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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on February 1, 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; Jerry Hopson- here; Duke Parish- here; John Ravnum- here.

Mayor Pucciarelli recommended Joe Gill be appointed to the vacant alderman seat. John Douglas made a motion approving the recommendation, 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; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum-yes.

Joe Gill was sworn in to fill the remaining alderman seat.

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- absent; Joe Gill- 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. Duke Parish 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- absent; Joe Gill- 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- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Committee Chairs- Mayor Pucciarelli announced the following appointments for committee chairpersons:

Planning and Zoning- John Ravnum ; *Finance*- John Ravnum; *Law and Order*- John Douglas ; *Historical*- Jerry Hopson ; *Streets*- Duke Parish; *Parks and Recreation*- Teresa Fuson; *Tourism/Events*- Teresa Fuson/Joe Gill; *Water*- John Douglas ;*Sewer*- Duke Parish; *Fire Department*- Joe Gill

Planning and Zoning- The next meeting will be on March 1, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

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Law and Order- There was nothing to report.

Historical – The HZC will meet tomorrow night, February 2, 2021, to discuss a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the owner of Nineteen 19 Grill and Bar located at 602 Colwyn Street (building formerly known as the Pineapple Tea Room).

Streets- There was nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation – The mayor is scheduled to meet with a designer regarding the re-design of Festival Park in conjunction with the grant the town received for the park. Plans includes moving the stage to the back corner and enclosing it with a gazebo and replacing all the rotten wooden throughout the park.

Tourism/Events- Several special events applications will be discussed under new business.

Water- The water loss went up from 36% in December to 41% in January. The cause of the increase is being looked into.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- There were some issues with the tanker truck over the weekend, as a result the vehicle had to be towed to the mechanics.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- Town attorney, Jim Estep, updated the board on the litigation pending concerning Steve Clouse. He explained that a motion to dismiss has been filed, on the town's behalf and the attorney's for Mr. Clouse have filed an amendment to their complaint. A court date has not been set at this time.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Vacant Alderman Seat- The matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Ordinance No. 1-2021- An Ordinance Amending FY 2020-2021 Budget

The budget amendment is necessary to account for various grants the town has received in the FY 2020-2021. This is the second and final reading of the ordinance.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the ordinance, on second reading, 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; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

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Special Event Application- Art Extravaganza

The Artist Co-op has requested a date change for the Art Extravaganza originally scheduled and approved for June 1, 2021. The new requested date is June 25th with a rain date of July 3, 2021.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the date change for the Art Extravaganza, 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; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Check Signers- At the meeting last month the board made changes to the authorized signers on all the town accounts by removing and replacing the outgoing board members. One of the outgoing board members was overlooked.

John Douglas made a motion to remove Susan Bain, as an authorized signer on all town accounts, and be replaced with 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; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes

Citizens Comments- Prior to the meeting, members of the Guardians of the Gap approached the mayor regarding the purchase of two (2) sidewalk message signs to be used to advertise events. The total for the two (2) signs is around six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

John Douglas made a motion approving the town's purchase of the signs, 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; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Kimberly Kotlar, with the Guardians of the Gap, reported that the Guardians has committed to donating 10% of their net proceeds to the town. Ms. Kotlar presented the town with a check in the amount of \$351.28.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Special Event Applications- The Guardians of the Gap submitted special event applications for the following events:

First Friday Movie Nights- 1st Friday night of every month- March – November

Second Saturday Night Fever- 2nd Saturday of every month- March – November

Rocky Mountain Memories: A Tribute to John Denver- August 14, 2021

Air Stream Urban Rally- October 14 – 17, 2021

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above special event applications, with a second by Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as

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follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

The issue of the electricity cost for the events was brought up and Ms. Kolar replied by saying she believed the donations the Guardians made to the town would sufficiently cover the cost of electricity.

Special Event Permit Application- Daniels- Brock Wedding

A special event application, for a wedding at Berkau Park, was submitted by the Olde Mill Inn B & B scheduled for May 14 – 15, 2021.

John Ravnum 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; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Daniels- Brock Wedding

A special event application, for an Antique, Art, and Craft Show, was submitted by Joe Wolfenbarger scheduled for April 24, 2021.

John Ravnum 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; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements

Agenda meeting- Monday February 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly Kotlar, with the Guardians of the Gap, gave an update. The Guardians in partnership with the Artist Co-op is in the processing of finalizing the paperwork and getting approval from the state (for a gaming license) to hold a raffle for a chance to win a 30 person all exclusive getaway to Cumberland Gap. The getaway would include dinners, lodging, and other activities.

The Guardians is in discussions with the owner and other individuals about the possibility of purchasing the church building at 502 Pennlyn Street.

With no other business to come before the board, Duke Parish made a motion to adjourn, 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; Duke Parish- yes; John Ravnum- yes.