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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on September 9, 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-absent; John Douglas-here; Teresa Fuson- here; 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 Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- absent; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; 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. Phillip Waller made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- absent; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; 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. Phillip Waller made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- absent; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; 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, last month, 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).

According to MTAS a rational to justify the restriction must be in place before moving forward.

Each member of the committee was given a copy of the Cumberland Gap Master Plan to review. The Board of Mayor and Alderman will discuss a resolution to approve the plan at the October meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 7, 2019 @6:00 p.m.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

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Law and Order - There was nothing to report.

Historical – The matter with the building at 601 Pennlyn went to trial last month. The judge ruled to enforce the demolition of the building. The demolition order has been issued, and according to the order the owner has 90 days from August 26, 2019 to complete the demolition of the building. If he doesn't comply, he will be cited back to court for contempt.

The question was asked instead of demolishing the building could he make the necessary changes to bring the building into compliance? According to the attorney the building has to be torn down because of the ruling by the judge and the issuance of the demolition order.

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

Streets- The paving has been completed.

The tree trimming is almost complete. There is only a couple more spots, in the alley and on the walking trail, to be completed.

Parks and Recreation – Teresa Fuson reported that the principal at Claiborne High School (C.H.S) will not approve a trip on site for the students to do repairs to Festival Park.

The bench the students, with Gear up TN, at C.H.S planned to build and donate to the town has not been delivered yet. The matter will be looked into.

A student with the vet school approached the mayor about doing repairs and updating the equipment at the dog park.

The bench donated by the Kaitlyn Devries family was delivered several months ago and was placed in the dog park.

Tourism/Events- Upcoming Events include:

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

October 12, 2019 Harvest Moon Gala

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

October 29-31, 2019 Pumpkin Lights

One of the additions to the White Lighting Festival this year includes a tethered hot air balloon.

Pam Eddy, with the Cumberland Gap National Park, was present to talk about the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iron Furnace. Events include: live modern iron pour, charcoal making, history of iron making, molds that iron furnace will pour, etc.

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Water- The water loss went up from 3% in July to 5% in August.

No new water leaks were found last month.

Sewer- The generator will be shipped on September 12, 2019. Everything is ready for the installation once delivered.

There is currently five (5) electric heaters at the sewer plant. It would be more cost efficient to replace those heaters with natural gas. Claiborne Utilities District, the same company that will be installing the natural gas for the generator, submitted a quote for \$1,552.36.

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

Fire Department- The online t-shirt campaign was a success. The department raised around \$1,000. They plan to work on a design for hats as well.

Samuel McMurry recently completed a training class “Introduction to Fire & Emergency Train the Trainer”. He is now certified to conduct training to the other members of the department.

Around a dozen new firefighters will be trained next week.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- The court case was discussed under Historical.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Health Grant Update- Each board member was given a copy of the Cumberland Gap Master Plan to review. A resolution approving the plan will be discussed at the October meeting. Community Development Partners will be at the October meeting to answer any questions concerning the plan. The mayor asked that any question be emailed to town hall and they will be forwarded to Community Development Partners. The plan will also be added to the town website.

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.

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

Estep property Update

The mayor met with a nonprofit design company last month and proposed some ideas for developing the property owned by the Estep family located in the center of town. The design firm has agreed to work with the town.

Community Service Projects

Since LMU undergraduate students are required to have community service hours each year, Mayor Pucciarelli suggested putting a list of community service projects on the town's website. Each project would be listed along with the contact information so LMU could contact those in need of help directly.

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

Citizens Comments- There were no citizen's comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Cumberland Gap High School Yearbook advertisement

Students from CGHS approached the town about putting an ad in the yearbook. The cost is as follows:

1/8 page	\$ 50.00
1/4 page	\$ 75.00
1/2 page	\$125.00
Full page	\$200.00

John Douglas made a motion to approve the 1/2 page ad for \$125.00, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- absent; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Announcements

Agenda meeting- Monday September 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- absent; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.