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PLANNING MEETING
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on February 22, 2021 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the March 1, 2021 meeting.

The below items were discussed.

Planning and Zoning- Since there is no items on the agenda, the PZC meeting scheduled for March 1, 2021 was cancelled.

Finance- The auditor will be present at next week's meeting, via zoom, to give the audit report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

Law and Order- There was nothing to report.

Historical- Mr. Clouse's attorney is sending a representative to town hall to copy documents pertaining to the case. A representative from the town's insurance company will also be present.

Streets- Mayor Pucciarelli commended Ray Paul for a good job he did in keeping the roads clean and clear of snow.

Mayor Pucciarelli explained the recent suspension of the recycling program. It was not a decision the town made. The recycling center uses inmates to help with the sorting and due to COVID the inmates are temporarily not being utilized, leaving only 2 employees at the Recycling Center to do the sorting and processing. This program suspension is only temporary, in the meantime individuals are encouraged to take recyclables to the Bell County Recycling Center.

Representatives from Claiborne Utilities is looking into feasible routes to install natural gas at the Nineteen 19 Grill and Bar. Residents/Businesses that are located along that route will have the option to hook up to the line.

Parks and Recreation- The grant to upgrade/repair Festival Park is still ongoing. The contractor and designer is working on a plan.

Water- Leak detection will resume once weather permits.

The last time there was a major water leak the water for the whole town had to be cut off in order to fix the leak. In an effort to avoid that in the future, installing cut off valves for each section of town is being looked into. Quotes will be obtained and will be included in the next budget cycle.

Sewer- New equipment is needed at the WWTP. According to the quote the equipment will cost around eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

Fire Department- The ladder truck, which was recently purchased from another department, is currently unable to be housed inside the bay as there is some clearance issues. Options are being discussed and the truck will be moved inside once the best method is determined. Options include renovating existing bay or building a new structure.

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The assistant fire chief was recently terminated for violating the fire department code of conduct.

The Tanker Truck is currently out of commission due to mechanical issues.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing new to report.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

2019-2020 Audit Report- The auditor will be present at next week's meeting, via zoom, to give the audit report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

The water/sewer fund had more expenses than revenues, which resulted in a loss. Since the water/sewer fund reported a loss for the second year in a row the town will be referred to the state's financial oversight board. The sewer rates were raised in this current fiscal year in an effort to prevent any future losses.

There was some discussion about the possibility of Harrogate connecting to the town's sewer lines. There was also some discussion about the possibility of the town getting out of the sewer business and selling the plant. In order to do that the town would have to give up the discharge permit. Cumberland Gap currently holds the only permit to discharge into the Powell River.

Special Event Permit Application- Hammer in the Gap

A special event application, Hammer in the Gap, was submitted by Ryan Schmidt and is scheduled for April 10, 2021. The event includes: blacksmith demonstrations, music, and vendor booths.

Recorder