

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on July 6, 2015 with Mayor McGaffee calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN. After the Pledge to the Flag, Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-here; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor McGaffee called for approval of the minutes. Chuck Coffey made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee next called for the Financial Report. Town Recorder, Linda Moyers, reported the balances of all the accounts. Mayor McGaffee called for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Susan Bain made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Phillip Waller made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

Meetings are longer be conducted monthly unless there are items to be discussed. Members will be notified if something comes up and a meeting needs to be held.

Finance

There was nothing to report.

Law and Order

Chuck Coffey spoke to a sheriff's department deputy about increasing patrol in town.

Historical

The next meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission will be on Tuesday August 4, 2015.

Streets

The section of the road beside Holiday BP needs restriping. Mayor McGaffee and Phillip Waller plan to look into it.

The Art Co-op is discussing the possibility of sponsoring welcome signs. There some discussion about where the town would be allowed to put them.

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Parks and Recreation

The bricks in Festival Park need to be repaired.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming events include:

The Artist Co-op Art Festival, Genealogy Jamboree, and the White Lightning Festival was a success last month.

Cumberland Mtn. Music Show- July 11, 2015

Water

A big water leak was fixed last month.

Sewer

There was nothing to report.

Fire Department

Mayor McGaffee will be looking for a new fire chief to replace Andy Thomas, who is moving back to Virginia.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

The attorney is still looking into who the \$18,000 payment from FEMA belongs to, either LMU or the town. FEMA paid the funds as part of the claim made for the land slide on South Cumberland Drive.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

Clean Tennessee Energy Grant

The town was awarded the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant to install a HVAC unit at the Fire Hall. The grant contract is for \$6,711, grant match \$8,461, with a total project cost of \$15,172. The project will have to be bid out. The board approved Mayor McGaffee to sign the contract.

Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

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Special Events Permit Applications

The below special event permit applications were discussed:

As You Like It- Play Performance

Mark McGinley, with LMU submitted an application to do play rehearsals and performance in Berkau Park. Play performances would be August 13th-15th and 20th – 21st from 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the special event permit application for As You Like it- Play Performance, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

LMU Homecoming- Gather at the Gap

Donnie Lipscomb, with LMU, submitted an application for an event that would take place on October 10th, from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

They would like to have an ending celebration to LMU Homecoming with food, music and tents. This event would work in conjunction with the already scheduled Cumberland Mountain Music Show, which would be brought outside weather permitting. They are also discussing a 5k race to begin and end in town, or start at the LMU campus and end in town. It may be necessary to close the street from the Convention Center to Gertie's Commissary. LMU representative, Regina Burns, stated that final plans for the event are still being discussed.

In previous emails, LMU stated they would not sign a hold harmless form. When questioned, Ms. Burns, stated she spoke to Risk Management and was told that a Hold Harmless form was not necessary and not enforceable. They would provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Cumberland Gap as additional insured.

The town attorney agreed that a hold harmless form is not necessary stating that in an event of an injury everyone would be sued. He further stated it would not void the town's insurance by not requiring one.

Phillip Waller made a motion to approve the special event permit application for LMU Homecoming-Gather at the Gap, with final plans pending. John Ravnum seconded the motion. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

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Ordinance 8-2015 (An Ordinance to Amend the Cumberland Gap Municipal Code, Title 9 (Business, Peddlers & Solicitors))

This title has previously been discussed and changes were made. This ordinance approves those changes.

Susan Bain made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2015, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Ordinance 9-2015 (An Ordinance to Amend the Cumberland Gap Municipal Code, Title 10 (Animal Control))

This title has previously been discussed and changes were made. This ordinance approves those changes.

Phillip Waller made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2015, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Ordinance 10-2015 (An Ordinance to Amend the Cumberland Gap Municipal Code, Title 11 (Municipal Offenses))

This title has previously been discussed and changes were made. This ordinance approves those changes.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2015, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

The Cumberland Gap Market

The Cumberland Gap Market may be moving to another location across the street. Beer permits are not transferable location to location so the owner would have to apply for a new one. Mayor McGaffee asked the board to consider waiving the application fee for the new permit.

Phillip Waller made a motion to waive the fee, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

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With no other business to come before the board, John Ravnum made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday July 9, 2015 (continuing educations class)

Planning Meeting- Monday July 27, 2015@6:00 pm