

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
JANUARY 5, 2015
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on January 5, 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-was absent- but came in later; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee called for approval of the minutes. The correction that was mentioned before the meeting was noted and corrected. 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-absent; 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 Hopson. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-absent; 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. Most of the bills are being paid online via the vendor's website or via online bill pay from the banks. The board was presented with a printout from Commercial Bank and Citizens Bank website showing which bills were paid last month via the online bill pay. The printout showing this month's bills to be paid included a notation as whether the bill would be paid via check, vendor website, or bank website.

Jerry Hopson made at motion to pay the bills, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-absent; 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

The next meeting will be on Thursday January 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm @ The Pineapple Tearoom.

Finance

The board was presented with a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual worksheet for the month of December. Instead of monthly the board prefers the report to show year to date.

A public hearing to discuss the water/sewer rate increase was scheduled for Monday January 26, 2015 @ 6:00 pm. The planning meeting will follow.

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Law and Order

There was nothing to report.

Historical

The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm.

Streets

Several potholes will be fixed when the asphalt plants open in the spring. The cold patch has been used before and has not worked well.

Parks and Recreation

The restrooms at Berkau Park will be closed up for the winter this week.

Tourism/Events

The polar bear dip was a success again this year. John Ravnum thanked all those involved in putting this unique event together. Chuck Coffey thanked Teresa Fuson for firing the cannon at the start of the event.

Upcoming events include:

January 17, 2014- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show

Water

The water loss for November was 52% and went down to 42% in December. One leak was found and repaired last month.

A resolution pertaining to Phase II Water System Improvement project was read and approved.

Resolution #1-2015- A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Cumberland Gap to Match the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds

This total grant application will not exceed the amount of \$220,000 and the town will commit to provide matching funds in the amount of 16% or \$35,200 of the total eligible project cost. Upon approval East Tennessee Development District will assist in the application process and administration of the proposed project and Vaughn & Melton to conduct engineering services.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the resolution, with as second by John Ravnum. 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.

Also, as part of the grant, target area surveys of at least 90 households have to be conducted. The survey consist of questions such as: total number of people in household; race of people in household; number of person with a disability; total annual household income. Volunteers are needed to go door to door and conduct these surveys.

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The water system received a score of 97 for the state inspection. Jesse Thompson and Ray Paul was congratulated.

Sewer

There was some discussion about purchasing a flow meter to assist in pinpointing leaks going into the sewer system throughout the town.

Nixon Power sent the attorney another email concerning payment for the work they did on the generator. Chuck Coffey made a motion to pay the bill, with a second by Jerry Hopson. 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.

In the meantime Jesse Thompson will contact the company to see if they will at least fix the generator like they were supposed to do.

Fire Department

Heritage Fire fixed one of the trucks last month, the other one will be fixed as soon as the parts come in. Both trucks would then be up to date.

The fire department has conducted several fire drills and safety test at the LMU building on Brooklyn Street. In the past not all residents were leaving the building during a fire alarm and all of the safety rules were not being followed.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

Coca- Cola

A concerned citizen questioned the liability of Coca-Cola if they were to come to town and destroy the road with the big trucks going in and out. Mayor McGaffee doesn't think that one truck filled with water going out 2 or 3 times a day would tear up the road. There are trucks that go to Tiprell everyday with the same amount of weight. The attorney said that is a public road and there is no liability. Coca-Cola has not made any decisions at this time and is still reviewing all of their options.

Title 15- Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking

At the last planning meeting the board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to Title 15. There were no other changes. An ordinance will be drafted.

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Citizens Comments

A citizen questioned the jurisdiction of the LMU Police Department. The attorney explained the legislature adopted a private acts allowing the LMU police to become deputy sheriffs, and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff oversees the department. The private acts gave them jurisdiction over the areas in which they have campus, which includes Cumberland Gap. By virtue of being deputies they have law enforcement powers over the community. They will not enforce town ordinances just state laws. They are subject to the oversight of the sheriff. The citizen then asked if something where to happen in Cumberland Gap would the sheriff send them here. The attorney said no, E-911 would dispatch them or the sheriff would send one of his regular deputies. It just depends on the situation.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

Title 16- Street and Sidewalks, etc.

At the last planning meeting the board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to Title 16. There was some discussion and concerns about several sections of the title, and will be reviewed and discussed further at the next planning meeting.

Name an Engineering Firm for 2015 CDBG

That was included in Resolution 1-2015. Vaughn and Melton was the only one who submitted qualifications.

Fraud Risk Inquires Form

The auditors requested that this form be filled out asking if the board is aware of or suspect's fraud affecting the town. All questions were asked and answered. No fraud is suspected.

The CGVFD will be participating, along with the other fire depts. in the county, in a fundraiser at Walmart in Tazewell on Friday January 9-11, 2015. The proceeds from the sale of water will be split between all of the departments.

The board was reminded to submit their ethics commission paperwork.

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

Announcements

Public hearing for water/sewer rate increase and planning meeting for February agenda- Monday January 26, 2014 @6:00 pm.