

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
May 7, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone. Mayor Rennie Brantz presided. Council Members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Sam Furguele, Connie Ulmer and Marshall Ashcraft. Staff present included Town Manager John Ward, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Public Works Director Rick Miller, Fire Chief Jimmy Isaacs, Finance Director Amy Davis, Deputy Public Works Director Todd Moody, Planning Director Jane Shook and Police Captain Andy LeBeau. Town Attorney Allison Meade was also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brantz welcomed all in attendance and invited anyone who wished to speak during Public Comment to please sign up.

Public Works Director Rick Miller and Administrative Support Specialist Carrie Phillips presented awards to the winners of the 2019 Every Drop Counts poster contest.

1st Place	Luci Pedroni
2nd Place	Claire Powell
3rd Place	Eleanor Connell
Honorable Mention	Lucinda Lucci

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, seconded by Ms. Mason, Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE:	Aye:	All
	Nay:	None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one signed up for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING - N.C. HIGHWAY 105 PROJECT

Mayor Brantz opened the public hearing regarding the N. C. Highway 105 project at 6:09 p.m.

Lynn White of Wintergreen Lane spoke in opposition of the superstreet plan for Highway 105 submitted by NCDOT due mainly to the use of medians. Ms. White believed that medians were not necessary and did not believe them to be advantageous in this area. She stated that she believed making the road five lanes with a continuous turn lane seemed more expedient and more cost effective. Ms. White felt that synchronized traffic lights would further assist in the flow of traffic, as would lowered speed limits that should be more strictly enforced. Ms. White noted the many neighborhoods and small businesses that would be affected by the construction of the project, as well as the diversion of traffic to avoid construction.

Charles Ulery of Boone suggested that Council consider constructing a road to access ASU from the far end of Highway 105. He also suggested that consideration be given to an overpass at the Wendy's intersection due to heavy traffic flow. Mr. Ulery stated that he believed ASU and the state should be responsible for the traffic issues they caused due to inflated student enrollment.

Barbara Julien of Snaggy Mountain thanked Council for their time spent on this topic, but disagreed with the NCDOT's newest remedy to the problem. She expressed concern with the additional travel time for residents that lived along the highway and felt that Snaggy Mountain needed guard rails for safety. Ms. Julien asked that the Town work to increase enforcement of the speed limit along Highway 105, extend the turn lane, and add synchronized traffic lights, especially in the Snaggy Mountain area.

Sandy Byrum, owner of Troy's Diner and Troy's employee Emily Haas spoke in opposition to the proposed plan for Highway 105, and expressed concern with the negative impacts of construction. She asked that Council remember the effect this project would have on employees of the businesses along the corridor, as well as the impact on tax and tourism revenue. Ms. Haas finished by reminding members that many small businesses in the area helped in various ways to support the local non-profit organizations, but the effects of the potential road construction could reduce their ability to do so.

Rick Pedroni, owner of Casa Rustica stated that it had been a tough year for his business due to rumors of construction in the area. He felt that the Town giving in to an ultimatum by the NCDOT was not the solution to the problem, and added that he believed ASU should pay their fair share in terms of infrastructure in Town.

JP Pardy, owner of Recess reiterated that he was supportive of safety, bike lanes and sidewalks, but that he was not comfortable with the amount of disruption the proposed project would cause. He was concerned with the lack of information given by NCDOT at the last meeting and felt that more businesses would move outside of Town limits if the project was approved. Mr. Pardy suggested that traffic lights be installed at Ingles, Poplar Grove Road and Snaggy Mountain, along with the addition of a turn lane the entire length of the road. He believed that NCDOT should present other options for consideration, and added that he did not support the project due to the many uncertainties that were left in the air.

Greg Marland of Boone felt that the infrastructure in Boone was not bicycle friendly, and expressed concern with the negative impact that construction would have on the obstacles already in place. He suggested an underpass from Faculty Street to Winkler's Creek Road for pedestrian and bicycle traffic to safely cross Highway 105 in order to connect to the 321 corridor.

Mayor Brantz closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

REX BUCK - WATAUGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Rex Buck of Watauga County Solid Waste and Recycling stated that based on the current County ordinances, every resident received a 2,000 pound waiver at the transfer station in Boone to dispose of solid waste. He added that traditionally, a contracted collector picked up curbside waste and disposed of it free of charge. Mr. Buck stated that the County was anticipating a 30% increase in their fees for hauling the waste to the Lenoir site and added that all revenue from solid waste availability fees, grants, tire taxes and tipping fees from the transfer station would all be impacted by the fee increase. He stated that the total increase per person would increase to approximately \$26 per ton for residential and \$59 per ton for commercial waste in the next year. Mr. Buck added that the County worked to push back implementation of this fee increase until July of this year so that it would not impact the Town's current fiscal year. He added that the biggest impact for the Town would be an increase in cost for residential and multifamily collections who had received a fee waiver in the past, in that they would begin paying the full rate. Ms. Mason asked what prompted the fee increase. Mr. Buck explained that the County received a 30% increase in cost due to an increase to transfer waste to the Lenoir landfill. In response to a question raised by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, Mr. Buck stated that all towns within the County would pay increased fees. He further added that all residents of the County could use the container sites to avoid paying these fees. Mr. Furgiuele asked what measures the County was taking to get the word out to residents about the fee increase. Mr. Buck responded that County staff had mailed out post cards announcing the increase to all County property owners, and that all haulers and collectors who visited the transfer station recently received a flyer outlining the changes. Mr. Ward suggested that it may be a beneficial time for the Town to revisit their definition of commercial waste, since it was not involved in commercial waste collection. He added that units of three or more may need to be revisited, since the Town would no longer be able to co-mingle commercial and residential collections any longer due to having to pay the higher commercial rate. Ms. Meade stated that whatever the Town considered to be commercial, they would pay their fees directly to the County, with Mr. Ward anticipating that the higher cost would be passed on to tenants from the property owner in the form of increased rent. Mr. Ward further added that other communities sent out monthly water, sewer and solid

waste bills, which would better accommodate increases over time, and residences with a higher volume of waste could pay more per can. Mr. Buck hoped that the fee increase would encourage people to recycle and reduce their solid waste. Ms. Mason felt that there should be some sort of incentive for people to recycle, and was concerned that it seemed that Town residents would be paying additional fees for this service. Public Works Director Rick Miller estimated a cost increase for the first year of \$50-60,000 to the Town, not including the additional curbside pick-ups performed by Town staff. At full implementation, Mr. Miller estimated a cost increase of around \$140,000 to the Town. Mr. Ward added that Council should consider creating a new position to handle a potential new enterprise fund for the additional processing and possible software costs, if a separate bill was created for solid waste. Mr. Miller indicated that staff had talked with Republic Services regarding the issue and that they would be able to restructure their routes and could adjust rates to accommodate the increase. Mr. Ward added that he would not be surprised to see the addition of excess mileage and fuel costs added into Republic's contract with the Town. Mr. Ward asked Council for direction, and stated that the Town would need a one cent tax increase in order to even out after the increase. He added that the Town would not be able to absorb this increase without a tax increase. Ms. Mason asked whether a tipping fee tax could be implemented, with Mr. Ward responding that a solid waste fee could be tied to tax bills, or charges could be applied to each household. Mr. Ashcraft questioned what was driving the increase in costs at the landfill in Lenoir. Mr. Buck stated that transportation costs had increased, and there was difficulty in finding truck drivers, which resulted in increased cost for employee wages. Mr. Ward felt that the biggest issue for the Town was that when the service went out to bid, there was usually only one respondent, which in turn was reflected in the cost to the Town.

EVERETT COMPITELLO - SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Everett Compitello and Ron Wilcox of Samaritan's Purse approached Council with a request for water and sewer services for a new medical clinic at their campus located just outside of Boone town limits. Mr. Compitello stated that this new medical building would save approximately 100 jobs which would alternately be relocated to the Wilkesboro campus if water and sewer services were not approved. He added that Samaritan's Purse did currently own the property, and that there was a mobile home and small cottage on the property currently, with plans to remove those structures. Ms. Meade stated that under the current ordinance as of January provided blanket prohibitions for connections outside the Town limits except for single family homes that could prove a hardship, and that the property would have to be annexed in order to receive Town services so this request could not be approved without amending the current ordinance. Mr. Compitello replied that time was the biggest issue, as well as the uncertainty involved with annexation, since it was uncertain if the application would be approved and what zoning restrictions would be attached. Ms. Meade felt that an exception could be crafted for non-profits, though not just for religious organizations, and reminded Council that the ordinance did include a broad exemption before it was recently amended. In response to a question raised by Mr. Furgiuele, Ms. Meade stated that she did not see any reason the ordinance could not exclude multifamily residences in the exception. Mr. Ward expressed concern regarding the potential loss of jobs over a small amount of money. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he did not understand why the organization would be against annexation unless they knew that the property would be designated as non-conforming. Mr. Compitello stated that the organization had not gone that in depth in researching the matter, but since the organization was tax-exempt, he did not see the benefit to the Town for them to annex. Mr. Furgiuele added that his view on the issue had nothing to do with Samaritan's Purse or the proposal in general, but was concerned about creating an exemption that applied to a single entity. Ms. Mason felt that annexing allowed for good land use planning and compatibility, including stormwater requirements, that should be taken seriously. Mr. Compitello clarified that the remainder of the Samaritan's Purse campus was not annexed, but was on Town water and sewer, and added that since the new property was small, it would be impossible to install a well and septic system. In response to a question by Ms. Meade, Mr. Compitello stated that the organization had attempted to purchase the neighboring property, but were unable to due to the high asking price. He stated that Samaritan's Purse wanted to begin work as soon as possible, but they could pause for 30-60 days if Council wished to amend the ordinance. Mr. Furgiuele stated that when the ordinance was changed, it was at the recommendation of the Water Use Committee, and that he would want to include the committee in any new changes made. Mr. Compitello noted that if members were concerned with the possibility of Samaritan's Purse selling the property, that the organization would be open to a condition requiring the buyer to annex into the Town. After brief discussion, Mr. Furgiuele made a motion to schedule a Water Use Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

June 18, 2019 at Town Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone, then review a draft ordinance during the June 20 regular meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member
SECONDER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ashcraft
ABSTAIN:	Ulmer

JENNIFER GREENE - TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jennifer Greene, on behalf of the Transportation Committee presented Council with a request for consideration to approve a Walkability Audit Proposal. Ms. Greene stated that the committee suggested evaluation on a routine schedule of at least once every 3-5 years. Mr. Furguele asked whether the committee preferred 3 or 5 years, with Planning Director Jane Shook responding that she believed an audit every 5 years would be most beneficial. Mr. Furguele asked whether the committee planned to offer small incentives for volunteer participation. Ms. Greene stated that there would be small tokens of appreciation offered to volunteers. Ms. Mason stated that she hoped that Council members would participate, and noted that this audit was part of the certification requirements for a walk friendly community designation. Mr. Ward asked Council how they wished to prioritize this project, since Planning and Public Works were the most taxed departments. Mayor Brantz felt that the proposal was good, but needed to be tightened up. Ms. Greene stated that interns and volunteers were used in the past with good participation. She added that the committee's vision was to focus mainly on pedestrian traffic, and to plan the study for a non-football game weekend. She hoped to have the information compiled by January for Council's review. Mr. Furguele felt that Council should endorse this project. He agreed with the schedule presented and that duties should rotate between Public Works and Planning and Inspections, starting with Public Works, but suggested that the details be left up to the Transportation Committee. Upon a motion by Mr. Furguele, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, Council voted to approve the concept presented, with the project being done on a five year basis, rotating between Public Works and Planning and Inspections. The project will start off in the Alternative Transportation Committee, then move to the Transportation Committee. Ms. Shook suggested, and it was accepted, that Planning and Inspections assist Public Works, instead of rotating, so that there would be continuity in the work product. That suggestion was accepted by Mr. Furguele and Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson and was incorporated into the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member
SECONDER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JULY 4TH PARADE ORDINANCE

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, seconded by Mr. Furguele, Council voted to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. July 4th Parade Ordinance

TOWN OF BOONE

Ordinance _____

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, The Boone Town Council acknowledges a long tradition of providing an annual 4th of July Parade for its citizens which is open to everyone and is provided as a benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Boone Town Council acknowledges that its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding annual events; and

WHEREAS, the Boone Town Council wishes to ensure the health and safety of all participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, the Boone Town Council acknowledges that the annual downtown Boone 4th of July Parade requires approximately thirty (30) minutes to install signage, and traffic control, and also requires approximately thirty (30) minutes for removing signs, traffic control, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Boone pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s):	Thursday, July 4, 2019
Times:	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Route Description:	King Street (U.S. Route 421) between Hardin Street and Poplar Grove Connector, and SR 1102 (Water St./North Water St.)

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019

The Honorable Rennie Brantz, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft

COUNCIL MATTERS

REQUEST FOR DIRECTION - PROPOSED N.C. 105 IMPROVEMENTS

Town Manager John Ward asked Council for direction on the proposed project along Highway 105. Mr. Furgiuele began by stating that while all comments resonated with him and were well made, he was opposed to the project. He did not believe that the superstreet design was right for Boone, and expressed concern that the DOT did not appear to have the slightest concern about the impact of the project on merchants and residents along the road. Mr. Furgiuele was displeased at the ultimatum given to the Town by its own DOT representative, and said that he was unsure that the similar project along 421 truly improved the lives of people in the area as was promised. He added that the Town spent approximately 2.8 million dollars in connection with the 421 project, and was concerned that the 105 project was double in length, which could mean at least double the expense. Mr. Furgiuele felt that the Town had no discretionary funds to apply toward this project, and believed that for the Town to commit to the project without knowing the cost would be foolhardy and a prioritization of this project over other future needs of the Town when we could not measure its financial impact. He stated that he would rather see the Town fund additional police officers to patrol the area than to support the project as presented. Mr. Furgiuele was concerned that lights on the road were not synchronized and that there were too few to properly control speed and stop traffic to allow for incoming traffic from side streets. He worried about the impact on businesses along the corridor if the plan was approved, and cited businesses that had closed or relocated during construction on the 421 project. Mr. Furgiuele continued by expressing concern about the impact on residents in the 105 area due to cut-through traffic. He conveyed a lack of confidence in DOT's promises in terms of stormwater control, observing that the 40-year storm which DOT thought was adequate to protect against was no longer adequate and that stronger storms would worsen the flooding at Boone Mall and Highway 321 in general. He also felt that the DOT's landscaping contribution to the project would be inadequate. Mr. Furgiuele added that he supported AppalCART, but was unhappy with the lack of bus turnouts in the project plans, as well as the lack of information on how the plan would coexist with other plans and UDO standards in Town. He finished by commenting that he would rather keep 105 as-is than to approve the project plan presented by DOT. Ms. Mason stated that the decision was a difficult one, and that she struggled with knowing that 105 was over capacity and unsafe. She believed the area needed multimodal paths along both sides of the road, as well as additional crosswalks. Ms. Mason felt that if the Town did not act, the road would continue with the same challenges. She did not believe a continuous turn lane would work, nor would synchronized lights in heavy traffic periods. Ms. Mason acknowledged the lack of details offered by DOT, but was afraid that the area would never see sidewalks or bike lanes along the road if the Town did not work with DOT on this project. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson added that 105 was a business corridor and that she had recently visited many businesses in the area to get their input on the project. She expressed concern for the impact on neighborhoods in the area and felt that if the speed limit was more strictly enforced in the area, that speeding would become less of an issue. She finished by saying that while she had no resentment toward DOT, she did not believe the proposed plan was what Boone needed right now, and therefore was opposed to it. Mr. Ashcraft stated that he believed DOT would work with the Town on details of the project, though he would have liked to have seen more in advance. He did not believe that synchronized lights and turning lanes would address all the safety issues along the road, and felt that the road needed fewer turning movements and to have traffic moving in a more organized manner. Mr. Ashcraft echoed previous statements that the area needed pedestrian and bike lanes in the form of a multimodal path, and asked members to consider that if the Town paid for those amenities on its own, it would take longer and cost more, since the DOT would be covering 70% if the project was approved with these enhancements. Mr. Ashcraft indicated that he would support looking into a bond to finance the expansion of the bike and pedestrian network in the area, though it would mean a tax increase to do so. Mr. Furgiuele clarified with Mr. Miller that the Town would have to fully fund a multimodal path even if the project were approved to move forward, and Mr. Miller confirmed that DOT representatives had so stated. Ms. Mason agreed with Mr. Ashcraft's suggestion of a bond to fund multimodal paths, and stated that this action would count toward the Town's climate neutrality goal. Fencing and retaining wall options were discussed briefly, with Mr. Ashcraft indicating that he was more positive about the 105 project until he saw the cost to the Town for the 421 project. Mr. Ward stated that he anticipated there would be utilities that needed to be relocated, but reminded Council that enhancements and upgrades could be turned down, which would lower the cost to the Town. Ms. Ulmer stated that the road had been a problem for a long time, and felt that decisions should be made based on the safety of travelers along the road. Mayor Brantz stated that he believed Council should look forward when considering this decision, as opposed to only focusing on the current state of the

road. Mr. Furgiuele felt that the Town needed to investigate alternative transportation since DOT was not thinking of the impacts on climate or livability of the Town. Ms. Mason reiterated her earlier comments that stormwater should be factored into 105, and added that Poplar Grove Road and Poplar Grove Connector needed to be aligned. She was concerned with not addressing safety and mobility issues, and added that not addressing these issues could cause worse problems in the future. Mr. Furgiuele felt that most accidents along the corridor were due to negligence, and added that there were other methods to address these issues. Ms. Mason asked if the Town decided to fund multimodal paths along 105, if DOT would have to provide a right of way. Mr. Ward confirmed that rights of way would have to be secured, and added that DOT might be hesitant to allow features in their right of way knowing that larger improvements would have to be made on the road at some point in the future. Mr. Furgiuele made a motion opposing the DOT project on Highway 105. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion. Mr. Ashcraft stated that he would support Mr. Furgiuele's motion since the Town would be buying into something that they could not completely see the costs for. Ms. Mason worried what would be done to address mobility and safety issues in Town. Mr. Ashcraft shared this concern. Ms. Mason felt that the Town was not doing anything to move forward toward climate neutrality and was concerned about the impact to neighborhoods if 105 was left as-is.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Clawson, Ashcraft
 Nay: Mason, Ulmer

Mr. Furgiuele made a second motion to ask DOT to lower the speed limit to 30 miles per hour on 105, and to consider adding synchronized lights and other features that would enhance and increase safety. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: All
 Nay: None

Mr. Furgiuele made a third motion to direct the Town Manager to confer with the Police Department about ways enforcement could improve along 105. Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: All
 Nay: None

Ms. Mason made a motion in support of the Town considering a bond referendum for sidewalks along 105 and in other places. Ms. Ulmer seconded the motion. After a question by Mr. Ashcraft, Ms. Mason clarified her motion to develop a plan to look at financial options to install sidewalks along 105.

VOTE: Aye: All
 Nay: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Upon a motion by Mr. Ashcraft, seconded by Mr. Furgiuele, Council voted to approve the budget amendments as presented.

1. Police Department (Insurance reimbursement from totaled vehicle) \$6,440
2. Cultural Resources (Donations) \$3,100
3. Public Works (Repairs to street sweeper) \$8,487
4. DBDA (Jones House Concert Series sponsorship) \$3,000

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marshall Ashcraft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FINANCING PACKAGE FOR FY 2018/2019

Upon a motion by Ms. Mason, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, Council voted to approve the FY 2018/19 financing package as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lynne Mason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO TOWN CODE SECTION 71.10, RELATING TO BICYCLING ON SIDEWALKS

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to direct the Town Attorney to make the following changes and to bring the text back to Council for their consideration in June.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL REVISIONS TO TOWN CODE CHAPTER 96, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/9/2019 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem	
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft	

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING SYSTEM WHICH WILL CAPTURE THE GREENHOUSE GASES EMITTED BY WWTP

Mr. Furguele presented Council with a request for discussion regarding the capture of greenhouse gases emitted by the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant. He stated that a NCDENR representative who would be in the area soon would come to the plant, evaluate it and make recommendations back to the Town if Council wished. Public Works Director Rick Miller indicated that the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant utilized an aerobic digesting system, which did not emit methane like an anaerobic digesting system, and did not believe an evaluation would be beneficial.

REQUEST FOR AGGRESSIVE TREE PLANTINGS ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Mr. Furguele asked that the Town begin aggressively planting trees on Town-owned properties and rights of way, and in particular, the Queen Street area. Mr. Miller was concerned with maintenance and funding of the plantings. Mr. Ward reminded Council of the Assistant Town Manager's work with the Forestry Service on a grove concept for the Bolick property. Mr. Miller stated that after speaking with staff, he believed tubelings could be planted at the Water Treatment and Waste Water Treatment Plant, but was concerned that staff was already shorthanded. Deputy Public Works Director Todd Moody reminded Council that the tree grates that were installed around larger trees cost approximately \$1,000 each, not including labor and the cost of the tree. Mr. Ward indicated that staff would look for funds to pay for three trees on Queen Street. Mr. Furguele made a motion, which was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson, to look for funding for three trees along Queen

Street in the appropriate places, and if other funds could be located, to purchase 100 seedlings for the Water Treatment Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Furguele, Council Member
SECONDER:	Loretta Clawson, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Mason, Clawson, Furguele, Ulmer, Ashcraft

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Ulmer, seconded by Ms. Mason, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

VOTE:	Aye:	All
	Nay:	None

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Rennie Brantz, Mayor