

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Town Council**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**May 21, 2024**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held their budget work session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. 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 Cat Perry, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett, and Pete Gherini. Others in attendance were Town Manager Shane Fox, Finance Director Tasha Brown, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Planning and Inspections Director Kevin Rothrock, Interim Police Chief Nathan Kirk, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn, IT Director Thomas Steele, Landscape Director Cory Cathcart 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 Director Tasha Brown reviewed the budget outline and discussed with Council at length, highlights to the proposed budget. Some items discussed in detail were:

- Proposed .01 cent property tax increase
- Sales tax revenue modest increase
- TDA revenue – continues to set records
- Salaries – COLA, Focus on Public Safety, Department Heads
- Refocused Capital Plan
- Planning for the future
- No new full-time positions – one (1) part time position at the Water Plant
- Proposed increase in water rates

**ADJOURN**

At 4:00 p.m. Council Member Pickett made a motion to adjourn the work session, seconded by Council Member Gherini. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlie Sellers**

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk**