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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on October 3, 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-here Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor McGaffee called for approval of the minutes. Jerry Hopson made a motion to the approve minutes, 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

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.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Chuck Coffey made a motion to pay the bills, and withdraw \$3,000 from the money market to cover the shortfall in the general fund. Phillip Waller seconded the motion. 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**

There was nothing to report.

**Finance**

The board was given a copy of the Profit vs Actual for the General Fund and Water and Wastewater Fund.

**Law and Order**

There was nothing to report.

**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:

October 8, 2016 - Cumberland Mountain Music Show and LMU Homecoming

October 8, 2016- Harvest Moon Art Fest hosted by the Artist Co-op  
The event includes art displays, music, and wine tasting.

October 15, 2016- Fire in the Gap Fall Festival and Crazy Aunt Sadie's Yard Sale/Pancake Breakfast

October 28-30 Pumpkin Lights

Prizes for the pumpkin carving contest will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$50 + 1 hr. dance party from the Pineapple Tea Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$50

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$25 Gift certificate from Gap Creek Coffee House

4<sup>th</sup> place- large specialty pizza from Angelo's in the Gap

The \$50 donated by Jesse Thompson will be used for candles, lighters, etc.

Trick or Treat will take place on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 pm.

December 3, 2016- Victorian Christmas

Father and Mother Christmas will be visiting with the children from 10-3 pm.

**Water**

The town's 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application was approved in the amount of \$168,000 for the water system rehabilitation phase II project.

Phase 2 of the project will begin on Pennlyn Street where Phase 1 ended, continue to Selwyn Street and Cumberland Drive, and end at the northern most section of Colwyn Street.

**Sewer**

One of the grates at the sewer plant is in need of repair. The grate filters out heavier solids and objects, such as rags & etc. that should not be flushed. Those objects stop up the grate causing damage and overflow.

A letter has been drafted to Lincoln Memorial University addressing the lack of progress on their sewer line repair.

**Fire Department**

Chief Brandon Wilkinson, reported the department now has 33 trained volunteer firefighters.

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**OSHA Safety Director**

There was nothing to report.

**Litigation**

There was nothing to report.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

**Ordinance Number 4-2016- An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code Relative to Open Containers of Alcoholic Beverages and Special Event Permits**

It is unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground or other public place.

This ordinance list several exceptions and requirements permitting such consumption. One of the exception is as follows: The prohibitions in this section do not apply to: An ABC wine license permittee who is hosting a wine tasting event in Festival Park only, pursuant to a special event permit issued by the town. This would give the Artist Co-op permission to host their wine tasting event in Festival Park.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, and have the attorney do further review before second reading. Susan Bain seconded the motion. Mayor McGaffee called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson- yes; Jerry Hopson -no; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

**Ordinance 5-2016- An Ordinance Amending Sewer Tap Fees**

This ordinance increases the sewer tap fee from \$200 to \$500.

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

**Citizens Comments**

According to the ordinances beer cannot be sold after 12 midnight. The questions was asked if a business obtains a liquor license does that still apply. The attorney replied the town does not give legal advice, so therefore, he would need to obtain an independent legal opinion on what he can & cannot do.

A concerned citizen stated that the water being provided at the dog park is often dirty and may cause a dog to get sick. It was stated that a water fountain will be installed soon.

Lynn Evans told the board that she would like to have a haunted hayride in town on October 29- 31<sup>st</sup>. She told the board that she has not worked out all the details yet but

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was here tonight to get approval so she can begin planning and advertising. Mayor McGaffee told her she would have to submit a special event application before the event could be approved. Since the event will take place before the next regular scheduled meeting, the board decided upon completion of the business tonight to recess until October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to consider the special event application that will be filed.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

**Title 8 Review (Alcoholic Beverages)**

The board reviewed the title and changes were made at the last planning meeting. An ordinance will be drafted and discussed at the November meeting.

**Special Event Permit Application (Ball/Brock Wedding)**

Teresa Fuson submitted a special event application for her daughter's wedding that will take place on March 18, 2017. Jerry Hopson made a motion to approve the 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- couldn't vote due to a conflict of interest; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

**Announcements**

Planning Meeting- Tuesday November 1, 2016 @6:00 pm

The meeting was called back to order on October 10, 2016 @6:00 pm. All members were present except for Teresa Fuson.

The only item to be discussed tonight is the special event application submitted for a Halloween/Harvest Festival to take place on October 28 – October 31, 2016. The event includes a haunted hay ride and costume contest. Several options for the hayride route was discussed. Once the final plans are made for the route a copy will be given to the Mayor.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the 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.

Susan Bain made a motion to adjourn, with a second by John Ravnum. On voice call vote, all voted aye.