

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the October 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:02 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:**

Chief of Police David Henson, Tax Collector and TDA Coordinator Sherri Herland, Village Manager David Lane, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded official meeting.

Approximately 8 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Invocation**- Mayor Dennis Lacey delivered the Invocation.
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** Mayor Pro Temp, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **September 20, Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member, Norris Clifton 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 reported that the last day for golf is this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Play was good until the weather turned cool last week. The Tourism Development Authority (TDA) is discussing the possibility of incorporating pickle ball with tennis. The Public Works Dept. is working hard on preparing the plow trucks. Paving has been completed on the golf course. Public Works will work on removing dead trees after the golf course has closed. The employee appreciation lunch and golf game has been scheduled.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **High Country ABC Audit**

Sara Brewer presented the 2015-2016 High Country ABC Audit to council. A check was also presented for the Village of Sugar Mountain for \$21,250.00. Gross for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 was \$2,938,873.00. \$10,000 was given back to law enforcement, \$14,000 to Local Alcohol Education, and \$270,000 distributed between the three towns.
  - b. **Resolution for Property Exchange**

Village Manager, David Lane reported that a small change in the survey is currently being made and the property value will be \$10,000 on both pieces of property. After discussion, Council tabled this item until the changes are complete and the resolution has been updated.
  - c. **Resolution Amending the Personnel Ordinance**

Two resolutions were presented to council updating vacation leave distribution in the personnel ordinance. After Discussion, Council tabled the item until the new Village Manager arrives in January.

**d. Budget Amendment**

Council approved the purchase of a Cushman Haulster on September 28, 2016. The budget amendment appropriates funds not originally budgeted for. Revenues in the amount of \$5,000 received from motor fuel tax refunds were used to purchase the Cushman Haulster for road striping. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the budget amendment. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**e. Employee Health Ins. Quote**

Quotes were received from Aetna, BCBSNC, and UHC. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the purchase of option 2 from United Health Care (UHC). Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**7. Old Business**

**a. Paving Project**

Village Manager, David Lane advised the project is complete with the exception of minor manhole repairs. The total project came in \$124,627.38 under budget.

**8. Other Business**

- a. Tax Collection Rate** – Report indicated a 32.28% collection rate as of October 20, 2016.

**9. Departmental Reports**

- a. Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with 519- Resident Checks, 579- Business Checks, and 2,324 Patrol Miles.
- b. Public Works Director's Monthly Report** – Report provided gave details on the road striping and maintaining the ditch lines and culvert heads with using a tractor blower. Sod was received from Diamond Creek to rebuild several tees and repair weak areas of some fairway turf. This saved the golf course approximately \$15,000.
- c. Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – Report provided includes the following permits: 1-Paint, 7-Tree, 3-Sign, 1-Building Permit, and 1-Road Cut Permit to repair a water leak.
- d. Finance Officer's Financial Report** – A Budget report was provided. The golf report shows revenue is up for the year and tennis is down.

- 10. Public Comments** – Jack Anderson of Sugar Mtn. Drive stated he is please with the Police Dept, Golf Course is gorgeous, and the new pavement is fantastic.

**11. Closed Session - Personnel**

At 5:39 Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to go into closed session with a second from Council Member, David Ammann. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0). At 5:46 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. Mayor Dennis Lacey called for a motion on vacation leave for the Public Works Director. Council Member, David Ammann motion to approve the request with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four votes to zero.

**12. Mayor/Council Comments** – No Comments

- 13. Adjournment of Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Norris Clifton 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 5:48 p.m.**

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Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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