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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on March 2, 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-here-; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- here; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor McGaffee called for approval of the minutes. Susan Bain 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-yes; 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 Susan Bain. Mayor 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.

A total of \$4,500 was put back in in the money market during the month of February.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Jerry Hopson made a motion to pay the bills, 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- 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 March 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm @ The Pineapple Tearoom.

No decision was made on which version of the International Building Codes to adopt, 2012 or 2015? The issue will be discussed further at a later date.

Finance

The board was presented with a copy of the 2015-2016 proposed budget for the water and sewer fund. The board will review the budget and will discuss at the next meeting.

Law and Order

Chuck Coffey has spoken with Claiborne County deputies asking them to increase patrolling in town starting at midnight to around 1:30 am.

Historical

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 3, 2015 @ 7:00 pm.

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Streets

The town plans to repair potholes in the spring.

Parks and Recreation

There was nothing to report.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming events include:

March 14, 2015- Cumberland Mtn. Music Show

The date for the Spring Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale was set for May 2nd, with a rain date of May 9th.

Cumberland Gap Artist Co-op Workshops

March 7, 2015- Introduction to Color & Perspective

March 21, 2015- Pen and Ink Water Color Workshop (was rescheduled from last month due to the weather)

The Tourism Commission is planning to have a Chili Cook off in town on September 26, 2015. The possibility of having the fall Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale that day is being considered. Jerry Hopson will talk to the tourism commission to see what they think and where they plan to set up the cook off.

Water

Several of the waters meters are full of snow and water making them difficult to read. Ray and Jesse will read all the meters that can be read and then the rest will be estimated by averaging the last 6 months usage.

Sewer

There is still problems at the pumping station in Tiprell. Last month a breaker was changed out, now this month one of the pumps is kicking on and off. The pump was pulled and nothing was clogged. Jesse thinks it may be the contactor, where it has tripped so many times. Someone is scheduled to come look at it.

Fire Department

There was nothing to report.

OSHA Safety Director

There was nothing to report.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

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Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

Ordinance 1- 2015-An Ordinance to Amend the Cumberland Gap Municipal, Title 5

Jerry Hopson made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and final reading, with a second Chuck Coffey. Mayor 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.

Ordinance 2- 2015- An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 7-2005 Regarding Wastewater Rates for Customers Served by the Town of Cumberland Gap and Ordinance Number 5-2010 Regarding Water Rates for Customers Served by the Town of Cumberland Gap

Phillip Waller made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and final reading, 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- yes; Jerry Hopson - yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

The new rates will go into effect on bill received at the end of April.

Old Windows

There are several wooden glass pane windows upstairs that can be declared surplus and sold.

Jerry Hopson made a motion to declare the windows surplus, with a second by Phillip Waller. Mayor 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.

Kathy Matthews will talk to the Artist Co-op to see if they would be interested in purchasing the windows.

Citizens Comments

The Artist Co-op is discussing a Fine Arts Festival with tentative dates as May 30th or June 6, 2015. Kathy Matthews asked if the event could be covered under the fire departments or the town's insurance. In order for the fire departments insurance to cover it, the department would have to have a fundraiser during the event; and the town's insurance cannot cover the event because it is being organized by a 3rd party.

Fire Chief Andy Thomas said he spoke with the insurance company last week concerning the events already being covered. He would have to check to see if any other events can be covered without increasing the rates.

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Duke Parish felt that the town employees should be recognized and thinks a cookout would be a good idea. It would not cost the town anything, everyone could bring a dish. Mayor McGaffee agreed and the cookout will be planned for later this spring.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

Title 17 (Refuse and Trash Disposal)

The board will review the title and discuss at the next planning meeting.

Audit Proposal for 2014-2015

For the 2014-2015 year, Mitchell Emert & Hill has decided to forego any increase and keep the fee at the same amount as the 2013-2014 audit (\$9,175).

Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the proposal, 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- yes; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

In previous years, the National Park has plowed and salted North Cumberland Drive from the Virginia state line down to town hall. Mayor McGaffee spoke with the new park superintendent and was told there was no written agreement in place allowing them to do that. The previous park superintendent and the previous town mayor had a gentlemen's agreement, which will not be honored by the new superintendent.

Announcements

Planning meeting- Monday March 30, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

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