

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
PLANNING MEETING
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on November 27, 2023 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the December 4, 2023 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- The building inspector position has been advertised and eight (8) candidates have applied at this time.

Finance- There was nothing to report.

Law and Order- No citations for city court were written this month.

Historical- The historic committee will meet to discuss possible grant and training opportunities.

Streets- There was nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation – The water fountain at the dog park was replaced with a frost-free hydrant.

Tourism- Upcoming events include: Victorian Christmas- December 2, 2023; Christmas Parade- December 9, 2023.

Water – There was nothing to report.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- The fire department's application for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program was accepted. The department will receive a Wildlife Suppression Kit consisting of wildland firefighting personal protective equipment and tools valued at approximately \$3,000 per kit.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing to report.

Old Business:

Guardians of the Gap- TN Downtown Grant Update- Noone was present to give an update.

Ordinance No. 11-2023- An Ordinance Altering Benefits Policy

This ordinance amends the benefit policy adding additional paid holidays for full- time employees. This is the second reading of the ordinance.

Citizens Comments- There was no citizen comments.

New Business:

Audit Report- Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Richard Hill will be present, at the December 4, 2023 meeting, to give his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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Solutions to feeding feral cats

A concerned citizen requested this item be placed on the agenda to discuss solutions to the feral cat situation in town. Feeding the cats is attracting skunks (and other animals) and damaging personal property. Mayor Pucciarelli has contacted the following agencies/individuals:

- National Park- can't take action since not on park property
- Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA)- can't take action
- Claiborne County Sheriff's Office- can't take action as no laws have been broken
- County Animal Control Officer-he is cooperating but can't catch the individual in the act of feeding the cats
- City attorney- property owner has the right to trap the cats on their property as well as putting up No Trespassing signs.

Mayor Pucciarelli further explained that the town has been in contact with a no-kill shelter and they can rehome the cats once trapped.

The item will be taken off the agenda for the December 4, 2023 meeting.

Special Event Permit Application- Christmas Parade

The special event application, Christmas Parade, was submitted by Anthony Maxwell/Guardians of the Gap, and is scheduled for December 9, 2023.

Special Event Permit Application- Art and Wine Festival

The special event application, Art and Wine Festival, was submitted by James Thompson/Cumberland Gap Artist' Co-op, and is scheduled for April 26, 2024.

Special Event Permit Application- Harvest Moon Festival

The special event application, Harvest Moon Festival, was submitted by James Thompson/Cumberland Gap Artist' Co-op, and is scheduled for September 28, 2024.

Special Event Permit Application- Victorian Christmas

The special event application, Victorian Christmas, was submitted by James Thompson/Cumberland Gap Artist' Co-op, and is scheduled for December 7, 2024.

Other Business- A new business is opening in town. The tattoo parlor is in the process of opening in John Douglas's rental unit on Lynn Street.

Announcements - Agenda Meeting- Tuesday December 26, 2023; Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting- Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Beer Board- There are no items on the beer board agenda.

City Recorder