

Council Notes-January 18, 2012

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- The Town Manager reports that this calendar year, revenue from sales tax is up 8.52% over 2010 and 10.06% over 2009. In the first six months of the current fiscal year, sales tax revenues are up 9.61% over last year. Even though local sales tax represents only 5% of town revenues, the news that business is good on the mountain is good news for everyone!
- At its Jan. 9th meeting, the council passed a resolution thanking the North Shore Fellowship for its contributions to the restoration of the MACC facility; an ordinance establishing a \$25 seasonal re-connection fee for irrigation systems in the town; and the revised “Donation Policy” on final reading. The council appointed Erin Woodrow to the Planning Commission. Mayor Bill Lusk presented his annual report on the State of the Town, which is available on the town website.
- Aaron Nix asked the council for permission to create a SM Youth Athletic Association to streamline registrations, coordinate fees, bundle insurance, etc. There are 1600 youths signed up for sports this year. Mr. Nix also suggested introducing tackle football to 3rd-5th graders. Additional information will be presented at the council’s agenda meeting on January 27th.
- The council thanks those citizens who have retired from service on town boards this year: Judy Ekiss (BZA); Vincent Keyes and Buddy Haile (Health Education & Housing Facility); Glen Showalter (MACC); Bill Fronk (Stormwater Appeals); Reid Sisson (Planning); Rob Payne (Recreation); and Debra Blake (Library).
- The Tree Board is sponsoring a public workshop with certified arborist, Jonathan Nettle, a Tennessee Urban Forester, teacher, and expert on pruning techniques on Saturday, January 28th from 10am to noon at the Town Hall. Bring your clippers!