TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP PLANNING MEETING MAY 26, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on May 26, 2020 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the June 1, 2020 meeting.

This meeting is being held electronically. The public is 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. 34, which will remain in effect until 11: 59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020.

The below items were discussed.

<u>Finance- The proposed general budget for FY 2021 was reviewed.</u> The budget includes a \$1.00 raise for the employees. Several of the line items for FY 2021 was adjusted due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two options, to make the sewer plant more efficient, were discussed:

- 1) Replace the probes and control panel- The total cost would be \$12,895.00 and would save around \$3,600 in electricity each year. It would take around four years to recoup the cost in which time it would be time to repurchase the equipment. This purchase would also increase the deprecation to be added to the yearly budget.
- 2) Build a sledge treatment facility- This option would allow companies to dump waste at the town's sewer facility. This option would be expensive and would require the town to apply for a permit modification from the state. The representative from the state spoke of the possible sewage and sulfur smell this dumping may cause. It would take several years to recoup the cost and would increase the depreciation to be added to the yearly budget.

Mayor Pucciarelli reported that he has spoken with Linda Fultz, Mayor of Harrogate, about the possibility of Cumberland Gap taken on their sewage. He is still waiting to hear back from Mayor Fultz. It was recommended that the town have signed legal commitments before the town proceeds with accommodating the additional sewage.

<u>Tourism- The</u> Governor issued a new executive order pertaining to events. The order states that no more than 50 people should be in attendance and social distancing is recommended.

Mayor Pucciarelli reported that Servolution is planning a 5k race on Friday October 30th and asked the board if they felt it would interfere with the town's Halloween event. No one felt it would as Halloween would be observed on Saturday.

<u>Streets-</u> Mayor Pucciarelli and Phillip Waller is working on the application process, with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), to submit a general permit in order to do maintenance, such as removing rocks, in the creeks in town.

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Phillip Waller is in the process of getting a quote for a bridge to replace the culvert next to the Cumberland Gap Inn. This replacement would help correct the flooding issues around the Gap Creek Coffee House and D & D Wheel Alignment.

The Corps of Engineers will be in town next month to check out the flooding issues and will submit a plan to help with or correct the problem.

In light of the sewer plant options, Mayor Pucciarelli asked that the board not use the Governor's grant on the sewer plant instead of the street paving that was approved last month.

The mayor has contacted Point Broadband about the possibility of hot spots in town. He has also spoken with U.S Cellular about improving cell phone service in town. He reported that a cell tower may not be necessary but instead strategically installing two boosters in town.

Ordinance No. 4-2020- An Ordinance to Sewer Rates

This ordinance increases sewer rates (Town and Tiprell) by \$7.00/month.

Ordinance No. 5-2020- An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021

The budget includes the \$7.00 sewer rate increase and \$1.00 raise for the employees.

There will be public hearing for the budget on Monday June 26, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Followed by a special called meeting for the second reading of the budget, followed by the agenda meeting.

The June 1, 2020 Board of Mayor and Alderman (BMA) meeting with be held via Zoom.

There was no other discussion and the meeting ended.

Recorder

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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on June 1, 2020, with Mayor Pucciarelli calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

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. 34, which will remain in effect until 11: 59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-here; 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. Susan Bain made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; 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. Teresa Fuson made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; 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. 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: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

<u>Planning & Zoning- The planning</u> and zoning meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

<u>Finance- The proposed general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was discussed at last week's planning meeting.</u> The complete budget ordinance will be voted on later in the meeting.

<u>Law and Order-</u> The next date for city court is scheduled for July 25, 2020.

<u>Historical</u> — The historic zoning meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020 has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2020.

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Parks and Recreation – The bathrooms at the Berkau Park will be opened later this week.

Tourism/Events- The June events have been rescheduled until October.

The Tourism Enhancement grant opened up today with a deadline of July 15th. The maximum award is \$75,000.

Water- The water loss for the month of May has not been determined yet.

Sewer- The manhole repair has been completed.

<u>Fire Department-</u> In the next couple of months, the fire department will be conducting a complete inventory of equipment and a surplus list will be submitted to the board once completed.

OSHA Safety Director-There was nothing to report.

<u>Litigation-</u> There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business: There was Old Business.

Citizens Comments

The mayor reported that petitions for the November city election can be picked up at the Election Commission beginning June 22^{nd} with a deadline of August 20^{th} @ noon.

Ordinance No. 4-2020- An Ordinance to Sewer Rates

This ordinance increases sewer rates (Town and Tiprell) by \$7.00/month.

Phillip Waller made a motion to approve Ordinance No 4-2020 (first reading), with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli reported that he has spoken with Linda Fultz, Mayor of Harrogate, about the possibility of Cumberland Gap taken on their sewerage. He is still waiting to hear back from Mayor Fultz.

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He also reported that he hasn't spoken to LMU at this time about the same possibility but he plans to schedule a meeting with them in the near future.

Ordinance No. 5-2020- An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021

The budget includes the \$7.00 sewer rate increase and \$1.00 raise for the employees.

John Douglas made a motion to approve Ordinance No 5-2020 (first reading), with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Announcements

Agenda meeting- Monday June 26, 2020 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing for FY 2020-2021 budget Special called meeting for the second reading of FY 2020-2021 budget Agenda meeting

With no other business to come before the board, John Douglas made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. On voice call vote all voted "aye."

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Recorder