

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Town Council
Budget Work Session
May 18, 2018

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held their budget work session on Friday, May 18, 2018. The work session was held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-tem Albert Yount, Council Members Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson, Jim Steele and Virginia Powell. Others in attendance were Town Manager Ed Evans, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management

Manager Evans presented Council with a Resolution from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management. The purpose is to submit the resolution to designate agents from the Town and submit back to the State for 75% reimbursement of the total cost of repairs for damage incurred during the October 23, 2017 flood. Council Member Sweeting made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Powell. Unanimously approved. **NC Emergency Management Resolution - Attachment A**

DISCUSSION

Town Manager Evans reviewed with Council the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was previously discussed and adopted during last year's budget. Manager Evans asked for Council feedback and discussed options for next steps.

Town Manager Evans reviewed in length the highlights in the FY 18-19 proposed budget.

Manager Evans discussed with Council his plan for funding improvements to the Water Plant, which is in much need of improvements and was not included in the General Obligation Bond funding. Manager Evans further reviewed with Council

Council discussed at length and detail, vehicles for the various departments.

Town Manager Evans reviewed each department's General Fund Expenditures.

Town Council discussed at length the needs of the Town, including operations, Capital Improvement Plan, General Obligation Bond and the briefly the proposed tax increase for Bond related expenses.

Council directed staff to clarify and provide additional information on a few items that they will discuss further at the next budget work session.

ADJOURN

At 4:35 p.m. Council Member Sweeting made a motion to recess the work session, seconded by Council Member Powell. Unanimously approved. The meeting was recessed to continue at 5:30 p.m. on May 30, 2018.

MAYOR _____ **ATTEST** _____
Charlie Sellers **Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk**

Attachments:
NC Emergency Management Resolution - Attachment A