

Town of Blowing Rock Town Council Regular Meeting
1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock, NC
December 13, 2016 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J.B. Lawrence

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[November 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting](#) and Closed Session Minutes
[November 14, 16, 28 and December 5, 2016 Special Council Meeting](#) and Closed Session Minutes

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

Highway 321 Valley Boulevard Construction Update

Speaker: Kipp Turner, Maymead Construction

[Upcoming Board and Commission Appointment Process](#)

Speaker: Scott Fogleman, Town Manager

CONSENT AGENDA

Speaker: Scott Fogleman, Town Manager

1. [Budget Amendment](#)

Speaker: Nicole Norman, Finance Officer

Two budget ordinance amendments have been identified for Council consideration: Grant funds of \$5,000 from the Blowing Rock Village Foundation for winter lighting in Memorial Park and \$2,850 of Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission fund balance to fund the purchase of a Swamp White Oak tree to replace a dead Maple tree in Memorial Park. This cost includes a 7 inch caliper tree and the planting of the tree in the Park.

2. [Tax Releases and Refunds](#)

Speaker: Nicole Norman, Finance Officer

Various tax adjustments over time become apparent and present themselves in the form of requests for releases (adjustments) and refunds. There are currently twelve different entities with tax releases totaling \$22,747.72 and ten different entities with tax refunds totaling \$17,380.95 have been identified for Council approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [Tussell Land Company - Conditional Use Permit CUP 2014-02 Amendment](#)

Speaker: Kevin Rothrock, Planning Director

Tussell Land Company is requesting an amendment to conditional use permit No. 2014-02 to construct an additional 2,592 square foot storage building at 176 W. Cornish Road on the north east corner of the property. This building will be constructed within the floodplain but will meet the elevation requirements in that the finished floor will be at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation as required by Town's Floodplain Ordinance and the National Flood Insurance Program. The property is zoned GB, General Business and is located in the WS-IV-PA water supply watershed, and the regulated floodplain and floodway. The property is further identified by Watauga County PIN 2817-08-9036-000. The Planning Board approved the requested amendment at its meeting on November 17, 2016.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit**

Speaker: Nicole Norman, Finance Officer

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 financial statements for the Town of Blowing Rock have been completed and approved by the North Carolina Local Government Commission. Mr. Jason Carpenter of the accounting firm Combs, Tennant, and Carpenter, P.C. will be present to officially present the audited financial statements to Town Council.

2. **Broyhill Park Gazebo Point Landscaping Project**

Speaker: Jennifer Brown, Parks and Recreation Director

Improved erosion control around the Gazebo point through the installation of a small retaining wall made of natural boulders along the edge is being planned to greatly enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area and improve erosion control. This small project has been identified as a concise/package work scope totaling \$35,000 that can leverage the \$30,000 Broyhill Foundation grant received earlier this year along with a \$2,000 grant recently received from the Blowing Rock Community Foundation and another \$3,500 from the Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission.

3. **Water Plant Chemical Feed Project Repair Bid Award**

Speaker: Doug Chapman, Town Engineer

The Town's water treatment plant is in need of repairs to its chemical feed systems. These repairs generally consist of replacement of the existing alum and caustic day tanks and chemical feed pumps. Three bids have been received and staff recommends bid award to Greene Construction in the amount of \$71,213 along with \$5,000 for contingency and \$10,000 for engineering services for a total of \$86,213 to be funded with an appropriation from fund balance within the utility fund.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Prior to the meeting, anyone wishing to speak shall complete an index card supplied by the Town Clerk, on which they will provide their name, address, telephone number and the topic they wish to address. In deference to all who wish to speak, each speaker will be asked to limit his or her comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session is currently planned.

ADJOURNMENT