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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on February 5, 2024 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; Bill Linn-here; Kathy Maxwell- here; John Ravnum- here.

The following board members were absent: Camille Hall.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Linn made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Bill Linn- 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. Kathy Maxwell 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: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Bill Linn- 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. John Douglas made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Bill Linn- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes, John Ravnum- yes.

Planning and Zoning-

The Planning Commission has given its approval for the Subdivision Regulations and will commence the review of the Zoning Codes during the upcoming meeting scheduled for March 4, 2024.

Andrew Perez was hired as the new building inspector.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- One citation was written during the month of January

Historical – The Historic Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for February 6, 2024 has been cancelled as there are no items on the agenda.

Streets – Mayor Pucciarelli met with TDOT last week to discuss the drainage issues in town. They are unable to assist at this time but did offer some possible solutions, such as widening the creeks and replacing culverts. Another possible solution was to install a dissipator, which is designed to reduce the velocity of flow to acceptable limits.

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Mayor Pucciarelli has meetings scheduled with the National Park and Senator Haggerty in the upcoming weeks.

Park and Recreation- There was nothing to report.

Tourism/Events- On February 13- 14, 2024 the fire department will be having a fundraiser bake sale on the LMU campus.

Water- The water loss for the month of January 2024 was 21%, down from the 28% in December 2023.

Sewer – The budgeted amount for the sewer department line item “repair and maintenance” has been exceeded.

A notice was mailed with the water bill explaining what can and cannot be flushed.

At the agenda meeting last week, it was suggested to research the possibility of requiring a “wedge “to be installed in the toilets of all commercial buildings. This wedge would prevent foreign objects from being flushed down toilets. Mayor Pucciarelli reported that he is still researching the matter.

Fire Department- Assistant Fire Chief, Jacob Sheehan, reported that the department assisted with six fires in the month of January 2024.

The fire department was awarded a \$56,000 grant and will be used to purchase a bottle fill station in which oxygen tanks can be refilled onsite.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Guardians of the Gap - TN Downtown Grant Update- Tony Maxwell presented the board will several design options for Cumberland Gaps trademark(branding). He explained that the Guardians have retained an attorney to copyright the logo.

Citizens Comments- There was no citizen comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Special Event Permit Application- Tri- State Outdoor Fest

The special event application, was submitted by Mary Mars/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for July 20, 2024.

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Bill Linn made a motion to approve the special event 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; Bill Linn- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes, John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements:

February 9, 2024- 1:00 p.m. - Public Hearing for Fire Dept. Grant

February 13, 2024 -1:00 – 3:00 Congressman Burchette Mobile Office hours

February 19, 2024- Town Hall Closed (Presidents Day)

February 26, 2024 @ 6:00- Agenda Meeting

John Ravnum made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Bill Linn. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted at follows: John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Bill Linn- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes, John Ravnum- yes.

Mayor

Recorder