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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on August 5, 2019, 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: Susan Bain-here; John Douglas-here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. John Douglas made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-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. Susan Bain made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-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 Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning- At the planning and zoning commission meeting, earlier tonight, the committee voted to restrict short term rentals form addresses 0-399 on Colwyn Street (starting at the stop sign in front of town hall down to the dead end street of Colwyn).

The Town Recorder explained the process. First an ordinance will need to be drafted with the restrictions. The planning and zoning commission will first have to have a public hearing for the ordinance, followed by the planning and zoning commission meeting in which the ordinance would be voted on by the committee. If the planning and zoning committee approves the ordinance then it would be ready for the Board of Mayor and Alderman to vote on. The Board of Mayor and Alderman would be required to hold a public hearing prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

According to the attorney the Board of Mayor and Alderman could make a motion to go ahead and approve the restriction which would start the process. An ordinance will be drafted in the meantime. Susan Bain made the motion, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan

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Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 9, 2019 @6:00 p.m.

Finance- Five hundred dollars (\$500) is being transferred from the general fund into the money market each month.

Law and Order - The date for the next city court has been set for August 29, 2019 @6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pucciarelli recommended that anyone who spots a bear in town call 911 and ask to speak to someone from the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA).

He also urged the residents to contact 911 for all other problems or complaints so the calls will be on record and the police can address them.

Historical – The matter with Steve Clouse, 601 Pennlyn, has been scheduled for trial with the trial date to be held on August 26, 2019.

The town attorney needs members of the historic committee to report to his office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 to prepare for the case.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 10, 2019 @7:00 p.m.

Streets- Hinkle Construction submitted the lowest quote for the paving in town. The work should begin next week. Risers will need to be installed on several manhole lids before the paving begins.

Parks and Recreation – The repairs to the town's side of the wooden walkway should begin later this month.

A new superintendent has been named at the National Park. The last acting superintendent put in a request to fix the parks side of the wooden walkway. The mayor will schedule a meeting with the new superintendent once he gets settled in the job.

Both of the small wooden bridges on Brooklyn Street have been repaired and the rotten wood replaced.

Tourism/Events-

Upcoming Events include:

September 7, 2014 Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale (Rain Date- September 14, 2019)

September 21, 2019 White Lighting Trail Festival/ Servolution Duck Race

October 12, 2019 Harvest Moon Gala

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October 18- 19, 2019 Genealogy Jamboree/ 200th Anniversary of the Iron Furnace Celebration

Water- The water loss went down from 36% in June to 2% in July.

Another big water leak was found and repaired on Colwyn Street last month. Mayor Pucciarelli commended Ray Paul and Jesse Thompson for their hard work and diligence in finding and repairing the leaks.

Sewer- The generator project is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

Fire Department- Fire Chief, Kale Davidson, introduced the Operations Chief Sam McMurry and the Assistant Fire Chief Gunner Orcutt.

Chief Davidson updated the board on the online t-shirt campaign the fire department wishes to do in order to raise money to update their equipment. By visited the website “Bonfire.com” anyone from the public can purchase a t-shirt with the CGVFD logo.

The fire department continues to grow as there was seventy (70) people at the last fire department meeting. Several of the auxiliary members has mentioned they would be interested in doing some community service projects.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- The court case was discussed under Historical.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Ordinance No. 3-2019- An Ordinance to Amend Title 20 of the Municipal Code Enacting a New/Additional Chapter 2 Thereof to Address Regulations of Short Term Rental Units Within the Town of Cumberland Gap

“Short Term Rental Unit” or “Unit”: “Short Term Rental Unit” or “Unit” means a residential dwelling unit that is rented wholly or partially for a fee for a period of less than thirty (30) continuous days and does not include a hotel as defined in T.C.A. Section 68-14-302 or a bed and breakfast establishment or a bed and breakfast homestay as those terms are defined in T.C.A. Section 68-14-502.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

A public hearing, for the ordinance, was held on July 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the planning meeting.

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Health Grant Update- The grant writers (Community Development Partners) for the Health Grant was supposed to be in attendance to give an update on the Downtown Master Plan but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. They will be present at the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Citizens Comments- There were no citizen's comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Special Event Permit Application- Medwars

The application was submitted by the LMU- DCOM Wilderness Club and is scheduled to take place on November 9, 2019.

The adventure race will test participant's fitness level while testing their medical skills. Stations with different medical scenarios will be set up along the race route. The club is asking for permission to set up a station at the town's dog park. At the dog park station participants will treat a "patient" who was struck by lightning and needs CPR.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Ordinance Number 4-2019- An Ordinance to Amend the Code Title 12 (pertaining to automatic sprinkler systems and residential dwellings)

The state passed a law that automatic sprinkler systems are not required in 1 or 2 family dwellings, or in townhouses that have 2 hour firewall between units. As sprinklers are not required the town needs to adopt an ordinance amending the code.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Announcements

Due to Labor Day, the September BMA meeting will be on September 9, 2019 @7:00 p.m.

Town Hall will be closed on Friday August 30, 2019.

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