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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on April 4, 2022 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: John Douglas- here; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- here; Kathy Maxwell- here; John Ravnum- here.

Students from Cumberland Gap High School Leadership Claiborne class were present for the meeting. Mayor Pucciarelli asked each student to introduce themselves.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. John Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson-yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- 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. Kathy Maxwell made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- 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. Teresa Fuson made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Planning and Zoning- The meeting scheduled for earlier tonight was cancelled as there were no items on the agenda. The date for the next Planning and Zoning meeting is May 2, 2022.

The town is waiting on subdivision regulations to be drafted by East Tennessee Development District (ETDD).

Finance- The audit fee for FY ending June 30, 2022 increased by 5% making the total cost of \$11,400.

Law and Order- Two citations were issued last month. Both were paid before the court date.

A recent vandalism at the Caboose is being investigated.

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Historical – The Historic Zoning Commission scheduled for tomorrow night has been cancelled as there are no items on the agenda. The date for the next Historic Zoning Commission meeting is May 3, 2022.

Streets- The American Rescue Plan Act funds have been approved. Milling will begin soon.

Parks and Recreation – Danny Chumley came before the board last week seeking permission to use Festival Park for impromptu music sessions. He explained that sometimes musicians have stopped in his business, Papa Chum’s Music, and asked if there was a place in town that they could play.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the impromptu music sessions contingent on availability of the park and special event insurance, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

The restrooms at Berkau Park will be opened soon.

Tourism/Events- The Guardians of the Gap was awarded a TN Downtown Grant in the amount of \$11,000.

Upcoming Events include: April 29- Fine Arts Friday; April 30th- Grand Opening of the Olde Church; May 7th – JFWA Prom 22; June 25th- Wine & Art Extravaganza; July 16th- Tri-State Outdoor Fest.

Water- The GIS mapping of the water lines, meter boxes, sewer lines, and fire hydrants have been completed. The next step is to develop an asset management plan.

New regulations have been set for all utility districts in the state of Tennessee. By the year 2026 no lead is to be present in the water and all galvanized pipes are to be removed.

The water loss went down from 21% in February to 17% in March.

Sewer- According the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Jesse Thompson, the distillery will not have a negative impact on the treatment plant.

Fire Department- . - At one of the fire scenes last month a firefighter had a medical emergency and a workers compensation claim has been filed.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

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Special Event Permit Applications- Harvest Moon Festival (Resubmission)

The application for the Harvest Moon Festival, scheduled for September 24, 2022, was resubmitted with additional of a wine tasting event.

Kathy Maxell made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Citizens Comments- A representative from the Cumberland Gap National Park stated that volunteers are still needed to work the front desk, assisting in clearing the trails, or participating in the adopt a trail program.

A representative from Stand in the Gap spoke about the Drug Take Back Program on April 30, 2022. Prescription drugs can be dropped off, no questions asked, at the Claiborne County Justice Center and the Tazewell Police Department.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Short Term Vacation Rental Application

Mayor Pucciarelli stated that all required paperwork and fees were submitted for the short term rental at 250 Colwyn (the board was given a copy to review) so therefore the permit was issued.

Special Event Permit Application- National GTO Pontiac

The special event application, National GTO Pontiac, Kevin Larew/ Angelo's in the Gap/ and is scheduled for June 30, 2022.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Rumble in the Gap

The special event application, Rumble in the Gap, was submitted by Kevin Larew/Angelo's in the Gap/and is scheduled for July 22, 2022.

More information is needed. Mayor Pucciarelli will meet with Mr. Larew and the application will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Special Event Permit Application- Folkfest

The special event application, Folkfest, was submitted Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for August 13, 2022. The town is reviving and re-creating a popular event from the past.

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John Douglas made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Pumpkin Tasting

The special event application, Pumpkin Tasting, was submitted Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for October 22, 2022.

Since the event is taking place on private property no board approval is needed.

Special Event Permit Application- Small Town Christmas & Parade

The special event application, Small Town Christmas & Parade, was submitted by Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for December 10, 2022

John Douglas 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: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Special Event Permit Application- Movie Nights 2022

The special event application, Movie Nights 2022, was submitted Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for various dates in 2022. They are asking for blanket approval with the first ones scheduled for April 22, 2022 and May 13, 2022.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the special event application, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

Agenda meeting- Monday April 25, 2022

Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting- Monday May 2, 2022

Town Hall will be closed on April 15, 2022

John Douglas made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: John Douglas-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Joe Gill- absent; Jerry Hopson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum- yes.

Mayor

Recorder