

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, (due to Labor Day Holiday) 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 Susan Stevenson, 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: Councilwoman Frances Hildebran and Councilman Gary L. Delp

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:

TONY PIZZELANTI, 135 GRANDFATHER PASS, VALDESE Mr. Pizzelanti spoke about the two-hour parking on Main Street. His property at 149 Main Street could have up to 20 cars with nine rental units, eight employees at the restaurant and four at the salon. He would ask them to park at the Faet Street parking lot but how could he enforce anyone parking in a legal public spot on Main Street. He said Main Street parking should only be for customers and it was rare that a customer would be parked more than two hours. He recommended keeping the two-hour parking signs and enforcing the two-hour parking.

FREDA WHEATCRAFT, 1440 IVY LANE, NW They had recent car break-ins but understood there was a wanted man staying on John Berry Road in one of the trailers. She asked if the trailers were in the Town limits because it looked terrible. Staff reported this area was in Burke County.

Town Manager Seth Eckard said he would ask the Police Chief to look into the issue.

CONSENT AGENDA: (enacted by one motion)

APPROVED MINUTES – AUGUST 1, 2016

ADOPTED RESOLUTION – EXEMPT PROJECT FOR ENGINEERING REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER
TO EXEMPT PROJECTS FROM G.S. 143-64.31**

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-64.31 requires the initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to perform architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-64.32 authorizes units of local government to exempt contracts for design services from the qualification-based selection requirements of G.S. 143-64.31 if the estimated professional fee is less than \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to authorize the Town Manager to exempt on behalf of the Town design services contracts for projects for which the estimated fee is less than \$50,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Manager of the Town of Valdese is hereby authorized to make exempt from the provisions of G.S. 143-64.31 design services contracts if the estimated professional fee is less than \$50,000. Each such contract exemption shall be set forth by the Town Manager in writing.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 6th day of September, 2016.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

ADOPTED ORDINANCE FOR STREET CLOSURE – DRAUGHN HIGH SCHOOL PARADE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING ROAD CLOSURE FOR TOWN OF VALDESE SPECIAL EVENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Valdese desires to schedule the Draughn High School Parade on Tuesday, September 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, part of US 70/Main Street in Valdese will need to be closed for the parade; 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:

DRAUGHN HIGH SCHOOL PARADE

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

ROUTE: Main Street (US 70) from Hoyle Street to Eldred Street

Signs shall be erected giving notice of the limits and times of these street closures as required by G.S. 20-169.

THIS, the 6th day of September, 2016.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Town Clerk

APPROVED RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT AT OLD ROCK SCHOOL WITH P & W RAILROAD

CLUB Annual Lease Agreement at the Old Rock School with P & W Railroad Club in the amount of \$210 per month.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION FOR VALDESE WATER REHAB FUNDING

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water distribution system projects, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese has need for and intends to construct a drinking water distribution system project described as the St. Germain Avenue Water System Improvements Project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese intends to request state loan and grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE:

That Town of Valdese, the Applicant, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the Applicant will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the Town Council of the Applicant agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Valdese to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Valdese any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the Town of Valdese in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the Applicant will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

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That Seth Eckard, Town Manager, the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant with the State of North Carolina for a loan and grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 6th day of September, 2016 at Valdese, North Carolina.

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

ADOPTED RESOLUTION FOR AIA STATE FUNDING – PHASE I SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G), as amended, has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost to inventory the existing water and/or sewer systems and document the condition of the inventoried infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese has need for and intends to inventory and assess a portion of its wastewater collection system by undertaking a project described as the Phase I Sewer Collection System Assessment Project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE:

That Town of Valdese, the Applicant, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant award.

That Seth Eckard, Town Manager, the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the implementation of the project described above.

That the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 6th day of September, 2016 at Valdese, North Carolina.

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

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:

APPOINTMENTS TO FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees due to House Bill 19 changed the name to Firefighters' Relief Fund Board of Trustees and there are no longer terms (formerly there were two year terms). Staff recommended that

Charles Lew Edwards be appointed to replace the late David Thompson and Morrissa Angi was appointed to replace Greg Cannon.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to approve the aforementioned Firefighters' Relief Fund Board of Trustees members, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH Mayor Black introduced Joe Marks, Burke Recovery Executive Director. Mr. Marks said September was National Recovery Month and every year hundreds in Burke County have shown that recovery from addiction was possible. People in addition do a lot of strange things. Burke County has the second highest rate of overdose.

Mayor Black presented the following Proclamation to Mr. Marks

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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

WHEREAS, an estimated 700 people are in recovery in Valdese; 12,500 people are in recovery in Burke County; 1,400,000 people are in recovery in North Carolina; and 45,000,000 people are in recovery across the nation; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance abuse/dependence and mental disorders is essential to the health and wellness of individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, recent cost benefit studies consistently find that benefits to society that result from the treatment of alcohol and/or drug use disorders include cutting drug use by 50 percent, reducing crime by 80 percent, and reducing arrests by up to 64 percent, as well as improving health, increasing employment, and increasing overall social functioning of the individuals who have been treated; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, Burke Recovery, Burke Substance Abuse Network (BSAN), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services invite all residents of North Carolina to participate in National Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Valdese are invited to attend the First Annual Burke Rally for Recovery on Sunday, September 18, 2016, 2 – 6 p.m., Morganton Courthouse Square as BSAN celebrates and spreads the message that people do achieve sustained recovery from mental health concerns, alcohol, drugs, and other life challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Valdese, North Carolina, on behalf of the Valdese Town Council do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as "*National Recovery Month*" in the Town of Valdese and I urge all citizens to participate in programs and events that affirm the benefits of recovery.

This 6th day of September, 2016.

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

PRESENTATION BY WPCOG – TAYLOR DELLINGER Mr. Dellinger offered a lot of statistics about the economic and demographic profile for Valdese. He reviewed housing income and challenges and opportunities. He said there were strategies where data could help with jobs and the economy.

TAX STATEMENT ANNUAL SETTLEMENT FOR 2015 – PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE Tax Collector Greg Cannon presented the following report:

Tax Statement Annual Settlement for 2015- Property and Motor Vehicle

Property Valuations:

Real Estate	\$264,838,888
Personal Property	61,862,913
Senior Citizen Exemptions	-4,889,232

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Total Property Valuation Subject to Tax Rate per \$100(.485/100) \$321,812,569

Gross Levy:

Levy	1,560,791
Discoveries	42,000
Late List Penalties	2,189
Total Levy	1,604,980
Less Collected as of 6/30/2016	1,588,987
Uncollected 2015 Taxes	15,993
Ratio of Taxes Collected to Total Levy	99.04%

Annual Settlement of the Classified Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2015:

Levy	\$115,000
2015 Collection by Burke County	\$116,538
Collection Cost (1.5% Levy)	\$1,725

Mayor Black said 99 percent was very good.

Councilman Ogle made a motion to accept the aforementioned report, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

CHARGE TO COLLECT TAXES FOR 2016 Mayor Black read the charge for Tax Collector Gregory Cannon to collect taxes for 2016 and Deputy Town Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney administered the oath.

APPROVAL OF MOVIE PROJECTOR PROJECT – OLD ROCK SCHOOL (TOWN & HISTORIC VALDESE FOUNDATION)

Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi said the proposed project was a partnership with Historic Valdese Foundation and the Main Street Program. The goal was to sell seats and sponsorships at the Old Rock School and with the money raised they would purchase equipment to project movies that would be free to the community at the Old Rock School. She requested permission and approval for the sponsorships to install the small brass plaques on the seats in the auditorium.

Mayor Black asked about the amount of funds needed to be raised to purchase the equipment. Ms. Angi said the cost estimate for the projection equipment and screen and everything they would need was \$34,500 which includes \$2,000 for plaques and installation. If the money was not raised she would then reach out to local industries and companies for sponsorships.

The auditorium holds 500 but there are only 473 permanent seats, and sponsorships were \$50 - \$100. If all seats sold there would be \$36,450 raised.

Mr. Eckard commended Ms. Angi for the project as it was her idea.

Town Attorney Marc Mitchell asked about those who contributed and the goal was not met what would happen to the funds. Do they get their name on the seat or a refund. Ms. Angi said some would want their name on the seat or a plaque could be made for the wall.

The issue of food/drink was briefly discussed.

She checked into the movie licensure at a cost of \$575 per year.

Councilman Sweezy moved to approve and encourage the project, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

DOWNTOWN TWO HOUR PARKING Town Manager Seth Eckard said this issue comes up from time to time and information had been obtained from the Valdese Merchants Association and a survey had been conducted of all downtown businesses. Survey results were divided with half merchants believing there should be restrictions and the other half believing there should not be restrictions. He said there were three options: 1) No enforcement of two-hour parking and remove signs; 2) Enforce two-hour parking consistently and fairly on Main Street or have a compromise where we do some degree of enforcement; or 3) Continue as is by leaving signs posted but not enforcing two-hour parking. He said some folks come to town and see the two-hour parking and do not park longer than two hours and then other folks take advantage of the parking.

Currently we have two-hour parking signs located downtown with a corresponding ordinance and no tickets have been written for violations in over two years.

He asked for direction from Council.

Councilman Sweezy said with the presentation earlier in the meeting by Mr. Pizzelanti, the problem was with a few merchants/business owners and no problem with customers. There should be some way to gain their cooperation other than to enact a law for additional personnel to enforce.

Mr. Eckard said the Police Chief (who was in training and had to leave the meeting earlier) would not have staff to monitor parking from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on a daily basis. Staff could possibly check vehicles in the mornings and then several hours later notice if the same vehicle were still parked on Main Street. The Police Chief did not believe we should get aggressive with enforcement and there was no true problem right now and limited resources would be counterproductive. Staff would execute any plan approved by Council.

Councilman Ogle said he was probably responsible for this and as part of the former Downtown Revitalization Committee they looked at parking by creating a better Valdese issue by having signs along the streets. They created the monuments and church signs and talked about doing away with the signs. Then two to three years ago tickets were issued but they were all dismissed. Tickets were issued for a \$5 amount and everyone was displeased. He said there was still a "No Cruising" sign in front of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Eckard said Valdese is not lacking for parking with the new parking lots. Main Street is NCDOT maintained and staff cannot dedicate handicap parking along the street.

Councilwoman Stevenson said staff marking tires every two hours was not necessary and there were some merchants who park on the street. She recommended leaving the signs up.

Mr. Eckard said Community Affairs Director Morrissa Angi did a parking campaign approximately six months ago.

Mayor Black said as he understood if merchants and staff did not park on the street, this would not be a problem. Mr. Eckard said there were four or five violators who were causing the issue. Some ladies who patronize the downtown beauty shops may need more than two hours occasionally.

Mayor Black said perhaps this issue could be revisited next month and in the meantime see if we could figure out a way to solve the problem with the merchants and staff. Mr. Eckard said staff would brainstorm the issue.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT WITH BOBBY NELSON FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 209 COLOMBO STREET NW Mr. Eckard said the Town was fortunate that the Rostan Family Foundation would contribute all necessary resources to obtain the property, clean it up, and provide more parking for the Old Rock School and Downtown Valdese. Current owner Bobby Nelson negotiated up to two parking spaces from time to time for his service vehicles to be parked on the property until his business was sold.

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

AWARD OF BIDS – STREET PAVING PROJECT Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth presented the following bid tabulation prepared by West Consultants for the Street Paving Project of the following streets: Praley Street NW; Faet Street, NW; Eldred Street N E; and Pineburr Avenue SE. The lowest bidder was Maymead, Inc., Mountain City, TN, in the amount of \$334,542.50. (Other bids: JT Russell & Sons, Conover, NC - \$360,981; Midstate Contractors, Inc., Hickory, NC - \$465,280; and Evans Construction, Connelly Springs, NC - \$520,710.30. Mr. Duckworth reviewed funding for the project.

Councilman Sweezy made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Maymead, Inc., Mountain City, TN, in the amount of \$334,542.50, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

AWARD OF BIDS – WATERLINE PROJECT Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth presented the following bid tabulation prepared by West Consultants for the Waterline Project that includes the following streets: Zeline Avenue; Bentbrook Drive; and Baird Street (Triple Water District). The lowest bidder was Clark Ledbetter Grading & Hauling,

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Inc., Shelby, NC, in the amount of 218,785. (Other bids: Iron Mountain Construction Co., Inc., Mountain City, TN - \$229,669; Davis Grading, Inc., Shelby, NC - \$317,680; and Wesson Septic Tank Services, Inc., Shelby, NC - \$329,417.50). Funding is available in the current CIP and the bids came in under estimated and after this project there is a \$54,000 balance and the Triple Fund Balance of \$29,000.

Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Clark Ledbetter Grading & Hauling, Inc., Shelby, NC, in the amount of \$218,785, seconded by Councilman Ogle. The vote was unanimous.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS Town Manager Seth Eckard presented the following five budget amendments due to the absence of the Finance Director:

Budget Amendment No. 05 - Purchase of the Bobby Nelson House

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>
10.4900.720 Capital Outlay – Property	<u>26,500</u>	
Total	<u>\$26,500</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$26,500 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.

10.3350.000 Donations		<u>26,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$26,500</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.

Budget Amendment No. 06 - BB&T Loan for Police Cars & Recreation Lighting

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>
10.5100.740 Capital Outlay – Vehicle	105,667	
10.6200.150 Maint & Repair	<u>33,531</u>	
Total	<u>\$139,198</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$139,198 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.

10.3995.000 Loan Proceeds		<u>139,198</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$139,198</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. 07 - Recreation Fitness Center Expansion

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>
10.6200.150 Maint & Repair	<u>30,000</u>	
Total	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$30,000 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 From Capital Project Funds		<u>30,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$30,000</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. 08 - Street Paving 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>
10.5600.151 Paving	<u>473,274</u>	
Total	<u>\$473,274</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$473,274 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.

10.3995.560 Loan Proceeds		<u>473,274</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$473,274</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. 09 - Additional Expenses Grist Mill

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>
10.6200.150 Maint & Repair	<u>12,700</u>	
Total	<u>\$12,700</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$12,700 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.

10.3990.000 From Fund Balance		<u>12,700</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$12,700</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.

Councilwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the aforementioned five budget amendments, seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Stevenson said the road from Lovelady to the Wastewater Treatment Plant had been busy with a lot of people walking and some with animals. She said there were some speeding motorists in that area.

Councilwoman Stevenson said she received two calls about the Laundromat being dirty and the citizens had no where else to wash their clothes. Planning Director Larry Johnson said the facility had been inspected and there were no violations, just interior housekeeping issues.

Councilman Sweezy said the corner of Saint Germain and Carolina Street had been the site of a number of accidents and near misses over the years that he had witnessed. He asked if anything could be done or to investigate a traffic light or a four-way stop. Mr. Eckard said staff would investigate.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 12 NOON, THE WINERY

GRIST MILL RIBBON CUTTING/SUNRISE ROTARY DUCKY DERBY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016, 11:30 A.M., MCGALLIARD FALLS PARK (RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 24) Mr. Eckard said the Friends of the Valdese Rec would also be holding a BBQ Fundraiser at the event.

DRAUGHN HIGH SCHOOL PARADE, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016, 6:30 P.M. Mr. Eckard requested that Members of Council who wished to ride in the parade to please meet at the Fire Department at 6:00 p.m.

RECEIVED GRANT FROM NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (\$94,340) TO BE USED FOR DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHT PROJECT. TOWN MANAGER SETH ECKARD WAS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS Mr. Eckard said Valdese was the only municipality in Burke County to receive the grant and only one of 60 to receive the allocation statewide. He asked that Members of Council thank our House Representative for his continued support of Valdese.

DUKE ENERGY GRANT FOR ELECTRONIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION Mr. Eckard said the Town had applied for a grant.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANT (ARC) Mr. Eckard said a grant had been submitted for Downtown WiFi.

FITNESS ROOM EXPANSION Mr. Eckard said the expansion should begin September 14 and last through the weekend.

WEBSITE LAUNCH Mr. Eckard said the launch should be within the next few weeks.

POSSIBLE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS Staff was looking about obtaining the address of ValdeseNC.Gov

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

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At 7:36 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to recess into Closed Session Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (A) (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sweezy. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Black said the Closed Session was only an informational item and there would be no action taken afterwards.

At 7:50 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Black thanked BDI Executive Director Alan Wood for attending the meeting.

At 7:51 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, October 3, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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