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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on June 5, 2017 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; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson - here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for approval of the minutes. Jerry Hopson made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Phillip. Mayor Pucciarelli 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 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. Chuck Coffey made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli 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 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 Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli 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 Pucciarelli directed the meeting to the committee reports:

Planning & Zoning

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be on Thursday June 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. @ Town Hall.

Finance

The ordinance adopting the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget will be discussed under new business.

Law and Order

A change in days and hours for police protection is being discussed.

Historical

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

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The board discussed the appeal, submitted by Steve Clouse, to the demolition order issued for his building at 601 Pennlyn Street. Mr. Clouse was expected to attend the meeting tonight, but was not in attendance.

Mr. Clouse was given sixty (60) days to comply with the order. The sixty (60) days will be up on July 2, 2017. At the July 3, 2017 Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting, the board will vote on seeking legal action for the demolition of the building.

Mayor Pucciarelli recommended that each board member review the appeal carefully along with the minutes of the Historic Zoning Commission starting from the time the project began. Minutes from the Historic Zoning Commission meetings, along with minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are on file at town hall and can be reviewed during business hours. At the next planning meeting, Jerry Hopson will provide a synopsis of events that have taken place since the project began.

Streets

Mayor Pucciarelli approved the expense of replacing the handicap handrail near Angelo's in the Gap.

The drain repair near Angelo's is almost complete.

Powell Valley Electric repaired the caution light last month.

Mayor Pucciarelli is in the process of getting quotes for pothole repair.

Parks and Recreation

At last month's planning meeting, a request was made to set hours for the dog park. The issue was researched and found that hours have already been set. The hours for the dog park are dawn to dusk. A sign will be purchased and installed.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming Events included:

June 8-10, 2017- Genealogy Jamboree

June 17, 2017- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show

June 23-24, 2017- White Lightning Festival

June 23, 24, 29, 30; July 1, 2017- Shakespeare Play

Water

The water loss is up from 29% in April to 31% in May.

According to the ordinances, commercial businesses shall be billed for a monthly minimum water/sewer for each business served by a single meter. For example, if 5 businesses is located in one building then each would receive a monthly water/sewer bill. John Ravnum spoke on changing the ordinance saying that businesses should be allowed to have a communal restroom and only one water and sewer bill.

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Phase II of the waterline rehabilitation grant is scheduled to be bid out next month.

A new law has been passed requiring all board members who oversee a water and wastewater system to have 12 hours of initial training and then renewed every 3 years. More information on the training will be given to the board once it is available.

The town received a response back from the Water and Wastewater Financing Board concerning the financially distressed status of the town's water and sewer system. The financing board endorsed the town's actions raising the water and sewer bills, and the town was directed to update them twice annually until released from Board oversight.

Sewer

The town is looking into the possibility of making improvements to the wastewater treatment plant that would allow septic companies to dump their waste at the plant.

Fire Department

The homemade cross tie park benches at the dog park were removed per recommendation by the town's insurance company. The cross ties were moved to the parking lot and used as parking bumpers.

The chief is in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to renew the 501C3 status for the department.

Each of the fire hydrants in town are supposed to be color coded based on the amount of pressure each one has. Each hydrant will be tested and painted later this summer.

A meeting with Roger Hager and the 911 board took place last month in regards to the automatic aid agreement between Town of Cumberland V.F.D and the City of Harrogate V.F.D. Mr. Hager said that at this time they could not dispatch two (2) departments at the same time with the personnel and equipment they currently have. Discussions are still taking place on how to make that happen in the future.

The C.G.V.F.D responded to two calls in the month of May; wreck in Harrogate, and the fire at the corporate offices of England Furniture.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business.

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Ordinance No. 2-2017- An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code, Title 14

This ordinance amends Section 14-702(7) by deleting the words “pain clinics” and replacing it with the words “pain management or drug rehabilitation clinics or facilities”.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor Pucciarelli 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 Pucciarelli called for Citizen Comments:
There was no citizen comments.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Ordinance No. 3-2017- An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018

This ordinance includes a .50 raise for the two (2) full-time employees.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the ordinance, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor Pucciarelli 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.

Since it is required that the budget be passed by June 30, 2017, a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 26, 2017, followed by a special called meeting for the second reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 4-2017- An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the ordinance, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor Pucciarelli 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.

Since it is required that the budget amendment be passed by June 30, 2017, a special called meeting will be held on June 26, 2017 for the second reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 5-2017- An Ordinance to Amend Title 14 By Adding a New Chapter 6 to Title 14 Creating a C-1A Central Business District

This ordinance creates a new zone entitled C-1A Central Business District and provides a central location in town for restaurants that are permitted for on premise consumption of alcoholic beverages. The area is defined as the addresses on Colwyn Avenue with the numbers 400 through 699 with an entrance onto Colwyn Avenue.

A public hearing for the zoning change was held at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

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All businesses, outside the new zone, currently serving alcoholic beverages is grandfathered in. Only if the business is closed and not operated for 30 consecutive months will it lose its grandfather status.

The wording of the following sentence was discussed: The area is defined as the addresses on Colwyn Avenue with the numbers 400 through 699 with an entrance onto Colwyn Avenue. The suggested wording was: The area is defined as the addresses on Colwyn Avenue with the numbers 400 through 699 with the front of the lot onto Colwyn Avenue.

Phillip Waller made a motion to approve the ordinance as written, with a second by Chuck Coffey. Mayor Pucciarelli 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-no; Phillip Waller-yes.

The suggested wording will be discussed further at the next planning and zoning and the next planning meeting. Changes can be made between readings.

Waste Away Sanitation Quote

The board is looking into the possibility of contracting out the garbage pickup. The town received a quote from Waste Away Sanitation. The quote included three (3) options, with Option 3 being the most feasible. The option includes Waste Away Sanitation offering curbside service for town residents. Each household would receive a 95 gallon container that would hold house hold trash only. The cost would be \$13.50 per house per household.

No action was taken on the quote, as the service has to be bid out. In the meantime, Mayor Pucciarelli will get another quote from another sanitation company just to be used as a guide in deciding if the town wants to contract out the service or continue providing the service as a town.

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed the following dates:
June 12- June 16, 2017; June 21, 2017

Monday June 27, 2017 @6:00 p.m.

- Public Hearing for 2017-2018 fiscal year budget
- Special called meeting for second reading of Ordinance 3-2017 and second reading for 4-2017
- Planning meeting

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