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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on February 1, 2016 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 Jerry 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 commended Jerry & Phyllis Hopson and Linda McGaffee for the excellent job they did cleaning and painting the meeting room.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

There was nothing to report.

Finance

The board members were given a copy of the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual for the General Fund & Water and Wastewater Fund.

Law and Order

There was nothing to report.

Historical

There was nothing to report.

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Streets

Phillip Waller commended Ray Paul for the excellent job he did scraping and cleaning the snow off the roads last month.

The rubber edging doesn't do as good as the steel blade but it should prevent the new blacktop from being scraped up.

Parks and Recreation

The building at Berkau Park is in need of painting. Mayor McGaffee has already talked to the softball coach at LMU and they have agreed to do the painting as their community service project.

Tourism/Events

February 27, 2016- Cumberland Mountain Music Show

March 5 & 6, 2016- Dinner and Show at Pineapple Tea Room

The Pineapple Tea Room will be hosting a Grammy Celebration Party honoring Dale Ann Bradley's Grammy nomination. Guest can enjoy dinner and a solo performance.

April 9- 11, 2016- Cumberland Gap Quarter Release Ceremony

The Cumberland Gap National Historical Park will be hosting a ceremony for the Cumberland Gap, Kentucky Quarter Release. Activities will take place at the National Park Visitor Center during those three days.

April 16, 2016- Papa Chum's is planning to host a music event to promote Records Store Day.

June 3- 4, 2016- Cumberland Gap Art Days (hosted by the Artist Co-op) and the White Lightning Trail Festival

June 9- 11, 2016- Genealogy Jamboree

Water

Ray Paul and Jesse Thompson fixed a big leak last month.

Sewer

Jesse Thompson asked that the board consider signing an extended contract with his company Wastewater Specialist (instead of from year to year). Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve a 5 year contract, 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.

There has been a tremendous amount of excess water coming into the wastewater treatment plant. The town purchased a flow meter to determine where it was coming

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from. It was determined that the excessive flow was coming from the line belonging to Lincoln Memorial University. In December they were billed for the excess amount, which totaled around \$5,000 more than their normal bill. LMU has requested an adjustment to the bill.

The board discussed several options:

- charge \$1,000 extra for the first month, then increase it a little each month for a set number of months (until leak is fixed)
- Charge \$1,000 extra each month until leak is fixed. If not fixed in set number of months increase the amount.

Jim Estep explained that Gary Burchett has requested to meet with him later this week. He isn't sure what the meeting is about, but assumes it is concerning this matter. If not then Mr. Estep says he will bring up the issue during the meeting.

Phillip Waller made a motion to charge them \$1,000 extra on current bill and review further next month pending the attorney's meeting with Gary Burchett. 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.

The Koi fish at the WWTP have overpopulated and need to be relocated. Several months ago someone contacted the town about buying some of them.

Susan Bain made a motion to declare the Koi fish surplus and to sell them for \$10 apiece, 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.

Fire Department

Training is the department's main priority at this time. Currently four volunteer firefighters are enrolled in training with Tazewell and New Tazewell.

Phillip Waller donated a tank for one of the vehicles moving it from being a crash vehicle to being a brush truck. It concedes with the needs of our response area and puts the department in a new bracket with future grants, explained fire chief, Brandon Wilkinson.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

HOME Grant Update

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A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday February 9, 2016. Homeowners must meet certain criteria to qualify.

CDBG Update

Representatives with East Tennessee Development District and Vaughn and Melton met with the town last month. They discussed ways to improve the next CDBG application, which included lowering the project cost. The application deadline is February 28, 2016.

Citizens Comments

The board discussed complaints made against the Gap Tap. Complaints include patrons trespassing on private property, public urinating, loud noise, and excessive traffic.

The trespassing complaints took place outside the establishment, so there forth, they are not the responsibility of the owner but the town's. Mayor McGaffee reported they he is looking into hiring another police officer. The officer that was recently hired did not work out due to his conflicting schedule.

One resident said he looked into the parking regulations set forth in the historic district. Even though the business is not in the historic district, the parking regulations should still apply within the district. The regulations would not affect the business only the individuals parking. The attorney will look into that aspect further.

Traffic is a big issue. When the patron's leave the establishment there is an influx in traffic on that street. Mayor McGaffee explained that is not the responsibility of the establishment.

The neighbor's explained that they have witnessed and documented several incidents. The establishment is causing a nuisance, one neighbor reported.

According to Mayor McGaffee the town has two options: (1) hire a police officer; (2) the town council can vote beer completely out.

The neighbor's reported they have trouble sleeping due to the excessive noise outside their windows. It was suggested that the owner, Chris Anderson, not let his patrons loiter outside. If they go outside to smoke make then go back in afterwards. Mayor McGaffee commented that Mr. Anderson cannot make them stay inside.

Mr. Anderson commented that if someone breaks the law then he calls the cops. He urged the residents to do so also. Several of the resident's replied that they have, but by the time the sheriff's department arrive the offenders are already gone. Mr. Anderson further explained that all he can do is ask them to leave and call 911. He spoke about several incidents where he has done just that.

The issue will be discussed further during the beer board meeting.

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Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

Garbage Pickup

There has been some questions about paying for garbage pickup even if it is not used. According to the municipal code, there is a charge whether it is utilized or not.

FEMA Grant Update

The fire department submitted a new application for the grant last month. Award announcements are expected around May or June.

Resolution No. 1-2016- A Resolution Authorized the Town of Cumberland Gap to Submit an Application for a 2016 Community Development Block Grant

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-2016, 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.

Announcements

Planning Meeting- Monday February 29, 2016 @6:00 pm
Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

With no other business to come before the board, Jerry Hopson made a motion to adjourn, 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.