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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 6, 2015 with Mayor McGaffee calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN. After the Pledge to the Flag, Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-here; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

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

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

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

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

Susan Bain made a motion to adopt the 2012 edition of the International Building Codes, with a second by John Ravnum. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will no longer be conducted monthly unless there are items to be discussed.

Finance

The board was presented with a copy of the 2015-2016 proposed budget for the water and sewer fund. The general fund proposed budget will be presented next month.

Law and Order

There was nothing to report.

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Historical

The next meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission will be on Tuesday April 7th @ 7:00 pm. The commission will be discussing the HZC guidelines and the certificate of appropriateness.

Streets

The town plans to repair potholes later this spring.

Parks and Recreation

The bathrooms at Berkau Park will be opened later this week. Mayor McGaffee has hired someone to make sure the bathrooms are stocked and clean on the weekends.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming events include:

Cumberland Mtn. Music Show- April 11, 2015

Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale- May 2, 2015 (Rain Date- May 9th)

Genealogy Jamboree- June 11-14, 2015

White Lightning Trail Festival- June 26-27, 2015

The Art Council will meet on Wednesday April 8, 2015 to plan the events for the summer.

The Artist Co-op is planning an art festival with a tentatively date of June 6, 2015. Walter Matthews asked if anything has been determined concerning the fire department insurance covering the event. The issue will be looked into and resolved this week.

Water

The water loss went back up. No leaks have been reported at this time.

Sewer

There was nothing to report.

Fire Department

There was nothing to report.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

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Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

Title 17 (Refuse and Trash Disposal)

The board will review the title and discuss at the next planning meeting.

Citizens Comments

Chris Anderson questioned ownership of a piece of property between Kathy Maxwell's apartment building and his business (The Gap Tap). During the bad weather one of his delivery driver's slipped and fell on that property. The issue will be looked into to determine who owns the piece of property.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 3-2015- An Ordinance to Amend the Cumberland Gap Municipal Code, Title 6 (Law Enforcement)

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

Refunding Proposal for Outstanding Rural Development Bond Issue

The town recorder contacted Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund about the possibility of refunding the outstanding Rural Development Sewer Revenue Tax Bond. The current remaining term is 32 years, interest rate of 4.25%, and annual debt service payments of \$18,756. The Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund proposal includes a 20 year term, interest rate of 3.21%, and annual debt service payments of \$22,600. With the new proposal, the fixed rate can be locked in for 5 years, and at the end of the 5 year period the rate could raise, lower, or stay the same.

The board was concerned about the possibility of the rate increasing every 5 years considering the current rate of 4.25% is locked in for the remaining terms. The issue will be looked into further and will be discussed again next month. In the meantime, Rural Development will be contacted to see if the monthly payments can be increased to shorten the life of the loan.

Announcements

Planning meeting- Monday April 27, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

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