

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2016**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, August 1, 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:

Beth Heile, 5291 Mineral Springs Mountain Ave, Valdese, President of Friends of the Valdese Rec, and with her was members of Friends of the Valdese Rec and local senior citizens. Ms. Heile spoke in favor of the Downtown Park Project.

Jeff Carter, 1402 Laurel Street NE, Valdese, commended Council for making hard decisions for the park project. He spoke on behalf of the people for whom he ministers who cannot go to Morganton or Hickory for the parks and entertainment. He offered a quote from Garrison Keillor, "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."

Tonya Stephens, 101 Saint Germain Avenue, SE, Valdese, offered a brief sound on her cell phone of children at a splash pad in Hickory with the water splashing and children screaming with pure joy and she would like to hear that in Valdese.

Jonathan Dameron, 2960 Brookridge Drive, Valdese, said he has had the pleasure for the past 12 years to teach and coach at Valdese Elementary School (Title I school with over half of the students on free or reduced lunch), Heritage Middle and Draughn High. He has a four year old and a two year old and he is connected with the younger community and knew what the families were looking for. Valdese is a wonderful Town with a lot of people dedicated to making the town great. He recommended sponsors for the races and parks. He recommended Council approve the loan and said with diligence the loan could be paid off sooner than the long terms.

WT Sorrell, 102 Oakland Court, Valdese, supports the downtown park project. He serves on the downtown Main Street Project and he said conversations were always about how to get residents to the downtown and this was a unique project. He said with the bids, now the project was fixed and there was over 50 percent of grant funds for the project which was unheard of this day and time. He briefly reviewed the loan process. He said staff was to be commended for working on this project and he encouraged Council to proceed with the project.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2016

APPROVED AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BURKE COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR FOOTBALL FIELD BEHIND OLD ROCK SCHOOL Lease Agreement with Burke County Schools for use of the Football Field behind the Old Rock School.

APPROVED AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CAROLINA WEST WIRELESS FOR CELL TOWER GROUND AND SPACE LEASE Amendment to the Agreement with Carolina West Wireless for the cell tower located at 100 Whisnant Street SE. The amendment allows for modifying the tower and ground equipment.

APPROVED LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH WPCOG FOR GIS MAINTENANCE Letter of Agreement with the WPCOG for GIS Maintenance for FY 2016-17 to maintain the utility and cemetery GIS database in the amount of \$3,932.

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

End Consent Agenda

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: NONE.

AWARD OF BID – DOWNTOWN PARK AND SPLASH PAD Town Manager Seth Eckard gave an overview of the project. He said the Downtown Park will be located on a one acre parcel of land adjacent to the Community Center. This property was donated to the Town by the Rostan Family Foundation. The Park would have several inside and outside amenities including: A 40 ft. diameter Splash Pad with an automated controller and timer; innovative playground equipment that could be used for most age groups; specific playground equipment options would be presented for Council's consideration at a future meeting; three sets of concrete corn-hole boards; concrete sidewalk path that would connect park amenities; parameter buffering and fencing; ample parking for the new building and additional overflow parking for the park; and security lighting for the parking lots and building. He said the building would be metal with a rock façade and was approximately 3,000 sq. ft., with a connecting picnic shelter. Uses for the building include: Silver Sneaker group activities (aerobics and yoga for example); CrossFit amenities; designated classroom that could be used for health education courses (diabetes education class) and much more. The classroom or entire facility could be rented for other purposes.

The project was estimated to cost \$1,127,600. To date, the following grant funds have been awarded: PARTF Grant - \$215,600; Rostan Family Foundation Gift - \$250,000; Kate B. Reynolds Foundation Grant - \$150,000; and USDA Grant - \$43,000 for a total of \$658,600. (The USDA loan would be in an amount of \$469,000.)

Staff performed an analysis of what the expected operational expenses were going to be for the new park and concluded that it would be somewhere in the \$3,000 - \$5,000 a year range. The new operational expenses center on expected splash pad and building electrical use and Duke Energy leases for security lights. Grounds keeping, class instructors, and water and sewer utilities would be covered with existing staff and resources. The additional operational expenses could be paid with monies saved in reduced debt service payments due to the generous last minute grants awarded for the park and fire truck by USDA.

Mr. Eckard introduced RJ Moseley from McGill Associates and Josh Carswell from USDA and he presented the following bids:

Downtown Park Bids: McGill Associates recommended the lowest bid with T. C. Strickland Construction, Inc., Shelby, NC, with a total bid including Alternate Nos. 2 (\$786,000) & 3 (\$5,500) for a total amount of \$791,500 which exceeded the available funding. McGill Associates negotiated the bid down to \$759,270 (less \$32,230). (Other bids for Alternate Nos. 2 & 3: Wilkie Construction Co., Inc. – \$800,664 and Moss-Moss-Marlow Building Co. - \$829,655).

Splash Pad Bid: McGill Associates recommended the lowest bid including Alternate No. 1 with Southeastern Aquatics Group, Raleigh, NC in the amount of \$78,280. (There were no other bids received for the splash pad.)

Councilman Ogle said when the project was first introduced the proposed cost was \$600,000 and now it is \$1.1 million.

Mr. Eckard said the first architect did not put much time and attention to detail and when he became manager he got McGill Associates involved and obtained a full cost analysis and realized the project was significantly higher.

Councilman Ogle asked about the water issues by the pond on the property and on the corner by the railroad tracks. Mr. Moseley said they have drainage features in the current project design.

Councilman Ogle asked about water runoff along the railroad right-of-way. Mr. Moseley said with the new drainage box culvert in the corner and drainage pipe under the road would be dispersed as storm events come along and the outlet structure provides a way to spread the water out so it sheet flows as opposed to a concentrated flow that would cause issues for the railroad.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve the aforementioned bids for the Downtown Park with T.C. Strickland and with Southeastern Aquatics Group for the Splash Pad, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

LOAN AGREEMENT WITH USDA FOR DOWNTOWN PARK AND LADDER TRUCK Town Manager Seth Eckard said there was a ladder truck parked outside of Town Hall as an example of what the new fire truck would look like.

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Mr. Eckard said the Downtown Park Project was estimated to cost \$1,127,600, and with the USDA Grant in the amount of \$43,000 this brings the grant total to \$658,600 (see grant amounts on pg. 2). Staff recommended that Council consider borrowing the remainder of funds needed for the project from USDA. The USDA loan was in an amount of \$469,000. (2.75% fixed interest rate for 40 years at \$19,483 payback per year)

Mr. Eckard said the loan agreement with USDA for the Ladder Truck was in the amount of \$850,000. Fortunately, the USDA provided a grant in the amount of \$46,700. The terms for the USDA loan would be \$803,300 loan at 2.5 percent interest rate for 20 years with an annual debt payment of \$52,761.

Mayor Black introduced the following Resolution and Capital Project Budget Ordinance:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, VALDESE, NC

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of Valdese hereby accepts the conditions set forth in the Letter of Conditions, Loan Resolution 1942-47, and Grant Agreement 3570-3 dated 08-01-2016.

That the Town Council approves the budget as shown on Form RD 442-7, Operating Budget.

That the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk be authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain a loan from Rural Development, including, but not limited to the following forms:

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| Form RD 1942-46 | Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions |
| Form RD 1942-47 | Loan Resolution |
| Form RD 3570-3 | CF Grant Agreement |
| Form RD 1940-1 | Request for Obligation of Funds |
| Form RD 400-1 | Equal Opportunity Agreement |
| Form RD 400-4 | Assurance Agreement |
| Form RD-1910-11 | Applicant Certification Federal Collection Policies for Consumer or Commercial Debts |
| Form AD 1047 | Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions and, copy of AD 1048 for use with Lower Tier Covered Transactions |
| Drug Free Workplace | AD-1049 |
| RD Instruction 1940-Q | Certification for contracts, Grants and Loans |

That if the interest rate charged by Rural Development should change between this date and the date of actual approval, the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk will be authorized to execute new forms reflecting the current interest rate and revised payments as required by Rural Development.

This resolution is to become a part of the official minutes of the Council meeting held on 08-01-2016.

MOTION MADE BY: COUNCILMAN SWEEZY AND SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN HILDEBRAN THAT THE RESOLUTION BE APPROVED.

MOTION PASSED 5 FOR AND 0 AGAINST

TO BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES DATED 08-01-2016

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

ATTEST: /s/ Thelda B. Rhoney, Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF VALDESE
RECREATION CENTER
DOWNTOWN PARK FUND
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE (Rev #01)**

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 to establish a recreational park, next to the existing Community Center in the

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Town of Valdese and is to be financed by The Town of Valdese contributions and the solicitation of donations, gifts and grants.

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:

Town Contributions	\$ 0	52,3970.001
Donations and Gifts	250,000	52,3970.002
Grant - PARTF	215,600	52,3970.003
Grant - KBR	150,000	52,3970.004
USDA Grant	43,000	52,6200.005
USDA Loan	<u>469,000</u>	52,6200.006
	<u>\$ 1,127,600</u>	

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Professional Services	\$	52,6200.040
Legal	32,550	52,6200.041
Building & Grounds	5,000	52,6200.150
Advertising	603	52,6200.260
Arch / Engineering Fees	110,755	52,6200.490
Community Building	837,550	52,6200.720
Playground Equipment	100,000	52,6200.740
Grounds	0	52,6200.150
Contingencies	<u>41,142</u>	52,6200.990
	<u>\$1,127,600</u>	

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 1st day of August, 2016.

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

/s/ Thelda B. Rhoney, Deputy Town Clerk

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to approve both loan agreements with USDA and adopt the aforementioned Resolution and approve the aforementioned Capital Project Budget Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

Members of Friends of the Valdese Rec applauded.

Town Manager Seth Eckard said with any large construction project it takes time and staff was looking at late spring or early summer for the ribbon cutting and there was always potential for setbacks.

Mayor Black called for a brief recess to execute the USDA documents.

At 6:40 p.m., Councilman Delp made a motion for a brief recess in order for documents to be signed by Mayor Black and Deputy Town Clerk Thelda Rhoney. Joshua Carswell, Area Specialist with USDA was present and had the USDA

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Loan Agreements that needed to be signed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson and carried unanimously.

At 6:50 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR HALLYBURTON ACADEMY - DONATION OF PODIUM AT OLD ROCK SCHOOL Mayor Black presented the following Resolution to Joe Johnson:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HALLYBURTON ACADEMY

WHEREAS, each year the Hallyburton Academy graduations are held in the auditorium at the Old Rock School; and

WHEREAS, Hallyburton Academy built a beautiful podium for the Old Rock School Auditorium to be used at all events; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the podium was a collaborative effort of all classes and several students under the leadership of Joe Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Hallyburton Academy is committed to continuing student involvement in the Valdese Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese is proud to see the exceptional work by the Hallyburton Academy students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, which extends appreciation to the students at Hallyburton Academy for their hard work to construct a beautiful podium for use at the Old Rock School.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Valdese have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Valdese, this 1st day of August, 2016.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE – WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Treatment Plant Superintendent Greg Padgett introduced Garrett Cruise, Treatment Plant Operator.

GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (OLD WORLD BAKING COMPANY) Mr. Eckard said Old World Baking Company received a \$175,000 grant from the NC Department of Commerce – Main Street Solutions Fund for repairs to the building located at 149 Main Street West in Valdese. All matching funds would come from Old World Baking Company. The company would maintain seven full-time jobs over two quarters.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Grant Agreement, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

BUSINESS GRANT AGREEMENT WITH OLD WORLD BAKING COMPANY The agreement between the Town and Old World Baking Company for administration of the grant at no cost to the Town. The Main Street Director (Morrissa Angi) was required to administer the grant as part of the Main Street Program.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Business Grant Agreement, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF LOAN RESOLUTION WITH BB&T FOR STREET PAVING PROJECT Mr. Eckerd presented the following resolution which was discussed during the budget process and the tax increase will fund the project.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS

WHEREAS: The Town of Valdese ("Town") has previously determined to undertake a project for the financing of a paving project, (the "Project"), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

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1. The Town hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated July 13, 2016. The amount financed for paving shall not exceed \$473,273.75, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 2.00%, and the financing term shall not exceed four (4) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.
3. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Director is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by Valdese officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Director shall approve, with the Finance Director's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The Town shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The Town hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).
5. The Town intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The Town intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the Town's general fund, or any other Town fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.
6. All prior actions of Town officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2016.

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

/s/ Town Clerk

Councilwoman Hildebran said as a member of the Street and Resurfacing Paving Committee she commended staff for preparing the plan of action that prioritized the streets and roads to be resurfaced according to the needs in our Town.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adopt the aforementioned Resolution Approving Financing Terms, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR UTILITY ONLINE PAYMENTS Planning Director Larry Johnson said the Agreement with Harris Local Government was for software and services for online utility payments in the amount of \$2,374. Harris was the current accounting vendor for the Town. Staff recommended that the Town incur the initial fees and Mr. Johnson said with 5,500 customers and if there was a 10 percent participation, the cost would be \$13,600, a \$1 transaction fee goes to Harris and there would be a credit card fee. At this time, the tax component is not a part of this process which would require an update to the accounting software.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Agreement with Harris Local Government for Utility Online Payments and for the Town to pay for the initial fees that would not be passed on to the citizens, seconded by Councilwoman Hildebran. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUED AT LESS THAN \$30,000 Mr. Eckard presented the following Resolution prepared by Town Attorney Marc Mitchell (Mr. Eckard said he would report any items sold to Members of Council):

**RESOLUTION OF THE VALDESE TOWN COUNCIL
PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES
FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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VALUED AT LESS THAN \$30,000

Whereas the Town of Valdese from time to time has personal property that is no longer needed;

Whereas North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 authorizes a town council to adopt procedures for the disposal or exchange of personal property valued at less than \$30,000 for any one item or group of items; and

Whereas North Carolina General Statute 160A-270 provides that a town council may conduct electronic auctions of the town's personal property by authorizing the establishment of an electronic auction procedure or by authorizing the use of existing private or public electronic auction services; and

Whereas the Town Council desires to adopt procedures for the disposal and exchange of surplus personal property valued at less than \$30,000 for any one item or group of items;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Property That Can be Disposed of Under this Resolution. The Valdese Town Manager (the Town Manager) is hereby authorized to declare surplus and dispose of any personal property owned by the Town of Valdese when, in the Town Manager's judgment, each of the following three criteria are met:

- a) the item or group of items to be disposed of has a fair market value of less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00);
- b) the property is no longer necessary for the conduct of Town business; and,
- c) sound property management principles and financial considerations indicate that the interests of the Town of Valdese would be best served by disposing of the property.

Personal property that in the judgment of the Town Manager meets these three criteria is referred to in this Resolution as "Surplus Property."

Section 2. Methods of Disposition. The Town Manager may dispose of Surplus Property by any means that the Town Manager judges reasonably calculated to secure for the Town the fair market value in money or other consideration and to accomplish the disposal efficiently and economically, including but not limited to the methods of sale provided in Article 12 of North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 160A-266 and 160A-270. Such sale may be public or private, and with or without notice and minimum waiting period.

Section 3. Sale by Electronic Auction. As one of several means of disposing of Surplus Property, the Town Manager is specifically authorized to dispose of Surplus Property by electronic means. The Town Manager is authorized to establish procedures for disposing of Surplus Property by electronic means, and is further authorized to use existing public or private electronic auction services to dispose of Surplus Property. Notwithstanding the requirements of North Carolina General Statute 160A-270, the Town shall not be required to provide advance notice of electronic auctions of such Surplus Property.

Section 4. Terms of Disposition. The Surplus Property shall be sold to the party who tenders the highest offer, or exchanged for any property or services useful to the Town of Valdese if greater value may be obtained in that manner, and the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any applicable title documents necessary or appropriate to consummate such sale. If no offers are received within a reasonable time, the Town Manager may retain the property for the Town, obtain any reasonably available salvage value, or cause it to be disposed of as waste material. No Surplus Property may be donated except by resolution of the Town Council.

Section 5. Records and Reports. The Town Manager shall keep a record of all property sold under the authority of this Resolution and that record shall describe the property sold or exchanged, to whom it was sold, or with whom it was exchanged, and the amount of money or other consideration received for each sale or exchange. This record shall be reported to the Town Council on a semiannual basis. One report will be due each February 1, summarizing sales from the preceding July 1 through December 31, and the other report will be due each August 1, summarizing sales from the preceding January 1 through June 30.

Section 6. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 160A-266(c).

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of August, 2016

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

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS Finance Director Jerry LaMaster presented the following four Budget Amendments:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 01 - BUBBLE REPAIRS

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, 2016:

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>
10.6200.150 Maint & Repair	<u>84,000</u>	<u> </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.

10.3971.620 from Savings		<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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 02 - STREET CRACK SEALING

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.

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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>70,000</u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$70,000 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.

10.3990.001 Powell Bill Fund Balance		<u>70,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$70,000</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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 03 - FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY

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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>
10.6200.451 Contract Services	<u>10,000</u>	
Total	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$10,000 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.

10.3970.302 Capital Project Fund		<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$10,000</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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 04 - OLD TOWN HALL BRICKWORK

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, 2016:

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>
10.5300.150 Maint & Repair	<u>7,500</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$ 7,500 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.

10.3970.302 Capital Project Fund		<u>7,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$7,500</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 four aforementioned Budget Amendments, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

ENGINE BAY HEATERS – FIRE DEPARTMENT Council directed Town Manager Seth Eckard to find funds for the engine bay heaters. Mr. Eckard said funds would come from the current Fire Department budget.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS Councilman Delp said a lady recommended specific historic designations in the Town, especially the area around the Farmers market. He said the lady also brought up identifying the historic buildings in the downtown area.

Mr. Eckard said he and Ms. Angi served on the Waldensian Presbyterian Church 125 Anniversary Committee for the 2018 celebration and the committee was working with the state on this issue. Some of the facades needed to be updated.

Councilman Delp said the lady was not as concerned about National Historic Designation as the Historic Downtown District. Mr. Eckard said previously the Town could not get historic designations for the downtown area because the

buildings did not look historical and within the next year or two the facades may be upgraded to historical standards. He also said there would be no guarantees but the attempt could be made. Ms. Angi said there was a local designation Council could declare as well as a state designation.

Councilman Delp said the lady was interested in the local designation. Mr. Eckard said staff could provide more information this fiscal year on the historic designation.

RECREATION CENTER STAFF Councilwoman Stevenson said a senior citizen fell at the Recreation Center with injuries and she commended Bret Watson and the Recreation Staff for handling the situation professionally and perfectly.

HANDICAP PARKING – TOWN HALL Councilwoman Stevenson said she was at Town Hall recently and walked out with a handicap person who had to walk to the end of the building for parking and on that particular day it was a very hot day. She recommended that staff look at parking and curb cuts in front of Town Hall. Mr. Eckard said staff obtained costs to relocate handicap parking from the east and west ends to the front of the building. He said staff would revisit the issue. Mr. Johnson said plans were in place to install four handicap parking spaces in front of the building and staff was working with the engineering firm to make sure the spaces would be ADA compliant.

TOWN PARKS Councilwoman Hildebran requested that staff look at our current parks, Children’s Park and McGalliard Falls Park, to develop an improvement plan or upgrade of parks to be presented at the next fiscal budget.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS - LAUREL/MAIN AND RODORET/MAIN Councilman Delp said the traffic light on Laurel/Main was holding too long again. Mr. Eckard said these were NCDOT streets and staff would report the issues tomorrow and also the light at Rodoret/Main was holding too long as well.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

FIRST CITIZENS ACADEMY STREET SWEEP PROJECT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016, 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M., OLD ROCK SCHOOL

41ST ANNUAL WALDENSIAN FESTIVAL AND FOOTRACE – AUGUST 12 & 13, 2016

TOWN OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, 6:00 P.M., DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

IT/SERVER ISSUES – TRIPLE OFFICE Mr. Eckard reported server issues at the Triple office. The two office employees would report to Town Hall on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and Triple customers could make payments at Town Hall.

At 7:25 p.m., there being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Delp. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m., due to Labor Day Holiday.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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