The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on April 27, 2020 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the May 4, 2020 meeting.

This meeting is being held electronically. Board members and the public are being permitted to participate in this meeting by electronic means to protect the health, safety, and welfare in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. This electronic meeting is in accordance to the Tennessee's Governors Executive Order No. 16, which will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 18, 2020.

The below items were discussed.

Planning and Zoning- The planning a zoning meeting scheduled for May 4, 2020 has been cancelled.

Finance- The proposed water and sewer fund budget for FY 2021 was reviewed. The budget includes a $1.00 raise for the employees.

For FY 2020 a loss of $25,061 is estimated and for FY 2021 a loss of $24,955 is estimated. The loss is partially due to the depreciation line item as multiple high dollar assets was purchased in the last fiscal year. In order to balance the budget and cover the loss the sewer rates will need to be raised by $7.00 per month. It was noted that the last time sewer rates was increased was in March 2015.

There was some discussion about revisiting several options previously discussed:
- Connecting LMU and possibly Harrogate onto the town's wastewater system
- Contacting septic companies about dumping their waste at the town's WWTP

Mayor Pucciarelli will look into both ideas again.

The FY 2021 proposed budget for the General Fund will be reviewed at the next planning meeting.

Law and Order- City Court was rescheduled for May 28, 2020.

Historical- The historic zoning meeting scheduled for May 5, 2020 has been cancelled.

Streets- Mayor Pucciarelli is still in contact with the railroad regarding the excess water, near the Gap Creek Coffee House, caused by a culvert on their property.

Phillip Waller has spoken with a representative at Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and it may be possible for the town to do minor stream dredging with a general permit. Waller explained that if a general permit couldn't be obtained then an individual permit would have to be applied for and that is a difficult process.

<u>Parks and Recreation-</u> Mayor Pucciarelli reported that he is following the same guidelines as state parks in regards to opening the town parks back up after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Eric Strickland will be inspecting the elevated walkway for any necessary repairs.

<u>Tourism-</u> Mayor Pucciarelli recommended cancelling the June scheduled events due to COVID-19 social distances restrictions. John Douglas suggested not cancelling at this time but re-visit at a later date, just in case social distancing guidelines are put in place for events.

<u>Resolution No. 2-2020- A Resolution Authorizing the Town to Submit an Application for Governor Lee's Local Government Support Grant</u>
Governor Bill Lee established this grant which provides funding to local governments. The available funding for each local government is based on population with Cumberland Gap being eligible for $40,791. Out of the multiple spending categories Cumberland Gap is applying for the Road Project category. The funds will be used to re-pave streets in town.

Mayor Pucciarelli reported the ways the town is working with residents during the virus situation:

- Not charging late fees
- Waiving credit card fees
- Not disconnecting services
- Waiving reconnect fees

He also reported that he spoke with Claiborne Utilities District and they are doing about the same while Arthur Shawnee is not doing a lot for their customers.

The May 4, 2020 meeting will be conducted electrically via Zoom. This will be the last meeting the town can legally conduct meetings electronically.

Mayor Pucciarelli commended the businesses and residents for adhering to the Governor's Executive Orders during this time.

There was no other discussion and the meeting ended.

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Recorder