

**Town of Boiling Springs
Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 04, 2023**

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

PRESENT

Mayor Daniel Thomas
Councilmember Marty Thomas
Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Litton
Councilmember Tommy Greene
Councilmember Tonya Gantt

ABSENT

Councilmember Caleb Edward

Staff Present

Town Manager Justin Longino
Town Clerk Noah Saldo
Finance Director Rhonda Allen
Public Works Director Mike Gibert
Program Support Specialist Tracy Holland
Lead for NC Fellow Greyson Sonntag
Two new Police Officers Tyler Lane & Gregory Jones

Adoption of Agenda

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Greene Seconded by Councilmember Thomas it was unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented

Public Comment

Town Manager Longino presented two new police officers Tyler Lane and Gregory "AJ" Jones.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: Upon a Motion by Councilmember Litton, Seconded by Councilmember Greene it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as presented as follows:

Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Council regular meeting

Budget Amendment #230404: The capital project budget ordinance amendment is to reimburse General Fund Administration salaries with ARPA funds to use for funding the Land Use Plan update.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Gardner-Webb Update

Nate Evans presented a Gardner-Webb update

Consider Ordinance for Shared Active Transportation Systems

This includes an ordinance and agreement for Bird Scooters

Manager Longino presented an update on Bird Scooters.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Greene, Seconded by Councilmember Gantt it was unanimously voted to approve Ord#230404.01 as presented

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Consider Request from Community Garden

Town Manager Longino presented: in January of 2023, a leak occurred at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church irrigation meter used by the Community Garden. Section 50.805(3) of our code of ordinances states that "The town council may at its discretion adjust or waive any charges in cases of unusual or exigent circumstances. The board shall only do so within the confines of state law and in consultation with the town manager and town attorney." The Community Garden has requested that the resulting \$132.75 water bill be waived. Staff cautions Council about waiving water bills as we often receive requests from residents who have issues at their homes and request relief from staff. We uniformly apply Section 50.804 and 805.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Thomas, Seconded by Councilmember Gantt it was voted 3-1 with Councilmember Greene in opposition to reduce the cost of the community garden leak to the cost of 53.35

Machon Avenue Project

Town Manager Longino presented: We bid out Machon Ave in January and the lowest bid came back at \$304,917.25. This included curb, gutter, sidewalks, and replacement of a discontinued waterline. Staff has since been exploring the various ways to implement this project. We are seeking guidance on how to proceed.

1. We could rebid the project as a much simpler paved street with a 4" layer of asphalt and gravel with no sidewalk or curb & gutter.
2. We could abandon the right of way and no longer include it in our network of Town-maintained streets.
3. We could gravel the road and save Powell bill funds to complete the project at a later date

Manager Longino asked for council feedback on options to proceed

The consensus of council was to proceed with keeping the road as a town road and look to implement a simpler solution.

Town/Turner Parking Lot

Town Manager Longino presented: As part of the current conceptual design phase of the S. Main Streetscape project, McGill and Town Staff have discussed closing the parking lot entrance off S. Main St. between Talk of the Town and the Broad River Greenway office. This would allow for a wider sidewalk and potentially some outdoor seating in the future. It would also create a safer area where vehicles and pedestrians often conflict. Recently, the Turners approached the Town about ideas to reduce the speed of traffic through our parking lot and theirs. Since the addition of Pelican's, they have seen a lot of children come very close to speeding traffic. Many of these travelers have been 'cutting through' to miss the light and get from S. Main to E. College. Staff would not recommend traditional speed bumps, but there are 'speed mats or humps' and other similar devices that may calm traffic through that area without creating a large, abrupt bump. Additionally, closing off the entrance from S. Main would eliminate 'cut through' traffic. This could be done with some decorative concrete planters to match the ones on N. Main. Staff's initial thought is to place two concrete planters with a removable bollard in between them so that enough room could be created for a vehicle if needed during a special event or emergency. We would still plan to reimagine this area as part of the streetscape project. One additional note, if the entrance is to be closed, staff may decide to implement a temporary measure in order to budget for the planters and bollard installation in the FY 23 budget.

Action: Upon a Motion made by Councilmember Greene, Seconded by Councilmember Thomas it was unanimously voted to temporally close the S. Main entrance and paint new street parking spaces on the street.

Discuss Budget Workshop Dates - Staff suggests April 25th at 6pm

Council set April 25t at 6:30pm as a special meeting to hold a budget work session

REPORTS

Mayor, Council, & Manager Reports

Town Manager Longino-

- Parks master plan consultant price came in higher than expected, they will rework the proposal and we should have that for approval at the May Meeting. They are also starting to work on the land use plan process.
- Had a productive trip to Raleigh with Mayor Thomas and Mayor Pro-Tem Litton
- Great music on main event and looks forward to Webbstock
- YMCA Subcommittee will have a meeting with YMCA representatives soon
- Town will be participating in several upcoming career fairs
- Bulldog pawprints painted on Memorial Drive.

Councilmember Greene-

- Attended MPO meeting where they discussed continuing in the MPO or changing to the RPO. We will continue to go after the same funding opportunities with no real impact to use one way or another. MPO is a federal program and the RPO is the state. The County could split between both organizations; however the county commissioners don't want to split so we most likely stay with MPO
- Lincoln County announced 8 new pickleball courts
- Music on main was great however he heard from people outside of town didn't know about the event

Councilmember Thomas-

- YMCA meeting forthcoming
- Music on main was good and look forward to Webbstock

Councilmember Litton-

- Good job with music on main
- Crosswalk lights are working
- Raleigh trip was good with the Mayor and Manager Longino. Meetings with Speaker Moore and Sen Alexander were good and will be beneficial to the town.

Councilmember Gantt-

- Welcomed new officers
- Appreciative Council and staff and the relationships with Gardner-Webb and YMCA
- Music on main was great and look forward to Webbstock

Mayor Thomas-

- Welcomed new officers
- The Raleigh trip was good; a representative from Western Carolina spoke about the attractiveness of our Town lapel pins. Easy to pick the good things going on because of the work of council and staff thanks to Council and staff.

CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter

Action: Councilmember Thomas made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGA 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personal matter Seconded by Councilmember Greene and Approved unanimously at 7:22pm

Upon a motion by Councilmember Thomas, Seconded by Councilmember Greene it was unanimously voted to re-enter open session at 9:09pm.

Upon a motion of Councilmember Litton and seconded by Councilmember Thomas it was voted 3-1 Councilmember Greene in decent to approve a 20% base pay increase to the town manager and a 2% cola enacted with the FY 23-24 budget and hold another evaluation in 3 months.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Litton second by Councilmember Thomas it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:13pm.

Adjourn