

**MINUTES  
Town of Blowing Rock  
Town Council  
Budget Work Session  
June 1, 2017**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council continued their annual budget work session on Thursday, June 1, 2017. The work session was held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Mayor Pro-tem Albert Yount, Council Members Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson, and Ray Pickett. Others in attendance were Town Manager Ed Evans, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner. Council Member Jim Steele was unable to attend.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Council discussed several options regarding the best solution for installation of the AMI water meters. They also discussed giving options to the consumers for payment of the meters.

Town Manager Evans continued reviewing each department's General Fund Expenditures.

Council discussed Parks and Recreation facility rentals and increased fee options for the facilities. Council Member Sweeting advised she would like to see more advertising for the various options of facilities available to rent. The consensus among Council was to increase fees to help with general operations and maintenance.

Town Manager Evans discussed Parks and Recreation's new proposed Program and Facilities Coordinator position. Council agreed this was a much-needed position to help with the various services and activities provided by Parks and Recreation. Council Member Pickett praised Parks and Recreation department for the work they do and services they provide. The consensus among all of Council was the same and they felt as though the Town's Parks and Recreation provides services that cannot be found elsewhere in the county.

Council discussed vehicles for the various departments.

Town Council discussed at length the needs of the Town, including operations, Class and Pay Study, Capital Improvement Plan, General Obligation Bond, Debt Service and the proposed tax increase. Council asked management to correct some clerical errors and to add some notes. No major changes were requested.

