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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on June 7, 2021 with Mayor Pucciarelli calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: John Douglas- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- here; Jerry Hopson- here; Kathy Maxwell- here; John Ravnum- here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. The following corrections were made (corrections are in red):

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the bills. Joe Gill made a motion to pay the bills, with a second **by** Jerry Hopson.

The town's motion for summary judgment, for the Steve Clouse (601 Pennlyn) case, will be heard on May 10, 2021 at the Union County Courthouse in Maynardville.

The Governor's funding, the money the town planned to use for paving, has now been cut in half and instead of receiving forty thousand dollars Cumberland Gap will only receive twenty thousand dollars.

The new Chief, Russell Hubbard, and assistant Chief Kayla Gordon, ~~was~~ **were** introduced.

Chief Hubbard reported that the department has decided it would be the best to sell the ladder truck instead of investing funds into repairing the vehicle and ~~alternating~~ **altering** the building in order to house the truck.

John Douglas made a motion to the approve minutes (with the above corrections), with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson-yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli next called for the Financial Report. Town Recorder, Linda Moyers, reported the balances of all the accounts. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Town Recorder, Linda Moyers, reported the total bills due for all the accounts. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the bills. Kathy Maxwell made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

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Planning and Zoning- At the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the proposed amendments to the C-1 and C-1A Districts were approved.

The next meeting of the PZC will be on Tuesday July 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- Several citations were written last month and were paid before the court date.

Historical – The next meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission will be Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will continue the discussion of the proposed amendments to the C-1 and C-1A Districts.

The date for the July HZC meeting is Wednesday July 7, 2021.

Streets- The milling should begin as soon as the contractor has finished another job in the county.

The Tennessee Mine and Reclamation Agency was in town last month accessing the railroad culvert causing flooding issues in town. The culvert was uncovered and a big hole remains. Now the railroad, Norfolk Southern, has delayed the repairs to the culvert leaving the site exposed.

Parks and Recreation – Several trees fell and damaged the fence at the dog park. Ray Paul and Micheal Ayers removed the trees and found three sections of the fence badly damaged. Quotes for the fence repair will be obtained and will be sent to the insurance company if the cost exceeds the thousand dollar deductible.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the repair of the fence, at the mayor's discretion, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

The Festival Park Enhancement Project was bid out last month. Only one bid was received: GCE Construction, Tazewell TN in the amount of \$42,400. That price does not include the gazebo for the new stage, as the town plans to purchase the materials needed to construct the gazebo. Jerry Hopson made a motion to award the bid to GCE Construction, with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

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Tourism/Events- All the bicycles have been put together and we are on track for the July 10th ribbon cutting. A test run will take place in the next couple of weeks to make sure everything (including the rental software) is operational before the grand opening.

The Art Extravaganza will be held on June 26, 2021. The event includes art, crafts, and a wine tasting.

Water- The water loss went up down from 38% in April to 24% in May.

Sewer- Extra buckets of chlorine were purchased last month, to have on hand, as a result of the chlorine shortage.

Fire Department- The recently appointed fire chief, Russell Hubbard, resigned last month and Kayla Gordon was appointed in his place.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- On May 10, 2021, the judge ruled in the town's favor and dismissed the Clouse court case. Mr. Clouse has thirty (30) days, from the date the motion is filed with the court clerk, to appeal.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business: There was no old business.

Citizens Comments- Representatives from Stand in the Gap were present and gave a presentation on "binge drinking". The definition for binge drinking means drinking five or more alcoholic drinks within a short period of time or women drinking four or more. The organization is working within the community to make the community aware of the seriousness of alcohol.

There was discussion regarding the overgrown property at 248 Colwyn. The person who resided at that residence passed away some time ago and no other contact is known at this time. The attorney was asked if the town could mow the lawn and attach a lien to the property. The attorney responded by saying delinquent tax proceedings have already begun since the property taxes have not be paid. The process includes: a nonresident notice be published in the newspaper, a default judgement received, and an order of sale issued. This process, from start to finish, could take up to one year.

John Douglas made a motion to have the town clean up the lot and attach the cost to the property, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

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Special Event Permit Application- Mountain Fiesta

A special event permit application, Mountain Fiesta, was submitted by Zachary Green/Lincoln Memorial University, and is scheduled for September 30 – October 3, 2021. Discussion of the special event was postponed until the July meeting (per request by the applicant)

Special Event Permit Application- A Taste of Jamaica in the Gap

A special event permit application, A Taste of Jamaica in the Gap, was submitted by Kevin Larew/Angelo's in the Gap, and is scheduled for June 19, 2021. A boxing exhibition will take place in the street in front of the restaurant and beer will be served in an enclosed area. One board member expressed his concerns that the boxing ring may block access to a private driveway. Mayor Pucciarelli said he would speak to the applicant about moving the ring so that it would not block any driveways.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above special event permit application, with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Last Saturday in September

A special event permit application, Last Saturday in September, was submitted by Joe Wolfenbarger, and is scheduled for September 25, 2021. The antique festival will take place in the same place as in the past, on the corner of Lynn and Colwyn.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the above special event permit application, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson-yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Art/Craft Classes

A special event permit application, Art/Craft Classes, was submitted by Cora Pat Howard/ Cumberland Gap Artist Co-op, and is scheduled for July 10, 2021. According to John Ravnum this event has been postponed.

Special Event Permit Application- Bikes & Wheels in the Gap

A special event permit application, Bikes & Wheels in the Gap, was submitted by John Ravnum/Guardians of the Gap, and is scheduled for July 10, 2021. The event will include the ribbon cutting of the Cumberland Gap Bike Share Program. John Ravnum requested that a Classic Car Drive In and music, in Festival Park, be added to the application.

Joe Gill made a motion to approve the above special event permit application (with the amendments), with a second Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

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Ordinance No. 2-2021- An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
The ordinance amends the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the above ordinance (first reading), with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Ordinance No. 3-2021- An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022

The budget includes an increase in both the water (\$6.00) and sewer rates (\$3.00), a \$1.00 raise for the employees, and debt payments for the purchase of the Estep property.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above ordinance (first reading), with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

June 14th - Congressman Burchett's Mobile Office Hours- Town Hall-10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 23rd- Health Department COVID Vaccination Clinic- Town Hall 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Health Department will also be set up during the art festival on June 26th.

June 28, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. - public hearing for FY 2021-2022 Budget; 6:15 p.m. – special called meeting – 2nd reading of 2020-2021 budget amendment; 2nd reading of 2021-2022 budget; 6:30 p.m. – agenda meeting

Due to the observation of Independence Day the July meetings are as follows:

Monday July 5th –Town Hall will be closed; Tuesday July 6th @ 6:00 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; Tuesday July 6th @ 7:00 p.m. Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting; Wednesday July 7th Historic Zoning Commission Meeting.

With no other business to come before the board, Jerry Hopson made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.