

**Town of Boonville**  
**June 11, 2021, Recessed Minutes**  
**Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building**

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The following were in attendance at the 6/11/21, recessed meeting: Mayor Vaughn Benton, Commissioners David Cox, Monica Craver, and Dwaine Dobbins. Also in attendance were Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Public Works Director Jeff Jones, Police Chief Jeff Hobson, and Tyson Edwards from the Rural Water Association. Mayor Pro-tem Justin Phillips and Commissioner Tim Driver were absent.

Mayor Benton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tyson Edwards reviewed his projection for the Town water rates for the next 5 years. He stated this could change easily as businesses may come in or expenses change. The Board members reviewed multiple options but ultimately decided the Town would need a 15 percent increase.

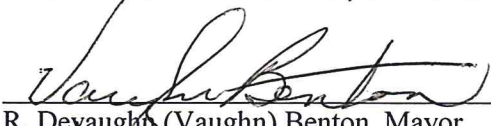
Discussion followed on bulk-rate meters for bulk water sales, the water/sewer line upgrade with NC Department of Transportation for the intersection project, amending the current water leak policy, and applying for the Asset and Inventory Assessment (AIA) grant for asset management.

Discussion followed on the new employee, Nelson Rhodes. It was the consensus of the Board members to allow Mr. Rhodes to take a car home in lieu of not participating in the Town's health insurance plan. This would begin when the Town had enough cars for him to take one home.

Discussion followed on the Melon Festival. Commissioner Cox requested that the Board members ask for a budget the Boonville Business and Downtown Development Association (BBDDA). Commissioner Craver motioned that \$1,000 be moved from the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) program to the BBDDA for the Melon Festival and that next fiscal year that funding be used for the FIG program. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. It was stated that the Board members wanted to receive an annual budget from the BBDDA.

Commissioner Cox motioned that we move money from the Economic Development line (move was for Non-Departmental M&R Bldg and Grounds, increasing LED lights from 6,800 to 9,100). Commissioner Craver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Craver motioned to recess until June 29 at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing and open session for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Adoption and update to the Zoning Ordinance per G.S.160-D. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 10:38 a.m.

  
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R. Devaughn, (Vaughn) Benton, Mayor

  
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Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk