

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
PLANNING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on September 27, 2021 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the October 4, 2021 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- There are no items on the agenda, therefore the October 4th meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was cancelled.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- The sheriff's department issued two (2) traffic citations during the month of September.

Historical- There are no items on the agenda, therefore the October 5th meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission was cancelled.

Streets- Since the quote to repair the culvert on Colwyn was over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) the project will have to be bid out as a formal bidding process.

Parks and Recreation- Construction on Festival Park began earlier this month. The base for the stage will be poured later this week.

The Parks and Recreation grant application was submitted earlier today.

Tourism- Trick or Treating will be held on Saturday October 30, 2021. The prizes for the pumpkin carving contest and the possibility of having a student division was discussed. It was suggested that the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes be awarded to students and the two additional prizes be awarded to adults that participant in the contest.

Water- There was nothing to report.

Sewer- Jesse Thompson told the board he is in the process of renewing his contract and it would need to be voted on.

Fire Department- The quote the fire department received to scrap the tanker was not accurate so therefore new quotes will have to be obtained.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Old Business:

Ordinance No. 6-2021- An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map to Rezone Parcel on Pennlyn Ave from R-2 to C-1

This ordinance amends the zoning map rezoning the parcel of property located at 502/504 Pennlyn Ave from R-2, Low- Density Residential District to C-1, Central Business District.

Last month the ordinance listed the parcel as R-1, Medium Density Residential, but that was incorrect and since been changed.

A public hearing for the ordinance will be held on Monday October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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New Business:

Census- The recently released census results shows the town losing 181 people making the new population of Cumberland Gap 313. The population decrease will result in around thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in lost revenue. The town immediately contacted the Census Bureau about the possibility of conducting a special census but no response was received. Mayor Pucciarelli then contacted Congressman Burchett's office for assistance and they received an answer. Approval for a special census was not granted but instead the appeal process, which will begin in December 2021/January 2022, was explained which will allow the town a chance to review and possibly challenge the numbers. Mayor Pucciarelli urged the board and citizens to contact their state representatives asking them to assist in this matter.

Special Event Permit Application- Genealogy Jamboree

A special event application, Genealogy Jamboree, was submitted by Joan Webb/Cumberland Gap Tennessee Genealogy & History Group, and is scheduled for October 15-16, 2021. This event will take place the same time as the Air Stream event.

Special Event Permit Application- DCOM Fall Festival

A special event application, DCOM Fall Festival, was submitted by Caleb Arnold/LMU-DCOM, and is scheduled for October 21, 2021.

The event is being organized by and for LMU DCOM students, but residents will not be turned away if interested in participating. The activities include food vendors, corn hole & kan jam tournament, lumberjack games, trunk or treating, and ending with a Halloween movie night.

There was some discussion regarding the location of the event, will the activities take place on town property or private property? According to the application most of the activities were planned to take place on private property but that was when it was thought this event conflicted with another. Since that is no longer the case, Mr. Arnold stated he would like to use downtown Colwyn for the food vendors. An updated map for proposed locations and traffic pattern will be distributed and discussed at next week's meeting.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

Agenda Meeting- Monday October 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

City Recorder