday, April 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m., the first session of the Citizens Input Meeting Regarding Possible 6 cents Tax Increase was held at Valdese Town Hall Community Room, 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, Deputy Town Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney, Finance Director Jerry LaMaster, Fire Chief Charlie Watts, and Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth.

A quorum of the Valdese Town Council was present and no action was taken.

At 10:00 a.m., Town Manager Seth Eckard welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. In addition to the aforementioned the following were present: George Frederick Thompson, II; Sandi Walker; and Kathy Boutwell.

Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth and Fire Chief Charlie Watts offered PowerPoint presentations regarding their departmental budget requests.

Town Manager Seth Eckard offered an overview of the FY 2016-2017 budget requests and why he was recommending a 6 cents tax increase.

Staff answered all questions.

At 11:45 a.m., there were no additional comments or questions.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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