

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:03 p.m. with a quorum present as follows:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Dennis Lacey, Mayor Pro Tem Gunther Jochl, Council Member Norris Clifton, Council Member, David Ammann, and Council Member Scott Brown

Council Members Absent:

Village Hall Staff Present:

Police Chief David Henson, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, Village Manager David Lane, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded official meeting.

Approximately 6 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Invocation**- Mayor Dennis Lacey delivered the Invocation.
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** - Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting** – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member, Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
5. **Village Manager Communications** – Village Manager, David Lane advised the Village received a \$5000.00 bonus from the High Country ABC Board. The Village held the annual employee appreciation dinner with family tubing. The Village Hall will be closed for Easter Monday. The golf course is ready for the season. Bill Daniels has spent a lot of time with the engineer's working on the paving project and is happy with the excellent work.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Tourism Development Authority Re-Appointment** – The TDA Board Members have requested to re-appoint Sam Semple for another two year term. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to re-appoint Sam Semple with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

- b. **Audit Contracts** – Audit contract for received from Martin Starnes & Associates increased this year by another \$500.00. This brings the full contract amount to \$14,400.00. A second contract was received by Misty Watson, CPA, P.A. for three years at a set rate of \$10,000.00 per year. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Gunther Jochl motioned to accept the three year contract with Misty Watson. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

7. Old Business

- a. **Paving** - Evaluation Study from the Wooten Company was presented by Clarence Lockney and Slate Harven. Details and timeline were given during the presentation and are available in the Clerk's Office as public record. The project should be completed by August 2016'.
- b. **Resolution Makeing Necessary Findings and Authorizing the Contract**- NC General Statute 160A-20. Public Hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. This resolution is required by the Local Government Commission when completing an application for approval of installment for the paving project. Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to adopt the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- c. **Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance** – A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

8. Other Business

- a. **Tax Collection Rate** – 2015 Taxes 94.49%; A list of unpaid 2015' tax bills were provided to council that reflect a lean on real property.
- b. **Closed Session – Personnel** – At 5:25pm Council Member, David Ammann motioned to go into closed session with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0). At 5:35pm Council returned and Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to come out of closed session with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

9. Departmental Reports

- a. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson advised he will meet with Village Manager tomorrow to discuss the best way to enforce the panhandling ordinance. Report submitted by Chief, David Henson has 303- Business Checks and 235 – Resident Checks. The report also announces the retirement of Captain Reo Griffith in April and Officer Jessica Young is no longer with the Village as of March first. Officer Matt Millsaps has been moved to day shift and Officer Casey Turbyfill has been promoted from Reserve to Full-Time.
- b. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report** –Report provided states the department has patched the worst potholes and hope they will hold until the major paving project. Spending some time working on police and maintenance equipment. The golf course crew has removed several trees along both sides of the 13th hole and widening out the playable areas on hole #3.
- c. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – Report provided includes 3- Sign Permits, 4- building permits, 1-roofing permit, and 2- tree permits.
- d. **Finance Officer's Financial Report** – Report provided; no comments.

10. Public Comments – No public comments.

11. Mayor/Council Comments – No council comments.

12. Adjournment of Regular Meeting –Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to adjourn with a second from Council Member, David Ammann. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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