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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on July 6, 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- absent; John Ravnum- here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes (June 7th regular meeting and June 28th special called meeting). Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the minutes, 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- absent; 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 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- absent; 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 Ravnum made a motion to pay the bills, 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- absent; John Ravnum- yes.

Planning and Zoning- The monthly meeting scheduled for earlier tonight at 6:00 p.m. was cancelled due to no items on the agenda.

The next meeting of the PZC will be on Monday August 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- No new citations have been written.

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

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

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Parks and Recreation – Representatives from GCE Construction were present to discuss the plans for the new bandstand that will be constructed as part of the Festival Park Project. The structure will be constructed of wood, will include stairs, and a metal sheet roof (the original plans called for a metal structure).

The project is scheduled to begin the week of July 19th and projected to be completed by the end of October.

Tourism/Events- The Ribbon Cutting for the Bike Share Program is scheduled for July 10, 2021.

Water- The water loss went up from 24% in May to 35% in June.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- The current bid on the Ladder Truck is \$3,000 with the bidding to end on July 8, 2021.

The fire chief, Kayla Gordon, explained her reasoning as to why she felt it would be best for the town if the tanker truck was sold. She explained that the cost to repair the tanker isn't feasible and the best use of the funds would be to maintain the engine truck and the equipment. She also explained that leadership changes often and the department doesn't have experienced drivers from year to year. Several other departments in the area have tankers and can be utilized via the mutual aid agreements if needed.

John Douglas made a motion to declare the tanker truck as surplus and list on govdeals, 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- absent; John Ravnum- yes.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- The deadline for appeal in the Steve Clouse case has expired with no legal recourse from the plaintiff.

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

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. Mr. Green was present and addressed the street closure question that was posed at last month's meeting.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above special event application, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members

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voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson-yes; Kathy Maxwell- absent; John Ravnum- yes.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Ordinance No. 4-2021- An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance By Amending Title 14, Chapter 2, General Zoning Provisions, Sections 14-203 and 14-207, and Chapter 5, C-1 Districts, Sections 14-501, 14-502, 14-503, and 14-505, and Chapter 6, C-1-A Districts, Sections 14-601, 14-302, 14-303, and 14-605

This ordinance amends the C-1 and C-1A districts to allow residents and commercial properties to co-exist in the zones. All existing residential properties are “grandfathered in” which makes them compliant with codes.

The planning and zoning commission approved the ordinance but there was some discussion about parking. MTAS was contacted and an amendment was written to address those issues. The amendment is attached and if approved will become a part of the ordinance.

The ordinance also adds requirements for an event/meeting facility. John Ravnum voiced his concerns against the setbacks for such facilities stating the town should consider lesser setbacks for smaller venues.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above ordinance, with the parking amendment included, 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- absent; John Ravnum- no.

Resolution No. 2-2021 – A Resolution to Update the Claiborne County Regional Ten-Year Parks and Recreation Mater Plan

The Claiborne County master plan is being updated to include the purchase and development of the Estep property by the Town of Cumberland Gap.

The town is in the process of applying for a Parks and Recreation Grant for the purchase and development of the property. If purchased with the grant money, the use of the land must remain as recreational. The first phase of the project includes restrooms, parking, and ADA compliance.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above resolution, 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- absent; John Ravnum- yes.

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Ordinance No. 5-2021- An Ordinance to Adjust Water and Sewer Rates

This ordinance increases the water rates by six dollars (\$6.00), and the sewer rates by three dollars (\$3.00).

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above ordinance, 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- absent; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

Agenda meeting- Monday July 26, 2021 @6:00 p.m.

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- absent; John Ravnum- yes.