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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on April 3, 2017 with Mayor Pucciarelli calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-here; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for approval of the minutes. Jerry Hopson made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes

Mayor Pucciarelli next called for the Financial Report. Town Recorder, Linda Moyers, reported the balances of all the accounts. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson-absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Town Recorder, Linda Moyers, reported the total bills due for all the accounts. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the bills. Jerry Hopson made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be on Thursday April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. @ Town Hall.

There was discussion concerning Coca-Cola and the damage the loaded water trucks may cause to the roads. The mayor is in discussion with engineers for possible solutions and with Coca-Cola for some type of agreement to repair the road if their trucks were to damage them.

Finance

The board was given a copy of the proposed 2017- 2018 fiscal year budget for the water/sewer fund. The proposed budget includes a .50 raise for the two (2) full-time employees.

The proposed budget for the general fund will be ready to review at the next planning meeting.

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Law and Order

There was nothing to report.

Historical

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The HZC will be discussing the possibility of issuing a demolition order for 601 Pennlyn Street.

Streets

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing an Asphalt Hotbox Reclaimer. The 2 ton asphalt hot box reclaimer allows the user to maintain hot mix asphalt at a workable temperature for up to 48 hours for use or reclaims bulk store un-compacted virgin mix. It allows unused asphalt to be stored and reused at a later date. By purchasing the equipment, the town will be able to repair small potholes more timely and conveniently.

Parks and Recreation

Steve Roark, Area Forester, will be submitting a plan for tree removal and suggestions for replacements for Festival Park.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming Events included:

April 8, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show
April 22, 2017- Latin American Festival
May 13, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show
May 22, 2017- 5K Race
May 27, 2017- Concert in Festival Park (Maggie Valley Band)
June 3, 2017- Art Extravaganza
June 8-10 2017- Genealogy Jamboree
June 17, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show
June 23-24, 2017- White Lightning Festival

The date for the Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard will be announced when determined.

Water

The master water meter was replaced in March.

Sewer

There was nothing to report.

Fire Department

The fire department is in the process of completing the paperwork for a forestry grant. The grant will reimburse the department for equipment recently purchased.

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The fire department recently purchased accountability tags (tags that go on the helmets). In order to avoid a \$25 fee, 16 tags were ordered for Tazewell/New Tazewell fire department. An invoice will be sent to TNT fire department for their share of the tags.

Patrick Herling has resigned from his position as assistant fire chief in order focus on board studying. Chief Brandon Wilkinson will be leaving in June 2017. Plaques will be made for both and presented at the next meeting.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for OLD BUSINESS.

Ordinance 6-2016- An Ordinance to Amend the Code Book Relative to Alcoholic Beverages Title 8

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2016 on second and final reading, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Special Event Application – Harvest Moon Art Fest

The date of the event is October 7, 2017 and includes art displays, live music, food, and wine tasting.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-abstain (he is a member of Artist Co-op); Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Citizens Comments:

Carl Nichols updated the board on the status of the Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Association. He has been busy attending meetings and conferences promoting tourism in the ten (10) county area. Three (3) ads will run in the Southern Travel and Lifestyle magazine, along with a banner on the magazines website. A calendar of events for the ten (10) county region is sent out every week.

Nichols further explained that an organization in the area is passing itself off as a nonprofit tourism organization first under the name Cumberland Gap Tourism Alliance now it has changed its name to The Appalachian Experience. The organization has stolen parts of the Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Association's mission statement and

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website postings and his passing them off as their own. The organizer has even contacted members from Mr. Nichols organization attempting to have members sponsor his organization instead.

Mr. Nichols has reported the organization to the police but asked if there was something the town could do? According to the attorney the only action that can be taken is for Mr. Nichols to file civil suit against the organization.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Special Event Application – Appalachian Shakespeare Project

The Moonshine McBeth play will take place in Berkau Park on June 23-24, 29-30, and July 1, 2017.

Susan Bain made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Special Event Application – White Lighting Trail Festival

The event will take place on Friday June 23 – 24, 2017. Activities include beauty pageant, art, craft, food and specialty booths, car show, quilt show, music, 5K race and much more.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Ordinance No. 1-2017- An Ordinance to Repeal Title 1 Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code

Pursuant to TCA 10-7-503(g), every government entity must adopt a written public records policy by July 1, 2017. The town passed Ordinance 5-2004 on July 7, 2004 establishing a policy for public records, but the policy does not meet the new requirements. This ordinance repeals the existing policy.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the ordinance, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Resolution No. 1-2017- A Resolution Adopting a Public Records Policy

This resolution adopts a public records policy that complies with the recent changes in state law as it pertains to records management.

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Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Vyve Broadband Franchise Agreement Renewal

The Franchise agreement between Vyve Broadband and the town is due to expire on March 1, 2018. They have sent written notification of their request to extend the agreement for an additional twenty-five (25 years).

This agreement is not exclusive. The town has the option to approve other franchise agreements if they so choose.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the extension of the franchise agreement, with a second by Susan Bain. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Special Event Application – Genealogy Jamboree

The event will take place on June 8-10, 2017. Activities included exhibitors and speakers, demonstrations by craftsman/women & military re-enactors.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed on April 5th, April 24th and April 25, 2017.

Planning Meeting- Monday, April 24, 2017 @6:00 pm

With no other business to come before the board, Susan Bain made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson –absent; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.