



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Date: **September 13, 2021** Time: **6:00 p.m.** **Regular Session Minutes**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Council Member Archie Pertiller
Council Member Ryan Stone
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Pam King
Council Member Bill Christy

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director
Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director
Joshua Henderson, Director of Recreation and Parks
Chris Kuhn, Interim Police Chief
Scottie Harris, Fire Chief
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Harris welcomed members of the public and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Chandler Ragland of Black Mountain United Methodist Church offered an invocation.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mayor Harris presented a proclamation in honor of the late Lt. Garrett Presnell. A copy of the proclamation is included and made part of these minutes.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Council regarding the specific *New Business or Unfinished Business items below*. Comments by any one speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. If the topic you wish to discuss pertains to a public hearing scheduled for this meeting, please reserve your comment for the applicable public hearing.

To send comments **prior to the meeting**, please call Town Hall at 828-419-9310 or email comments to Comments@townofblackmountain.org. The Clerk will compile and present written comments to the Mayor for consideration.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Rescue Plan Professional Services Contract

Manager Harrold informed the council that the American Rescue Plan Professional Services Contract would allow the Land of Sky Regional Council to perform administration, contracting, and reporting for the ARP funded waterline project on US 70. Manager Harrold stated that the administration of the project would be very time consuming.

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to approve the contract for professional services. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

B. Sewer line Easement for Veteran's Park Bathrooms (PARTF)

Manager Harrold stated that to complete the bathrooms as outlined in the PARTF grant agreement, the Town will need to acquire an easement from the property owner located at 850 Blue Ridge Road. The property owner requested \$9000 in exchange for the easement.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve Consent Items A-F as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING - None

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Council regarding the specific topic of the public hearing. Public hearing comments by any on speaker shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. The Mayor reserves the right to alter time limits and other rules of procedure at the beginning of each Public Hearing.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Town Manager Josh Harrold informed the council that President Biden approved Gov. Cooper's request for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance due to the recent flooding in western North Carolina. The initial reporting was submitted by staff. The next step will be an applicant briefing.

Manager Harrold also inquired if the council would like staff to proceed with a Citizens Academy. Mayor Harris instructed Manager Harrold to reevaluate the situation with COVID-19 at a later date so that staff can move forward with an in-person Citizens Academy when it is safe.

11. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Harris made brief remarks to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

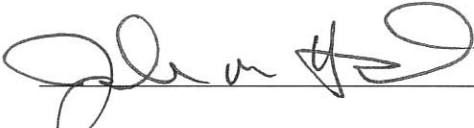
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah M. Parrish Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager