

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Town Council**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**May 17, 2022**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held their budget work session on Tuesday, May 17, 2021. The work session was held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Matheson, Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett, and Pete Gherini. Others in attendance were Town Manager Shane Fox, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Planning and Inspections Director Kevin Rothrock, Police Chief Aaron Miller, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Shane Fox and Finance Officer Nicole Norman reviewed the budget outline and discussed with Council at length, highlights to the proposed budget. Some items discussed in detail were:

- Second phase of the employee salary increase plan to get employees within competitive market rate with surrounding agencies.
- Tax Rate decrease from .43 cents to .31 cents per 100-dollar evaluation due to the revaluation to make this revenue neutral.
- Hiring of additional Police Officers designated for HWY 321 traffic control
- GO Bond Debt
- Setting aside money for Town Hall renovations
- Sidewalk expansion

**ADJOURN**

At 5:05 p.m. Council Member Pickett made a motion to adjourn the work session, seconded by Council Member Harwood. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlie Sellers** **Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk**