

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
October 10, 2024**

An emergency meeting of the Spruce Pine Town Council was held on October 10, 2024. Present were Mayor Phillip Hise and Council Members Rocky Buchanan, Jackie Rensink, and Wayne Peight. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler, Brooke Peterson, Crystal Young, Kasey Cook, and Travis Phillips. Also attending was Richard Canipe, Chad Donnahoo (Attorney), Sean Fisher (Veolia), David Venables (TetraTech), and Fencia Ross (TetraTech).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillip Hise called the emergency meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jackie Rensink moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Rocky Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Wayne Peight gave the invocation. Rocky Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Phillip Hise opened the meeting. David Venables and Fencia Ross from TetraTech discussed providing public assistance in emergency procurement through FEMA. They are providing services to Mitchell County. They extended their expertise to the Town of Spruce Pine as well. General information under FEMA guidelines includes 100% reimbursement for the first 180 days. The Town of Spruce Pine is clarifying with County Manager Allen Cook if the town is covered under the county regarding compensation for TetraTech.

Darlene Butler noted that the Army Core of Engineers will be back at the waste plant completing their assessment today at 3:00. Withers Ravenel will also be there. Sean Fisher with Veolia discussed potential solutions for operations and/or repairing line breaks once treatment is occurring. The council also discussed having Mayland Septic pump the smaller pump stations for now.

Attorney Donnahoo noted the contracts needed with Withers Ravenel, Mayland Septic, Miller Construction, and Phillips Grading.

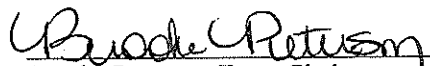
Fencia Ross noted hazard mitigation grants available through the state and future preventative measure funding.

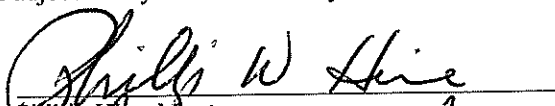
Council Member Rocky Buchanan noted the daily county meeting will change next week to only being on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 AM at the Senior Center.

Town Manager Darlene Butler explained the water billing issues for next month. The council discussed billing a minimum bill to residential customers and reviewing commercial customers individually. They also discussed, not completing customer cut offs and not charging late penalties.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Rocky Buchanan.


Brooke Peterson, Town Clerk


Phillip Hise, Mayor


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


Wayne Peight, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member