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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session on September 6, 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- 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-yes; 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 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.

Mayor McGaffee directed the meeting to approval of the bills. Jerry Hopson 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

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

Law and Order

According to the attorney, no interlocal agreement is needed between the Town of Cumberland Gap and the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department. State law states that whoever is at fault is the one responsible. The sample interlocal agreement presented states that the county shall hold the town harmless & vice versa. The attorney says neither party should sign the agreement. If the language is modified to state that each party is responsible for their own negligence & hold each other harmless then it is agreeable. But as written it is not because all the liability is on the county.

According to the attorney the current agreement (verbal agreement) is okay & it was the town's insurance company and MTAS who recommended a written agreement. He isn't

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sure if the insurance company would approve the agreement if it was modified to state that each party is liable for their own negligence, but since it is state law they should.

The attorney will look into modifying the agreement.

Historical

The Historical Zoning Commission met on August 7, 2016 and approved the request to replace the roof on the house at 601 Pennlyn Street.

Streets

Phillip Waller has contacted someone with the Tennessee Promise program about adding the town to the list of community service projects.

Mayor McGaffee has contacted someone about striping South Cumberland Drive before winter.

Parks and Recreation

There was nothing to report.

Tourism/Events

Upcoming Events included:

September 10, 2016 - Cumberland Mountain Music Show

The Cumberland Gap Region Tourism Welcome Center Grand Opening scheduled for September 10, 2016 has been cancelled.

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

October 28-30 Pumpkin Lights
Jesse Thompson agreed to donate \$50 toward the event.

December 3, 2016- Victorian Christmas
Plans are being made to make it bigger and better this year.

Water

The water loss went down from 37% in July to 20% in August. The water department received a 98 on the recent state inspection.

Sewer

Chuck Coffey asked if LMU has attempted to fix the sewer issues that they had. According to Mayor McGaffee they are getting ready to start working on the issue. If

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they haven't started by the next meeting, Mayor McGaffee recommends sending them a letter.

Fire Department

The fire department received new SCBA air packs through a subsidized replacement program.

The fire department is hosting a fundraiser at Angelo's in the Gap tonight.

The dog park is completed. The only items remaining to be installed is fire hydrants, water fountain and trees around the fence. They are recruiting other organizations (such as vet students) to take over the maintenance of the park.

The fire department was turned down for the FEMA grant they applied for. Chief Wilkinson is looking into other ways to purchase the turnout gear needed.

The fire department was commended for their hard work and effort in constructing the dog park.

OSHA Safety Director

An OSHA inspector will be in town for a site visit on September 9, 2016.

Litigation

There was nothing to report.

Mayor McGaffee called for OLD BUSINESS.

Ordinance Number 3-2016- An Ordinance to Amend Title 10, By Creating a New Chapter 3 Entitled "Dog Parks to Establish Permission for Dogs to Be Off-Leash in Town-Owned Dog Parks and To Establish Certain Requirements for Use

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

Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor McGaffee called for NEW BUSINESS:

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

No action was taken until further review.

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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 first 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- absent; Jerry Hopson -yes; John Ravnum-no; Phillip Waller-yes.

There was some discussion about various groups/organizations who may be able to assist with repairing the bricks in Festival Park.

Announcements

Planning Meeting- Monday September 26, 2016 @6:00 pm

With no other business to come before the board, Jerry Hopson made a motion to adjourn, 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.