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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on May 3, 2021 with Mayor Pucciarelli calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

Kathy Maxwell (Duke Parish's replacement) was sworn in by Jim Estep.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: John Douglas- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Joe Gill- here; Jerry Hopson- here; Kathy Maxwell- 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 Joe Gill. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- 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. Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- 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. Joe Gill 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- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Planning and Zoning- At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting the proposed amendment to the C-1 and C-1A Districts was reviewed.

Finance- The proposed general fund budget for FY 2022 was reviewed and discussed at last week's planning meeting. The budget includes a \$1.00 raise for all the employees and principal and interest for the purchase of the Estep property. The town can finance the loan for 12 years making the annual debt around \$24,000 a year.

The board discussed the possibility of reducing the garbage pickup to every 2 weeks in an effort to make up for the loss in the waste collection budget. No changes were made at this time.

Law and Order- A couple of citations were written last month.

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Historical – The next meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission will be Tuesday May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will be discussing the proposed amendments to the C-1 and C-1A Districts.

The town's motion for summary judgment, for the Steve Clouse (601 Pennlyn) case, will be heard on May 10, 2021 at the Union County Courthouse in Maynardville.

Streets- Norfolk Southern has made a site visit and a plan is being drawn up to correct the flooding issues near their culvert.

The Governor's funding, the money the town planned to use for paving, has now been cut in half and instead of receiving forty thousand dollars Cumberland Gap will only receive twenty thousand dollars.

Parks and Recreation –The grand opening of the bike share program is scheduled for July 10, 2021 in conjunction with other activities tentatively being scheduled in town that day.

The Festival Park Project has been advertised for bids. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021, with the bid opening to take place on May 12, 2021.

The town has ordered four signs, to be placed around town, reminding dog owners about the leash law and to clean up after their pets.

Tourism/Events- Upcoming Events include:
05/07/21 (Fri) First Friday Movie Nights
05/08/21 (Sat) Second Saturday Night Fever
05/12/21 (Wed) Fire in the Gap at Angelo's (fire department fundraiser)
05/21-05/22/2021 Still Tour and Dinner
06/26/2021 Art Extravaganza

Teresa Fuson is asking for volunteers to serve on committees to help organize the White Lighting Festival scheduled for September.

Water- The water loss went up from 28% in March to 38% in April.

Beginning in July 2021 the water rates will increase by \$6.00.

Sewer- The board reviewed the Report on Debt Obligation form (refunding outstanding Rural Development Sewer Bond, Series 2005). The form was presented for informational purposes only.

John Douglas reported that four buckets of chlorine are needed and should be purchased as soon as possible. He suggested purchasing extra buckets to have on hand as there is a chlorine shortage.

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Beginning in July 2021 the sewer rates will increase by \$3.00.

Fire Department- Outgoing Fire Chief Kale Davidson was recognized and presented a plaque for his dedication to the fire department and to the town.

The new Chief, Russell Hubbard, and assistant Chief Kayla Gordon, were introduced.

Chief Hubbard reported that the department has decided it would be the best to sell the ladder truck instead of investing funds into repairing the vehicle and altering the building in order to house the truck.

John Douglas made a motion to declare the truck as surplus and to place 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- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

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

Citizens Comments- There were no citizen's comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Special Event Permit Application- CGRTA Region Strong Awards Ceremony

A special event application, CGRTA Region Strong Awards Ceremony, was submitted by The Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the above special event permit 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- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements

Agenda meeting- Tuesday June 1, 2021 @6:00 p.m.

With no other business to come before the board, Teresa Fuson 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- yes; Joe Gill- yes; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.