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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on August 7, 2023 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; Camille Hall- here; Bill Linn-here; John Ravnum- here; Morgan Wheeler- here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Linn made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by John Douglas. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Camille Hall- yes; Bill Linn- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Morgan Wheeler- 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. Bill Linn made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by John Douglas. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Camille Hall- yes; Bill Linn- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Morgan Wheeler- 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. John Douglas made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Bill Linn. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Camille Hall- yes; Bill Linn- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Morgan Wheeler- yes.

Planning and Zoning- The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for earlier tonight was cancelled. The date for the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is September 11, 2023.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- There was nothing to report.

Historical – The Historic Zoning Commission scheduled for August 8, 2023 has been cancelled. The date for the next Historic Zoning Commission meeting is September 12, 2023.

Streets – The milling has been completed and paving will begin later in month.

Mayor Pucciarelli explained the reason for the two new and brighter street lights in town. Once a street light goes out, Powell Valley Electric will no longer be repairing the lights but replacing them with new LED ones instead. Since the LED lights are designed to

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shine on the street only and illuminates a broader area, his goal is to reduce the number of the lights in town (currently there is 76 street lights in town).

There were several complaints, from citizens, that the new LED lights were too bright. The question was asked if there were lower wattage/warmer color of bulbs? Mayor Pucciarelli replied there is a smaller light but the coverage is much smaller.

A plan to replace/reduce lighting will be discussed further at the next agenda meeting. Mayor Pucciarelli assured the concerned citizens that no action will be taken until further research is done and a plan is in place.

Parks and Recreation- The water at the dog park will be turned on until winter.

The newly appointed National Park Superintendent will be present at the next meeting.

Tourism/Events- Upcoming Events include:

Farmers Market- August 4, 2023; Appalachian Dining Experience- August 11, 2023; Folkfest- August 12, 2023; LMU Tri-State Doggie Olympics; Farmers Market- September 1, 2023; Car Show-September 9, 2023; White Lighting Trail Festival- September 16, 2023; Hank Fest- September 23, 2023; Harvest Moon- September 30, 2023; Mountain Fiesta- September 28- 30, 2023.

Water- The water loss for the month of July was 8%.

The rate study has been submitted to the Comptroller's Office.

The town will be conducting an inventory of the type of pipe coming from the water meter to the residents' homes. The state is mandating that all copper and lead pipes be eliminated. It's not clear yet on how the mandate will be funded as all the regulations are not yet in place. The inventory must be reported to the state by October 2024.

Sewer – There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- The fire department had one (1) mutual aid call, and two (2) fire alarms at the University Inn, during the month of July.

The department will host a cook-out on Thursday to welcome all new members.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

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TN Downtown Grant Update- Guardians of the Gap- The Guardians are still waiting on the contract to be issued.

Special Event Permit Application- DCOM Fall Fest

The special event application, DCOM Fall Fest, was submitted Caleb Arnold/LMU-DCOM and is scheduled for October 26, 2023.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Camille Hall- yes; Bill Linn- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Morgan Wheeler- yes.

Citizens Comments- Mayor Pucciarelli explained that as a result of new legislation any citizens comments must be relative to the topics on the agenda. There is also new legislation that requires meeting agendas to be made available to the public 48 hours prior to the meetings. Any request to be added to the agenda cannot be made after the agenda meeting.

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On Bike Share System- Mayor Pucciarelli reported that a new bike share program is being researched.

Special Event Permit Application- Last Sat. in Sept. Antique Sale

The special event application, Last Sat. in Sept. Antique Sale, was submitted by Joe Wolfenbarger and is scheduled for September 30, 2023.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Camille Hall- yes; Bill Linn- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Morgan Wheeler- yes.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

Agenda Meeting- Monday August 28, 2023

Closed on Monday September 4, 2023 (Labor Day)

Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting – Monday September 11, 2023

John Douglas made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Bill Linn. On voice call vote, all voted “aye”.

Mayor

Recorder