

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on July 11, 2016 with Mayor McGaffee calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call of the Board Members. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-absent (came in later); Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor McGaffee called for approval of the minutes. Chuck Coffey made a motion to the approve minutes, 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- absent; 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. Susan Bain made a motion to approve the financial report, 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Chuck Coffey made a motion to pay the bills, 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

There was nothing to report.

Finance

There was nothing to report.

Law and Order

The mayor and the sheriff is working out the details for a part-time officer. He would be employed by the sheriff's department by would patrol in Cumberland Gap.

Historical

There was nothing to report.

Streets

There was nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation

There was nothing to report.

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Tourism/Events

Upcoming Events included:

July 16, 2016- Cumberland Mountain Music Show

October 8, 2016- Art Extravaganza hosted by the Artist Co-op

The White Lightning Trail Festival Committee has requested that the festival be moved to June 24, 2017.

Water

The water loss went up from 26% in May to 36% in June. Ray and Jesse fixed a big leak earlier today. Others have been found and will be fixed later this week.

Sewer

During the last inspection the state told Jesse Thompson that he needed to buy additional equipment and set up a lab for the equipment at the WWTP. The building where the lab will be set up has been cleaned out, but needs some work done to it before the lab can be set up (flooring, cabinets, electricity, etc.).

Chuck Coffey made a motion to do the necessary work needed to set up the lab, 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Most of the equipment damaged during the lightning storm has been replaced.

Fire Department

There was nothing to report.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

There was no Old Business.

Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

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Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

Memorandum of Understanding for Dog Park

There was some discussion about the following line: “At the conclusion of the pilot project (12 months) and public review, the City shall consider establishing the Cumberland Gap Off-Leash Dog Park as a city maintained property”. The town doesn’t have enough employees to take on maintenance of the dog park. Since it says “shall consider” it does not bind the town to take over the maintenance.

Organizer Patrick Herling, explained that most cities have a dog park committee or separate non- profit organization. Since he and the fire chief will only be here for another year he wanted to make sure everything is set up and something is in place for the maintenance of the dog park once they are gone.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Several grants for the dog park were applied for and awarded.

The projected completion date for the dog park is August 2016.

Special Event Application- Chili Cook Off & Music

Katrina Massengill submitted an application for a Chili Cook-off & Music event on October 15, 2016. Some of the activities include: 5k Run or Walk, Classic Car Show, Motorcycle Rally & Scenic Bike Ride, Chili & Corn Bread Cook Off, Beard Contest, Overall Pageant Contest, and Homemade Halloween Costume Contest.

Jerry Hopson made a motion approve the special event application, 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

The fire department will be doing the Crazy Aunt Sadie’s Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast that day as well.

Special Event Permit Application- Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Grand Opening

Carl Nichols submitted an application for the Grand Opening of the Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Welcome Center on September 10, 2016. Some of the activities include: vendors, music, and speakers.

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Jerry Hopson made a motion approve the special event application, 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Once security is in place, Carl Nichols would like to move the four (4) glass display cases and contents, located upstairs at town hall, to the welcome center. After the next planning meeting the board will go upstairs and review the items and decide what can be moved. There was some discussion about whose insurance would cover the items once they are moved. According to Carl Nichols, since the items will still belong to the town and is on lend to the welcome center then it would the responsibility of the town to cover the insurance. There was a question as to whether the town's insurance would cover the items if they were moved to a different location. The town's insurance company will be contacted to get answers to the above questions.

Announcements

Planning Meeting- Monday July 25, 2016 @6:00 pm

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday July 14, 2016

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