

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
PLANNING MEETING
JULY 26, 2021
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on July 26, 2021 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the August 2, 2021 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will be on Monday August 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. At this time there are no items on the agenda, so therefore the meeting may be cancelled.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- The town is purchasing two speed limit signs (25 miles) to be placed on both ends of Pennlyn. The police officers are hesitant to write speeding tickets since no speed limit signs are posted on that street.

The town is also purchasing two signs that say “Unless Otherwise Posted” to be mounted with the speed limit signs at each entrance of town.

Historical- The next meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will be on Tuesday August 3, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. At this time there are no items on the agenda, so therefore the meeting may be cancelled.

Streets- The street milling will begin as soon as the contractor has finished another job in the county.

Parks and Recreation- Festival Park Project Update- The contract between the town and the contractor has been submitted to the grant administrators and will be signed once they have reviewed and approved the document.

Tourism- There are no events scheduled for the month of August.

Water- There was nothing to discuss.

Sewer- There was nothing to discuss.

Fire Department- There was some concerns about the board’s decision, made last month, to list the tanker truck on govdeals.com. The truck serves multiple purposes as it is a pumper truck not just a tanker. The board was asked to reconsider the decision. The following factors should be considered before making the decision: 1. The cost of the engine replacement and any other repairs needed. 2. The inexperience of the drivers and making sure they are property trained.

A written estimate for all the needed repairs will be obtained and brought before the board in order for them to reconsider their previous decision.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

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The following upcoming projects were discussed:

- Locate and mark all existing water cut-offs to prevent turning off the entire town while repairing a water leak.
- Repair the retaining wall at the end of Pennlyn Street. The wall has moved and will collapse if not repaired.
- Repair and pressure wash floor boards on wooden walkway.
- Repair/replace the sidewalk in front of the Cumberland Gap Inn. Another option being considered is planting trees in place of concrete.
- Replace culvert located on Lynn.
- Clean out creek downtown per the permit issued by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- All bills owed on the Owenby property has been paid by an heir of the family.
- Milling the streets downtown.
- Purchasing traffic signs- additional speed limit and “Unless Otherwise Posted” signs
- Festival Park Project- make the improvements per the Tourism Enhancement grant
- Masonry work on Town Hall- repair the separating bricks, cosmetic work on stairs, and repair the handicap ramp.
- Water drainage issues on Pennlyn- replace rotting railroad ties
- Repair fence at Dog Park- A claim has been submitted to the insurance company and attempts to obtain a quote have been made.

Old Business:

Ordinance No. 4-2021- An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance By Amending Title 14, Chapter 2, General Zoning Provisions, Sections 14-203 and 14-207, and Chapter 5, C-1 Districts, Sections 14-501, 14-502, 14-503, and 14-505, and Chapter 6, C-1-A Districts, Sections 14-601, 14-302, 14-303, and 14-605

This ordinance amends the C-1 and C-1A districts to allow residents and commercial properties to co-exist in the zones. This will be the second reading of the ordinance.

There will be a public hearing held on Monday August 2, 2021 @6:00 p.m. to allow public input on the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 5-2021- An Ordinance to Adjust Water and Sewer Rates

This ordinance increases the water rates by six dollars (\$6.00), and the sewer rates by three dollars (\$3.00). This will be the second reading of the ordinance.

New Business:

Special Event Permit Application- LMU Homecoming Parade

A special event permit application, LMU Homecoming Parade, was submitted by Kaci Ausmus/Lincoln Memorial University, and is scheduled for October 8, 2021.

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Ms. Ausmus was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Tony Maxwell was present in her place. Most of the homecoming events have taken place on campus in the past, but this year LMU wanted to bring some of the homecoming events to Cumberland Gap. Due to liability concerns, throwing candy and other objects is prohibited. Mr. Maxwell stated that nothing will be thrown and booths will be set up before and after the parade allowing participating organizations to hand out materials.

While there will be some floats in the parade, the majority of the fifty(50) participating organizations will consist of walkers and will include local school bands, cheerleaders, etc. The parade route, as it stands now, will begin at Town Hall, go down Colwyn Street and turn at the corner of Angelo's onto Pinnacle Alley, and make their way back to where they began. Other route options were discussed. No parking signs, for downtown Colwyn, will be put up the day before the event in an effort to clear the parade route.

Representatives from LMU will give an event update at the September meeting.

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed from August 17th – August 24, 2021
Agenda Meeting – August 30th @ 6:00 p.m.

Recorder