

**BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2008**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Liz Aycock, Rennie Brantz, Janet Pepin and Stephen Phillips. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Freida Van Allen, Finance Director Amy Davis, Fire Captain Jimmy Isaacs, Public Services Director Blake Brown, Public Utilities Director Rick Miller, Police Captain Curtis Main, Development Services Director John Spear, Human Resources Director Peri Moretz, and Assistant to the Manager Jim Byrne.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget public hearing and to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Grease Prevention ordinance.

FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Clawson called the public hearing to order at 6:31 p.m.

Stephen Poulos, Director of Watauga County Parks and Recreation, said in the past 20 years the Town has supported Parks and Recreation by monetary funding. Mr. Poulos requested that the Town reconsider and reinstate funding to the Parks and Recreation. Mr. Poulos thanked Council members for their past support.

The public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

GREASE PREVENTION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Clawson opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Public Utilities Rick Miller said the proposed ordinance is in the packet and that public meetings were held in February and March to inform the public about the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF FY 08/09 BUDGET

Town Manager Greg Young presented the following general fund priorities list:

PROJECT	FY 2007/2008	FY 2008/2009
Capital Reserve - Town Facilities	\$ 1,000,000	\$1,250,000

Capital Reserve - Raw Water Land Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000	\$981,000
UDO Comp Update	\$ 100,000	\$155,232
Stream Bank Restoration	\$ 50,000	\$50,000
Smart Growth Audit	\$ 33,000	Completed (\$30,483 Actual Cost)
Sidewalk Expansion	\$ 100,000	\$100,000
Howard Street	\$ 300,000	\$30,000
Ann Marie/Elizabeth Drive Park	\$ 182,500	\$176,050
Storm Water	\$ 20,000	\$20,000
Jones House Fence Project - Grant Match	\$ 5,500	\$5,094
Jones House - Other Improvements	\$ 9,000	\$7,000
Greenway / ATP	\$ 150,000	\$150,000
Downtown Amenities	\$ -	\$20,000
NC Dept. of Transportation	\$ -	\$500,000
Available for Appropriation	\$500,000	

WATER PRIORITIES

PROJECT	FY 2007/2008		FY 2008/2009
Environmental Assessment	\$ -		\$45,000

Preliminary Design	\$	-		\$307,733
Bond Counsel	\$	-		\$190,000
Preliminary Engineering Report	\$	-		\$15,000
Reclassification	\$	-		\$25,000
DOT Negotiations	\$	-		\$10,000
Meetings	\$	-		\$25,000
Ordinance Assistance	\$	-		\$10,000
Wetlands	\$	-		\$20,000
Funding / Permitting / Agency	\$	-		\$10,000
Contingency - 10%	\$	-		\$65,773
Total			\$723,506	

Town Manager Young said the Council has about \$500,000 to appropriate to various capital

projects for FY 08/09. Council agreed to appropriate \$285,000 to the Howard Street project and \$215,000 to the Capital Reserve-Capital Facilities. Council also agreed to designate any additional fund balance at the end of the fiscal year to the general fund priority list.

Town Manager Young explained that he expects to spend about \$723,506 over the next fiscal year from the water and sewer fund for the raw water intake. Council member Brantz asked when the project will be complete. Town Manager Young said that just the design and assessment will require about two years with an additional three years for construction.

Council then discussed the final outside agency funding recommendations. Council member Phillips asked that Council give some consideration to the Parks and Recreation funding request since the organization depends on the Town funding for revenues. Council member Mason pointed out that the Town expends much revenue for recreation, such as the lease of the industrial park and Anne Marie/Elizabeth Drive fields, the greenway trail, and the new passive park at Anne Marie Drive.

Council then discussed a twenty-percent increase in the long-term parking lots. Council agreed to the twenty-percent increase.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council member Brantz, seconded by Council member Aycock, Council moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE: Aye-All
 Nay-None

Town Clerk

Mayor