

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**October 14, 2014**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper, and David Ehmig. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Ed Evans. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to move New Business Items A, B, and C to just before Citizen Comments on the Agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion to approve the amended Agenda. The members agreed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING—PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT  
ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER CONNECTION FEES—PURSUANT TO NCGS  
160A-364**

Member Hooper made a motion to open the Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding water connection fees. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

After giving a brief introduction of the changes proposed, Mayor Fontaine opened the Public Hearing for public comment. No comments were voiced.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to close the Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding water connection fees. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adopt minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—September 9, 2014**

**Budget Amendment—Snowcloud Loan and Water Project Expense**

Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**TOWN AUDIT PRESENTATION—SHARON GILLESPIE**

Sharon Gillespie, of Young, Miller, & Gillespie gave an overview of the Financial Audit report. Copies of the report were given to each Council Member, and a copy was placed in Town Hall for citizens to review. She commented that the Town passed the Audit, and they were able to give a clean opinion of the Town's financial status. Ms. Gillespie thanked the Town for the opportunity to perform the audit and expressed appreciation for the good working relationship with the Finance Officer, Debbie Powers. Manager Evans stated that the Town wanted to thank Sharon, Nancy and Debbie for their hard work during the audit process.

**ABC AUDIT PRESENTATION—SARA BREWER**

Sara Brewer presented the members with the audit summary for the High Country ABC to review. She briefly highlighted the sales for the year as well as pointed out that the gross sales for the year was approximately \$2,697,054.00. Ms. Brewer stated that the ABC Board also went through a Performance Audit by the ABC Commission recently, and the Board/ABC Store received a passing rating of A+. A copy of this Audit Report was mailed to the Town. The Council thanked Ms. Brewer for her presentation.

**ABC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DISCUSSION—SARA BREWER**

Sara Brewer stated that Officer Shane Vance from the Avery County Sheriff's Department was chosen to be the ABC Law Enforcement Officer for the municipalities. She stated that he would do two inspections per year at each outlet within the served municipalities, and that the ABC Board would be paying part of his salary.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks**, thanked the TDA for putting up the wonderful Fall decorations, as well as the Public Works Department for putting up the Fall banners. She also reminded everyone that Watauga County Hazardous Waste Day and Operation Medicine Cabinet would be Saturday, October 25, 2014.

**Anne Fontaine, 127 W. Rocky Top**, stated that the grand total of miles walked in the Seven Devils Walking Challenge was 8,707 miles, far surpassing the set goal for the year. She stated that 40 people participated in the walk and that everyone enjoyed the celebration they had the previous week. Mrs. Fontaine stated that the Otter Falls Committee comprised of the TDA and Recreation Commission was solidified, and that they would be meeting in November, for the Council to submit any ideas or suggestions they may have.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR**

Manager Evans stated that Town Hall would be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 for Veteran's Day, causing the Recreation Commission meeting and Town Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UDO CHANGE—RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD**—Member Ehmig made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Board regarding water connection fees and requirements for subdivisions, allowing water connection fees to be paid at the time a building permit for a lot is issued. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~**CLOSED**~

**NEW BUSINESS—NONE—moved to after Consent Agenda.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning Board—No meeting**

**Public Works—No meeting**

**Public Safety Committee—No meeting**

**Recreation Commission**

**TDA**

**ABC Board**

**Public Safety Department**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Financial Report**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that all citizens should be extra careful with the Ebola scares going around the country.

Mayor Fontaine stated that around 38-40 new citizens or families have moved into Seven Devils as fulltime residents. He wished all present and the Council to encourage newcomers and young people to become involved with the Town on Boards and Committees.

**ADJOURN**

Member Ehmig made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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Larry Fontaine, Mayor

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Sara Miller, Town Clerk