Town of Woodfin
Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025
5:00 pm

ACTION MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present

Mayor Jim McAllister
Council Member Philip Cohen
Council Member Hazel Thornton
Vice Mayor Elisabeth Ervin
Council Member Ken Kahn
Council Member Johanna Young

Town Staff Present

Sheri Powers, Finance & Budget Director
Jacqui Boykin, Police Chief
Adrienne Isenhower, Projects & Facilities Director
John Henning, Town Attorney
Ricky Hurley, Planning Director
Gena Powers, Town Clerk / PIO

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https://youtube.com/live/mjHh2kKucZo?feature=share

Mayor McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

A. Approval of the Agenda (1:14)

Council Member Thornton made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Consent Agenda (1:29)

1. Approval of the June 17, 2025, regular and closed session meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the tax collection report for the period ending May 2025.
3. Approval of Resolution 2025-07 confirming a lease extension for property located at 23 Community Rd.

4.a. Reappointment of Jackie Craig to the ABC Board as a regular member, and
4.b. Appointment of Robert (Bob) Sterr as chair of ABC Board.

Council Member Cohen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, moving item number 4.a. Reappointment of Jackie Craig to the ABC Board as a regular member, to New Business. Council Member Thornton seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Council Members Cohen, Young, Ervin and Thornton voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Kahn voting against the motion.

C. Public Comment (2:10)– The public is invited to attend this meeting in person or view this meeting on YouTube Live: https://www.youtube.com/live/mW1GYyGFBFc?si=CSgchOZx28g4XwQW . All documents related to agenda items not published on the website may be viewed in advance of the meetings in person at Town Hall, 90 Elk Mountain Rd, Woodfin.

There was no Public Comment.

Citizens may address the Board concerning various topics after being recognized by the mayor and are limited to 3 (three) minutes speaking time.

D. Presentations & Reports (2:39)

1. Walk Bike Woodfin Plan Presentation – Rachael Bronson and Kristi Carter-McAdams
2. Woodfin Water Authority Annual Report – Seth Eckard, Woodfin Water Authority Director

E. New Business (56:02)

1. Reappointment of Jackie Craig to the ABC Board as a regular member.

Council Member Cohen made a motion to post the opening for the Woodfin ABC Board, inviting Ms. Craig to reapply for the position. Council Member Young seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-2 vote. Council Members Cohen, Young and Thornton voting in favor of the motion and Council Members Ervin and Kahn voting against the motion.

2. An administrative review of a preliminary subdivision plan for a 13-lot major subdivision located off Riverside Drive. The properties are identified as PINs 9731-06-6324, 9731-06-7164, and 9731-05-8955 in the Buncombe County tax record. The property owner Black Tie Group, Inc., and the applicant is Nicholas Boman – Ricky Hurley, Planning Director.

Council Member Kahn made a motion to approve the preliminary subdivision plat 2.8 acres as shown and complies with the technical requirements of Chapter 46 – Subdivisions. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously,5-0.

3. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-13 requesting to close a right-of-way know as Desperate Lane and located adjacent to 4 Desperate Lane, in the Crest Mountain Community. The petitioners are Jan and Reese Lasher – Ricky Hurley, Planning Director

Mayor McAllister opened the public hearing at 6:04 pm.

No one spoke at the public hearing.

Mayor McAllister closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 the petition for the right-of-way closure of Desperate Lane as currently submitted as it is in the public's interest and meets the development needs of the community in that the closure request: 1) Will not impede access to existing property or preclude further subdivision or infill development. 2) Will convert the land area into taxable property. Council Member Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously,5-0.

4. Council Discussion re: responsibilities and authority of the Mayor and Council members as described in NCGS 160A-67 & 160A-69 – Council members Kahn & Ervin.

Council Member Kahn summarized the state statutes mentioned and the intention behind this agenda item. Council Member Ervin also commented on the limits and responsibilities of the Town Council functioning within the state laws.

F. **Adjournment-**

Vice Mayor Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously,5-0.

Mayor McAllister adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

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James C. McAllister/Mayor

Attest: Gena Powers/Town Clerk