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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on July 1, 2019, 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: Susan Bain-absent (came in late); John Douglas-here; Teresa Fuson- here; Kathy Maxwell; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for a motion to approve the minutes. John Douglas made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Teresa Fuson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-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. Teresa Fuson made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson-yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-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. Phillip Waller 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: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

At this time Mayor Pucciarelli allowed George Coots, with Claiborne Utilities, to speak regarding the possibility of running natural gas lines in Cumberland Gap. Mr. Coots explained that natural gas is already in parts of the town. He further explained that years ago there was little interest so they did not move forward and he had problems with several residents in the past so he is reluctant to proceed now.

Mr. Coots said they could run lines if a high number of residents in one area is interested but it would not be feasible to run lines if only one or two people is interested in one area and one or two people is interested in another area of town.

He told the board he would drop off questionnaires at town hall and keep checking back to see how many residents is interested and go from there.

Mayor Pucciarelli directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning – Mayor Pucciarelli and Chairperson Susan Bain plan to attend the Planning and Zoning training in Knoxville on July 23, 2019.

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The next meeting will be on Monday August 5, 2019 @6:00 p.m.

Finance- Phillip Waller made a motion to deposit five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the general fund, into the money market account each month, with a second by John Douglas. The transaction will be reviewed again in December with the possibility of an increase.

Law and Order - The 4th of July holiday is approaching. Shooting fireworks in town limits is against the municipal code. Mayor Pucciarelli has spoken with the police officers and has an enforcement plan in place.

Historical – The matter with Steve Clouse, 601 Pennlyn, has been scheduled for trial with the trial date to be held on August 26, 2019.

The following question was posed to the attorney: Win or lose will the building be torn down? The attorney replied that he has asked that the building be torn down but the decision is up to the judge. The judge may order modifications to meet town ordinances or the most extreme decision being tearing down the building.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 6, 2019 @7:00 p.m.

Streets- The town recently purchase a pole sale and has started trimming trees on the walking trail and at the dog park.

There are several trees on private property that overhang on town property. The town will notify property owners with the option to trim themselves or allow the town to trim.

Two quotes have already been obtained for the pothole and street paving. Once the third one is received the lowest quote will be accepted and work will be scheduled.

Parks and Recreation – Teresa Fuson said she will talk to the teachers at Claiborne High School, when school starts back in August, about the possibility of students doing repairs at Festival Park.

Since the new fiscal year has officially begun the repairs to the wooden walkway will be scheduled.

A family member of Kaitlyn DeVries is donating a bench to be placed in the Kaitlyn DeVries Memorial Dog Park. The bench will be placed in the small dog area since there is no place to sit in that area.

Tourism/Events- David Nelson was present to update the board on the Genealogy Jamboree.

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Upcoming Events include:

September 7, 2014 Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale (Rain Date- September 14, 2019)

September 21, 2019 White Lighting Trail Festival

October 12, 2019 Harvest Moon Gala

October 18- 19, 2019 Genealogy Jamboree

The 200th anniversary of the Iron Furnace will take place in town in conjunction with the Genealogy Jamboree. The National Park has scheduled several activities to be held in town.

Water- The water loss went up from 13% in May to 36% in June. The meters were read earlier than normal which should account for some of the loss.

Since the new fiscal year has begun the leak detector will be ordered.

Sewer- Jesse Thompson reported that medge flies are clogging up the pipes at the WWTP and he will need to buy chemicals to eliminate them.

The air conditioners at the WWTP are in need of replacement. One quote has been obtained and two more are needed.

John Douglas made a motion giving the mayor the authority to approve the purchase once all quotes are obtained, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Fire Department- There was nothing to report.

OSHA Safety Director- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

Ordinance No. 3-2019- An Ordinance to Amend Title 20 of the Municipal Code Enacting a New/Additional Chapter 2 Thereof to Address Regulations of Short Term Rental Units Within the Town of Cumberland Gap

“Short Term Rental Unit” or “Unit”: “Short Term Rental Unit” or “Unit” means a residential dwelling unit that is rented wholly or partially for a fee for a period of less than thirty (30) continuous days and does not include a hotel as defined in T.C.A. Section 68-14-302 or a bed and breakfast establishment or a bed and breakfast homestay as those terms are defined in T.C.A. Section 68-14-502.

The planning and zoning board discussed the possibility of prohibiting short term rentals in the residential zones, but the motion did not pass when it came to a vote. This ordinance does not restrict where the short term rentals are allowed.

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John Ravnum wanted to schedule another special workshop to discuss only this ordinance. No one else was interested so a date was not set. Others felt that the ordinance should be passed for the first reading and amendments could be made before second reading, if necessary.

John Douglas made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, with a second by Kathy Maxwell. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain- yes; John Douglas- yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Kathy Maxwell- yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

A public hearing, for the ordinance, will be held on July 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the planning meeting.

Citizens Comments- There were no citizen's comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

George Coots, Claiborne Utilities District- This business was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Announcements

Monday July 29, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Public hearing for Ordinance No. 3-2019

Agenda meeting

Town Hall will be closed starting Tuesday July 2nd and reopen on Monday July 8, 2019.

Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday July 31, 2019

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