

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING  
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL  
JUNE 21, 2005**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Velma C. Burnley presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Bunk Spann and Dempsey Wilcox. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also present. Staff present were Town Manager Greg Young; Town Clerk Freida Van Allen; Public Services Director Blake Brown; Public Utilities Director Rick Miller; Development Services Director John Spear; Human Resources Director Peri Moretz; Finance Director Amy Davis; Fire Chief Reggie Hassler; Assistant to the Manager Jim Byrne and Police Chief Bill Post.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Burnley noted two changes to the agenda:

- Discussion of Anne Marie Drive Park Proposal.
- Addition of Closed Session to discuss ASU violations.

On a motion by Council member Wilcox, seconded by Council member Clawson, Council moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-All  
Nay-None  
Absent-1 (Eggers)

**FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Burnley opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Ms. Jennifer Herman of OASIS thanked Council members for their continued support and gave a brief update of programs offered by OASIS. Mayor Burnley commended Ms. Herman and OASIS for the service provided to the community.

Mr. William Purcell of the Children's Playhouse thanked Council for including an allocation for the Playhouse in this year's budget. Mr. Purcell said the Town's support is crucial when applying for state funding.

There being no further comments, the public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

**DISCUSSION OF ANNE MARIE DRIVE PARK PROPOSAL**

Council member Mason updated Council about the last meeting with Watauga County officials regarding the Anne Marie Drive Park proposal. Ms. Mason summarized that language regarding the use of force account labor for a joint park project on Anne Marie Drive is included in the County's proposed occupancy tax legislation. Council member Mason said Senator Garwood's office needs a statement or resolution of support for the project so that the proposed legislation can move forward. Council member Spann questioned if this would obligate the Town financially. Council member Mason said no, that the statement should be contingent upon developing a lease suitable to both parties. On a motion by Council member Mason, seconded by Council member Spann, Council moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone owns approximately 28 acres, subject to survey, adjoining the New River;

WHEREAS, Watauga County wishes to lease approximately 12 acres of this property for development of a park, contingent upon mutual lease terms;

WHEREAS, Watauga County would like to use their own forces for development of this park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Boone supports Watauga County in their effort to develop this park, specifically supporting Section 7 of proposed Senate Bill 92, that would allow the County to develop this park using their own forces.

Adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2005.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

**(RESOLUTION TO BE TYPED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 292)**

VOTE: Aye-All  
Nay-None  
Absent-1 (Eggers)

Council member Mason suggested that the Park Task Force convene to discuss zoning and deed restrictions with Development Services Director John Spear and Assistant to the Manager Jim Byrne.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Council member Wilcox, seconded by Council member Clawson, Council moved to enter Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a)3) in order to discuss ASU violations.

VOTE: Aye-All  
Nay-None  
Absent-1 (Eggers)

On a motion by Council member Mason, seconded by Council member Clawson, Council moved to exit Closed Session at 7:56 p.m.

VOTE: Aye-All  
Nay-None  
Absent-1 (Eggers)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Council member Wilcox, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

VOTE: Aye-All  
Nay-None  
Absent-1 (Eggers)

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Town Clerk

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Mayor