

**Town of Boiling Springs
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022**

The Boiling Springs Town Council met February 22, 2022, at the Boiling Springs Town Hall. Present were Mayor Daniel Thomas, Councilmembers Tonya Gantt Marty Thomas, Caleb Edwards, Patrick Litton. Staff members present: Town Manager Justin Longino, Administrative Support Specialist Courtney Devon, Finance Director Rhonda Allen, Public Works Director Mike Gibert, Police Chief Nathan Phillips.

Others Present: See Sign in list.

MAYOR'S CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Gardner Webb will not be in attendance.

Add in the Resolution for the closing of James Lovelace Rd closing.

Caleb Edwards the motion to amend the minutes. Tonya Gantt second the motion. Unanimous.

Kim Duren – Broad River Greenway – Turned 27 this year, broke ground 1995 – 400 to 1500 sq ft – Cleveland County and all Western North Carolina and the Piedmont – Tourism is an economic development – Various free events offered to the public and growing turn outs – Thank you to council on behalf of the Greenway and we continue to share this relationship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 1st meeting minutes: Councilmember Thomas with motion, Councilmember Edwards to second, unanimous

Closed session minutes: Councilmember Thomas to motion approval, Councilmember Litton seconded the motion, accepted as presented unanimously

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING TOWN CLERK KIM GREENE

Mayor Thomas presented a resolution from the Town of Boiling Springs to Kim Greene after 32 years, attached resolution to these minutes, motion to adopt by Councilmember Thomas, second by Councilmember Litton, unanimously adopted.

Town Manager Longino presented Kim with an engraved vase of her dedication to The Town of Boiling Springs for 32 years.

RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD DEDUCTION OF ARPA FUNDS

The School of Government and the NCLM recommends taking the 'standard deduction' for those jurisdictions receiving less than \$10 million in ARPA grant funds. This is the most flexible way to utilize the funds with less reporting requirements. Councilmember Edwards asked how much we're receiving and Councilmember Litton asked when the specific projects will be discussed. Town Manager Longino stated we will discuss further at planning retreat and we're receiving just over \$1.4 million. Mayor request motion to approve, Councilmember Litton with the motion to adopt, Councilmember Gantt with the second, unanimously adopted.

DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND INTERSECTION CONFLICT SIGNAGE

A discussion was had about creating a pedestrian crossing on N. Main St near O'Reilly Auto Parts and implementing an intersection conflict system at Hillcrest and E. College. The sales rep hasn't sent over the quote yet, but he told staff that another town implemented the intersection conflict system for \$2500. Additionally, we had funds available in the Powell Bill budget. Councilmember Edwards would like to proceed if the quote amount is to not exceed a certain amount. Councilmember Litton asked if the funds are already budgeted. Town Manager responded that they were. Councilmember Thomas agreed that it is hard to put a price on safety and asked how this effects our overall fund balance. Town Manager Longino responded that it does not affect our fund balance and there is no need to appropriate funds for these projects. Councilmember Thomas stated there seemed to be no huge negatives outweighing the positive, and he made motion to approve, Councilmember Edwards made the second. Unanimously approved.

DISCUSS THE YMCA AGREEMENT

Barbara Fitch was present to answer any questions. There is an automatic renewal clause that requires the Town to give the YMCA notice if any changes are to be made. Councilmember Thomas would like to continue this agreement with the YMCA. Councilmember Litton said he would like to tweak the contract. Councilmember Edwards made the motion to review the contract, second by Councilmember Litton. The YMCA Subcommittee is to discuss the YMCA agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ABDONMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY ON JAMES LOVELESS ROAD (ADDED ITEM)

Manager Longino informed the board that staff had received a request to abandon right-of-way at the end of James Lovelace. Adoption of this resolution is simply a formality. There will be an advertisement for 4 weeks and public notice letters to go out when signs go up to notify for public hearing. Public hearing will be able to provide information on who is responsible for what and what is "abandoned". In the future if it were bought, the new owner would be responsible for that piece of the road. Councilmember Edwards made the motion to issue the resolution, Councilmember Gant second the motion, unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

Manager Longino: wayfinding signs still in progress, MAPS group will be here at the end of this month, upcoming retreat on March 19th.

Councilmember Litton: He was the representative for Boiling Springs for CCS. One thing that needs to be focused on is people cleaning up after their pets when not on their own property. We have an ordinance already for this and we need to educate people on that, and it is a problem when residents do not clean up behind their pets. Thank you to Kim after having served for 32 years and we had some big shoes to fill.


Councilmember Edwards: He would like to review traffic ordinances in local neighborhoods and speed limits and precautions after going through planning priorities. Congratulations to Kim after 32 impressive years and hard work.

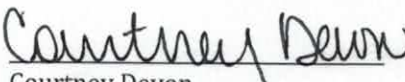
Councilmember Thomas: Thank you to Kim and her whole family. She will be missed. Are we still having street sweepers come through town? Staff informed Councilmember Thomas that they come through twice per week.

Mayor Thomas: thank you to everyone being here and thank you to the staff and Kim for her service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Caleb Edwards made the motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Patrick Litton seconded, and the vote was unanimous.


Mayor Daniel Thomas


Courtney Devon
Deputy Town Clerk

