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PLANNING MEETING
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on December 27, 2022 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the January 9, 2023 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- There was nothing to report.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- There was nothing to report.

Historical- There was nothing to report.

Streets- Sidewalk repair is scheduled to begin soon.

Parks and Recreation- The appraisal of the Estep property has been completed but still waiting on the archeology study.

Tourism- There was nothing to report.

Water- The town has been referred to the Water and Wastewater Financing Board (WWFB) due to two (2) consecutive years of a negative loss. The WWFB is requiring a rate study be conducted. Communities Unlimited has been contacted and has agreed to conduct the study.

Sewer- The wastewater treatment plant is currently operating at eighty percent (80%) capacity. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds include smoke testing, which will detect any leaks and any illegal use of the sewer system. When repaired the capacity of the plant will increase.

Fire Department- The department is in the process of repairing the old service truck.

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 four percent (4%) tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or lodging , including short term rentals, in town.

It was explained that this ordinance was recommended as a revenue generator by the TN Downtown Grant and Main Street Program and can only be used to promote tourism. While there was a general consent that a tax should be implemented most felt that starting off with the maximum amount of four percent (4%) wasn't a good idea. The suggestion of lowering the percentage down to one percent (1%) was voiced as an option.

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Other items: One of the board members suggested that the town match the TN Downtown Grant the Guardians received (\$15,000 grant plus \$5,000 from the county; totaling \$20,000). It was explained that the budget did not allow such donation at this time.

Citizens Comments: There were no citizen comments.

New Business:

Beer Board:

There were no items on the agenda.

City Recorder