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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on April 26, 2021 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the May 3, 2021 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- At next weeks planning and zoning commission meeting the committee will review a proposal that attempts to correct the zoning issues in C-1 and C-1A Districts. The zoning amendment would allow residential and commercial properties to coincide/co-exist within the commercial district. The definition and requirements for an event/meeting facility was also added.

Finance- The FY 2022 proposed budget for the general fund was reviewed and discussed. The proposed budget includes a \$1.00 raise for the employees.

A line item for interest and principal payments in the amount of \$24,625 for the purchase of the Estep property was also included. The town can finance a \$250,000 loan for 12 years and the payments would be around \$24,000 a year. The town can use the purchase/appraisal amount of the property towards the town's match for the Parks and Recreation Grant. The tentative first phase of the project includes building bathrooms, parking, and ADA compliance (both for the Estep property and at the dog park).

Mayor Pucciarelli is in the process of obtaining quotes from a masonry to make repairs to the town hall building. The repairs will be done in phases with the stairs being the first phase.

There was some concerns regarding the \$9,000 loss in the waste collection budget. There was discussions as to whether the town's general fund should continue to absorb the cost or should garbage collections rates be raised. Vaccinations for the inmates have begun so therefore the Recycling Program should resume in the next couple of months.

Members of the fire department felt it would be more cost efficient to sell the ladder truck instead of the expense of repairing and housing the vehicle. The tanker will be repaired instead.

The net income for FY 2022 is \$14,742.00.

A timeline of the budget process is as follows:

June 7, 2021- budget ordinance passed on first reading

June 28, 2021 - public hearing for budget

June 28, 2021- second and final reading of the budget

Law and Order- There was nothing to discuss.

Historical- At next week's historic zoning committee meeting the committee will review the proposal that attempts to correct the zoning issues in C-1 and C-1A Districts.

Streets- Congressman Burchett has made contact with Norfolk Southern and a plan is being made on how to correct the issues with the culvert that is causing flooding problems in town.

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Parks and Recreation- The Festival Park project is currently being advertised for bids. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>, bid opening on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and the board will make the awards at the June 7, 2021 meeting.

Bike rental software has been setup, a waiver has been drafted, and the bikes are scheduled to be put together next week. The ribbon cutting for the program is tentatively being scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> to coincide with other events in town.

Some pet owners have not been obeying the leash laws and are allowing their dogs to run free without a leash. The town will purchase and install signs displaying the leash law. It was also determined that signs are needed reminding owners to please clean up after their pets

Tourism- There was nothing to discuss.

Water- A notice informing residents about the water/sewer rate increase will be sent out in the May and June 2021 bills.

Sewer- The mayor has been in discussions with Harrogate regarding the possibility of the city hooking onto Cumberland Gaps sewer system. There would be a significant cost for both Harrogate and Cumberland Gap if that were to happen. Since Cumberland Gap couldn't take all their sewage would Harrogate even consider pumping a portion to Cumberland Gap? Harrogate has some I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) issues. Meaning the town would be taken on and treating their rain and storm water entering into the collection system. There is a possibility that Harrogate may be waiting to see if the sewer plant LMU is proposing to build in Virginia is approved.

Fire Department- The outgoing Fire Chief Kale Davidson will be recognized and his replacement introduced.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing new to report.

Old Business:

New Business:

Special Event Permit Application- CGRTA Region Strong Awards

A special event application, CGRTA (Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Association) Region Strong Awards, was submitted by The Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

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Recorder