

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2019
5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Members Tina Bailey, and Kay Ehlinger. A quorum was met. Mayor Larry Fontaine, Member David Ehmig and Town Attorney Rob Angle were absent. Also present were Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert gave the Invocation for tonight's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the agenda; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

AMEND & ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING on July 9, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert requested to amend the "draft minutes of July 9, 2019" with additional language to clarify the reason the item was removed from Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert requested to remove Item 5) CONSENT AGENDA C. ADDITION TO UDO – Table 5.1 Table of Permitted Uses, because item requires Notice and Public Hearing.

Member Bailey made a motion to approve and adopt the amended minutes; Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sarah Manning – 277 Four Diamond Drive – Spoke about the need to improve the fire rating in her area of Town. Fire Chief Powell has been in communication with the State.

Bert Valery – 160 Snowcloud Drive - Requested to be placed on the Town Council agenda to discuss details about a dog park in the Town; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert suggested he meet with the Parks & Rec Committee at the next scheduled meeting on September 12, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers provided the following update:

August 23rd – Seven Devils 40th Anniversary Celebration – 10am Ribbon Cutting -New Town Hall, 11:30am BBQ Lunch – Town Hall & Music by the Lake 4pm- Dixie Dawn & 6pm-Kruger Brothers

August 24th- Avery County will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day
September 17th & 18th – Moving dates to New Town Hall – Town Hall Closed
Municipal Elections – November 5th – 4 candidates filed for 3 open seats on Town Council;
Kay Ehlinger (I), Larry Fontaine (I), Wayne Bonomo, Jeffrey Williams

Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 9th – 6:30pm; the Voter's Information Group will be gathering topics/question for candidates. Candidate Forum Moderator – Phyllis Miller

TDA has a vacancy and is posted on the 7D website; two applications have been received.

Several terms will be expiring on Boards/Committees at the end of the year; Application available at Town Hall.

HCCOG Annual Banquet to be on Friday, September 6th – Need RSVP's

A thank you to Officer Matt Millsaps for assisting a resident during their seasonal visit.

Bear Decorating Contest winners are posted to the 7D website; Judges sent a thank you note.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day holiday

Updates for: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Complaints & Real Estate Closings.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert asked the Town Council to reverse the order of Old Business with New Business as outlined on tonight's Agenda, out of respect to the featured speakers. There was no disagreement; Items reversed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SARA BREWER – High Country ABC Board – Updates

Sara Brewer provided an update on HB971 – Modern Licensure Model for Alcohol Control; Discussion on this bill occurred in the House ABC Committee, no comments were allowed. Updates include - ABC stores can now place special order items more easily, Craft distilleries can mix drinks on property, Local boards can offer in-store tastings.

B. MANDY MELANSON – Parks & Rec Technician

Newly hired Parks & Rec Technician, Mandy Melanson presented the features on the Facebook page created specifically for Parks & Rec Activities. ~CLOSED~

OLD BUSINESS

A. NEW TOWN HALL UPDATE

The real estate closing on the New Town Hall/Skyline Building was completed on Monday, July 29th. Town Attorney Rob Angle handled the closing documents; Mayor Fontaine signed on behalf of the Town. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be on August 23rd and moving dates

to the new Town Hall will be September 17th & 18th. TDA has funded cosmetic updates such as fresh landscape, exterior paint/pressure wash, signage, etc. ~OPEN~

COMMITTEE REPORTS


- Board of Adjustment** – No meeting
- Planning Board** – No meeting
- Public Works** – No meeting
- Public Safety Committee** – July minutes
- Parks & Recreation Committee** – No meeting
- TDA** – July minutes
- ABC Board** – June minutes
- Tree Committee** – No meeting
- Public Safety Department**
 - Police Report**
 - Fire Report**
- Financial Report**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Bailey inquired about the status of hiring a new police officer; Manager Powers stated a new officer should be on staff by the end of August.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.



Larry Fontaine, Mayor



Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

