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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 1, 2017 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-here; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

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

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be on Thursday May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. @ Town Hall.

Finance

The board was given a copy of the proposed 2017- 2018 fiscal year budget for the general fund. The proposal included and was brought to the attention of the board:

- .50 raise for the 2 full-time employees
- \$9,500 for the asphalt machine
- \$5,000 for litigation
- \$20,000 for street repairs

There was discussion about raising the garbage rates.

Law and Order

The written agreement with the Sheriff's Department is almost complete.

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The fence at the dog park was vandalized last month. Quotes are being obtained to repair the fence.

A resident spoke up concerning the continued noise from the Gap Tap patrons. The resident has observed patrons leaving the establishment with open containers, she feels the noise is getting worse, and she feels the officers are not adequately patrolling the area.

According to Mayor Pucciarelli, without a written agreement, between the sheriff's department and the town, the officers are apprehensive about citing and arresting people. Once the agreement is in place, the officers will be able to enforce town ordinances.

Historical

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Streets

There was some discussion about who to contact regarding the falling pine tree on the National Park property near the wooden walkway.

There was also some discussion as to who owns the section of the road on North Cumberland Drive, leaving Tennessee and entering Virginia. That section of the road is in need of repair due to the many potholes.

Parks and Recreation

At the meeting tomorrow night, the Historic Zoning Commission will discuss the tree removal proposal for Festival Park.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming Events included:

May 13, 2017- Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale/Pancake Breakfast

May 13, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show

May 22, 2017- 5K Race

May 27, 2017- Concert in Festival Park (Maggie Valley Band)

June 3, 2017- Art Extravaganza

June 8-10, 2017- Genealogy Jamboree

June 17, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show

June 23-24, 2017- White Lightning Festival

June 23, 24, 29, 30; July 1, 2017- Shakespeare Play

Water

The water loss is down from 28% in February to 24% in March. The water loss for April is unknown at this time.

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Sewer

The flooding caused some problems with the pumps in Tiprell. Several of the floats on the pumps had to be replaced.

A couple of weeks ago around 20 to 30 gallons of kerosene oil leaked into the creek from a tank located in the basement of a private residence. The oil was successfully removed from the creek and no damage was done to the town's water/sewer system.

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief, Chase Elswick, discussed the proposed mutual aid agreement between Cumberland Gap V.F.D and Harrogate V.F.D. The agreement would allow both departments to be dispatched to a fire regardless of the actual location or jurisdiction of the property. The mutual aid would benefit both cities, as Cumberland Gap has more volunteers and Harrogate has more equipment. The agreement will be voted on later in the meeting.

The Forestry grant has been submitted. If awarded, the grant will reimburse 50% or up to \$3,000 for equipment the fire department purchases. In order to be reimbursed, the equipment purchased must be on the equipment list included with the grant. Additional turnout gear and radios are the items most needed.

The fire department is looking into the possibility of adding a first responder program. The first responders would keep the person alive until the EMT's arrive to transport. The startup cost would be around \$30,000 and at least \$10,000 a year to keep the program going. There are grants available to cover those cost. The manpower is available to start the program if the financial details can be worked out. A meeting will be set up in the future to discuss the details further.

Mayor Pucciarelli presented plaques to Chief Brandon Wilkinson, and former Assistant Chief Patrick Herling for their dedication and service to the town and the CGVFD. Both were wished the best of luck in their careers.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business.

Ordinance No. 1-2017- An Ordinance to Repeal Title 1 Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code

Pursuant to TCA 10-7-503(g), every government entity must adopt a written public records policy by July 1, 2017. The town passed Ordinance 5-2004 on July 7, 2004

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establishing a policy for public records, but the policy does not meet the new requirements. This ordinance repeals the existing policy.

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

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Citizens Comments.

A resident who lives near the dog park commented she has seen people there (dog park) all hours of the night. She asked that specific hours be set. The issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Ordinance No. 2-2017- An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code, Title 14

This ordinance amends Section 14-702(7) by deleting the words “pain clinics” and replacing it with the words “pain management or drug rehabilitation clinics or facilities”.

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

Inter-local Agreement between Cumberland Gap V.F.D and Harrogate V.F.D

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

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed on Monday May 29th (Memorial Day)

Planning Meeting- Tuesday May 30, 2017 @7:00 pm

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