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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on January 30, 2023 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the February 6, 2023 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- After each election the board must appoint a representative from its membership to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Said representative will automatically become a member of the Historic Zoning Commission. At the meeting next week, the board will vote on that representative.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- There was nothing to report.

Historical- There was nothing to report.

Streets- LMU had a water line break in front of the cabin on Brooklyn Street. Once the weather permits, they plan to repair the damaged section of the street. They also plan to put a new section of line in as that area has frequent breaks. The work will take place before the town does milling and paving in the spring.

Parks and Recreation- There was nothing to report.

Tourism- There was nothing to report.

Water- There was nothing to report.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- There was nothing to report.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Old Business:

Guardians of the Gap- TN Downtown Grant Update- No one was present to give an update.

Ordinance Number 7-2022- An Ordinance Levying Hotel/Motel Tax- This ordinance would levy a one percent (1%) tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or lodging, including short term rentals, in town.

A public hearing for the ordinance was held earlier tonight.

Everybody who has a hotel, bed and breakfast, and a short-term rental will be required to remit the tax to the town by the 20th of each month. The question was asked how will we know who is responsible for paying the tax? Mayor Pucciarelli responded by saying, everybody who is

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currently licensed will be required and we periodically check on the rental websites for anyone who is advertising but not licensed.

New Business:

Resolution No. 1-2023- Resolution to Apply for Federal Assistance

The town intends to apply for a grant, not to exceed \$50,000, from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) to purchase a public works vehicle.

All of the town's current vehicles are in need of replacement. The new service vehicle would eliminate the need for multiple vehicles, as it would include a plow package and ladder rack.

Ordinance No. 1-2023- An Ordinance to Amend Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget

The ordinance amends the budget to account for the \$22,222 donation the CGVFD received from the county.

The fire departments plan to use the funds to purchase updated equipment.

Special Event Permit Application- Music festival/Trade Show

The special event application, was submitted by Danny Chumley/Papa Chum's Music & Rarities, and is scheduled for April 29, 2023.

Special Event Permit Application- Small Growers Farmers Market

The special event application, was submitted by Chelsea Voelker/Hillfolk, and is scheduled for the first Friday starting in June through October 2023.

The farmers market would specialize and focus on small growers, homesteaders and not big farms, and mostly organic foods, meat and dairy products. Some traditional crafts, such as weaved baskets, would be allowed.

Special Event Permit Application- Hank Fest: Centennial Celebration of Hank Williams Birth

The special event application, was submitted by Chelsea Voelker/Hillfolk, and is scheduled for September 16, 2023.

This event will celebrate the 100th birthday of country music icon Hank Williams.

The date coincides with the White Lighting Festival but Teresa Fuson told Mrs. Voelker the two events could be blended. Another option suggested was to move the Hank Fest to September 23rd as no events are scheduled that day. Mayor Pucciarelli said that the board could approve the event concept and the date could be changed later.

Special Event Permit Application- Art and Wine Festival

The special event application, was submitted by James Thompson/Cumberland Gap Artist Co-op, and is scheduled for May 13, 2023.