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JULY 24 2023  
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on July 24, 2023 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the August 7, 2023 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- The date for the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is August 7, 2023.

Mayor Pucciarelli has spoken with East Tennessee Development District (ETDD) about hiring a city planner.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation recently conducted a sting and a sexual offender was arrested when he attempted to meet a minor at a lodging establishment in town.

Historical- The Historic Zoning Commission will meet on July 25, 2023 to discuss a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to build a fence behind Nineteen19.

Streets- The street milling began today and should be completed by tomorrow.

Mayor Pucciarelli explained the reason for the two new and brighter street lights in town. Once a street light goes out, Powell Valley Electric will no longer be repairing the lights but replacing them with new LED ones instead. Since the LED lights are designed to shine on the street only and illuminates a broader area, his goal is to reduce the number of the lights in town (currently there is 76 street lights in town).

Parks and Recreation- There was a question asked as to who cleans the bathrooms, at Berkau Park, before events. Mayor Pucciarelli responded the bathrooms are checked and cleaned as needed. Each Friday the bathrooms are stocked and resupplied.

Tourism- There was nothing to report.

Water- A representative from Communities Unlimited was present to explain the rate study he prepared and is due to the Comptroller's Office by July 31, 2023.

According to the study no changes are needed to the water rates but an increase in the sewer rates is being recommended. According to the recommendation the raise in sewer rates should be effective as of July 1, 2024.

He also discussed and explained the new lead and copper rule the state will be enforcing. The state is mandating that all copper and lead pipes be eliminated. An inventory of the type of pipe coming from the water meter to the residents' homes must be reported to the State by October 2024. It's not clear yet on how the mandate will be funded as all the regulations are not yet in place.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- There was nothing to report.

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OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Old Business:

Guardians of the Gap- TN Downtown Grant Update- The Guardians are still waiting on the contract to be issued.

Special Event Permit Application- DCOM Fall Fest

The special event application, DCOM Fall Fest, was submitted Caleb Arnold/LMU-DCOM and is scheduled for October 26, 2023.

New Business:

On Bike Share System- Mayor Pucciarelli reported that a new bike share program is being researched. The current system is not convenient for the merchants/ participants who wish to check out a bike rental. The new program includes the purchase of new bicycles with tracking devices and electronic unlock/locking mechanisms.

The questions to be considered is: What do we do with the bicycles we currently have?

Special Event Permit Application- Last Sat. in Sept. Antique Sale

The special event application, Last Sat. in Sept. Antique Sale, was submitted by Joe Wolfenbarger and is scheduled for September 30, 2023.

Other Business:

There was a question as to whether LMU submitted an application for their Homecoming Parade that is being advertised to take place the same day as the Genealogy Jamboree. At this time no application has been submitted.

Announcements- The following announcements were made:

Agenda Meeting- Monday August 28, 2023

Closed on Monday September 4, 2023 (Labor Day)

Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting – Monday September 11, 2023

Beer Board:

There were no items on the Beer Board agenda.

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City Recorder