

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Town Council**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**June 18, 2019**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held their budget work session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. 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, Jim Steele and Virginia Powell. Others in attendance were Town Manager Shane Fox, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes. Council Member Doug Matheson was unable to attend the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Steele made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Yount. Unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Fox reviewed the budget outline and discussed with Council at length, requested revisions to the proposed budget. Some items discussed in detail were:

- Removal of funding for the Annie Cannon restroom reserve allocation. Instead add a Port-a-John to get an idea of the usage in that location
- Removal of funding for the Davant Field restroom reserve allocation
- Removal of the requested water truck replacement. The truck will be replaced with a truck from Public Works that will be available in the spring.
- Removal of funding for the Police/Parks and Recreation building redesign
- Removal of replacement of the Parks and Recreation mini bus. Instead repair of the existing mini bus
- Removal of the Ventrac Mower purchase and move to FY 20-21
- Remove of the Public Works tractor replacement. Instead repair the existing tractor
- Funding was added for the STR Helper Contract
- Reduction in Insurance & Bonds expense due to quotes received
- Removal of Class and Pay Study
- Remove Employee Education/Incentives Program, convert to merit pay with 1% going into reserve to be implemented when a merit program has been developed and a 2% COLA
- Reduce contract cleaning service for Memorial Park restrooms due to steam cleaner purchase

- Tax Rate reduced from a .03 cent increase to .01 cent making the tax rate .39 cents per 100-dollar evaluation
- Pool fee rate increase for non-tax payers

**ADJOURN**

At 9:05 p.m. Council Member Sweeting made a motion to adjourn the work session, seconded by Council Member Powell. Unanimously approved.

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Budget Change Directives Summary & Impacts - Attachment A**