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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on December 7, 2020 with Mayor Pucciarelli calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

The newly elected board members were sworn in: Mayor: Neal Pucciarelli; Alderman: Teresa Fuson and Duke Parish.

Mayor Pucciarelli recommended John Douglas and Jerry Hopson to the vacant seats. John Ravnum made a motion accepting the recommendations, with a second by Duke Parish. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members answered as follows: Teresa Fuson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

There is some issues that need to be resolved with the seat that Rick Bain was elected for. That seat will remain vacant at this time.

Mayor Pucciarelli thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the town.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: John Douglas- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Jerry Hopson- here; Duke Parish- here; John Ravnum- here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. Jerry Hopson made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- 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. Teresa Fuson made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- 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. John Douglas made a motion to pay the bills, with a second Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Planning & Zoning- First Baptist Church came before the Planning and Zoning Commission earlier tonight with their plans to build a parking lot on the vacant property beside the church. Their building permit application was approved by the committee.

The next meeting will be on January 4, 2021.

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Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- Citations were issued to the person who hit the concrete wall on Pennlyn Street.

Historical – Update on Steve Clouse suit- Answers are being prepared to the interrogatories on the Steve Clouse case. The next step would be the discovery process. No court date is scheduled at this time due to COVID- 19.

Streets- There was nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation – There was nothing to report.

Tourism/Events- Several events is being discussed for 2021 pending special event applications and COVID- 19.

Water- The water loss for the month of November was 43%. The town personnel is still actively looking for leaks.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department-The CGVFD has fifteen (15) new members who just finished training.

Fire Chief Kale Davidson reported that a donation of vehicle excavation was just received. There is a possibility that the town may receive a ladder truck donation.

The department is currently working on a five (5) year plan and a list of surplus equipment. Both will be presented to the board for approval.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- Already discussed under historical.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Alderman Appointments – Already discussed.

Bicycle Grant- The bicycle grant is still being worked on. The twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollar grant will be used to purchase bikes, locks, racks, and to build an outdoor storage area for the bikes.

Zoom Meetings- The December 28, 2020 planning meeting will be held via zoom.

Citizens Comments- There were no citizen's comments.

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Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Sound System- The sound system, co- owned by the town and merchants association, is now back to being stored at town hall. The mayor recommends that the board come up with a policy on loaning out the system.

Training Opportunity- The town, up to twenty (20) people, has an opportunity to participate in a training opportunity thru MTAS. The four training sessions will begin in March with topics covering leadership, innovation, growth, and resilience. The training is free and will be conducted on site.

Ordinance 8-2020- An Ordinance Adding Internet, Cyber Security, and Sensitive Information Sections to the Town's Personnel Policies and Procedures

This ordinance is necessary in order to be eligible for cyber security insurance. Adding the additional insurance will raise the town's policy around \$500- \$550 a year.

John Douglas made a motion approve the ordinance on 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- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements

Agenda meeting- Monday December 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – via zoom

Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday December 23- Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>: Friday January 1, 2021.

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