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Town Council Meeting

Cedar Grove Town Hall

April 9, 2024

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Mayor Young at 7:00PM.

Roll Call

Mayor Melissa Young – PRESENT

Recorder Samantha Goodwin – PRESENT

Councilmen/women:

Leslie Sigler – PRESENT

Clayton “Jock” Young – PRESENT

Ryan Coleman – ABSENT

Mark Harrison – PRESENT

Ashley Young – ABSENT

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Approval of Minutes

Leslie Sigler motioned to approve the minutes from March 5th. Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Leslie Sigler motioned to approve the minutes from March 22nd. Clayton Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Financial Report

Leslie Sigler motioned to approve the financial report. Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Update

Police Chief Jack Ice reported that they had a situation with a pistol at the Keenan residence, an instance of larceny and that he was able to also recover a van that was stolen from Charleston and a \$12,000 motorcycle in 5 Mile. He was able to provide information to the Charleston PD pertaining to two arsons in Kanawha City. He discovered who had broken into the Dollar General and the old Save-a-Lot building. More recently, he was able to arrest 5-6 individuals in response to the Save-a-Lot incident with one individual still at large after it was broken into yet again by the same group of people. He stated that \$50,000-60,000 worth of damage has been done to the vacant building. Chief Ice asked the owner of the building to secure the doors and windows to prevent this from happening again. Leslie Sigler requested that Chief Ice begin monitoring the school block during baseball games due to issues with cars coming down the one-way street incorrectly.

Street Update

Kent Stanley & Billy Harrison have been working on the electric in the community center—It is almost finished aside from getting the new TVs up and running. The electrical inspection for this is Thursday April 11 at 10AM.

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NEW BUSINESS

Guest Richard Lindsay – Candidate for Kanawha County Circuit Court Judge 8th Division was not present

Boot Allowance for Town Employees

The guys working for the town have requested to be given money rather than receiving jackets as they've been given in the past. Mark Harrison suggested that the town set where they should purchase their boots so that they could charge them to a store account to make sure they are getting what they need. Clayton Young suggested giving them a general allowance so that they can each get what they need individually. Mark Harrison questioned the purchase of the employees' uniforms for the 6 full-time employees. It was acknowledged that it is cheaper to do the allowance than pay for a uniform service. The council agreed on \$300 per year for each employee for boots, shirts, pants, and jackets from Sheena in Glasgow and Andrew Boots in St. Albans. It will be for full-time employees only, on a yearly allowance. Employees must place their orders through Town Clerk Jessica Morris. Mark Harrison motioned to give them \$300 with the above stipulations, Leslie Sigler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Kanawha PSD

The Town Council has been requesting that the town pay the balance off owed the Kanawha PSD. Town Clerk Jessica Morris presented a spreadsheet of the anticipated expenditures. Mayor Young suggested that we add \$2,500 to our \$3,103.48 monthly payment to pay it off faster without depleting the account in case of emergency. Clayton Young would like to see it paid off entirely. Mayor Young stated that we cannot spend the General Fund money to pay for the sewer. Mark Harrison asked if we could spend our rescue money to pay off the balance since we need to spend it soon. The Council agreed to look into that. Recorder Samantha Goodwin suggested paying biweekly payments so that we can be sure we do not need the money before paying the additional payments, this way we can be more confident that we do not need the extra money for an emergency. Recorder Samantha Goodwin motioned to pay payments of \$3,103.48 biweekly, Clayton Young seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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Sewer Station

Mayor Young presented information regarding the maintenance that is done yearly on the sewer station. The bill was \$7,789. Mark motioned to pay the bill, Jock seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Young got a quote of \$4,321 for a larger air release valve from Precision Pump. Leslie made the motion to proceed with the work, Jock seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

B&O Taxes

WV American Water pays 4% B&O tax rather than the 3% that is shown on the paperwork, which is correct. We just need to motion to correct the paperwork. Leslie motioned to correct the form, Mark seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

A/C for the Community Center

The council wants to add air conditioner to the Community Center. Mayor Young offered to call Casto and Mullins to see about a quote.

Woodland Cemetery Donation

Gordy sent a letter asking for a donation for the cemetery. Last year's budget shown \$200 prepared for the donation. Mayor Young suggested giving them \$250 now and bringing it back to the table when the new budget is in order because the donation was budgeted higher for 2024-2025. Jock motioned to give them \$250 now, Mark seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Phone System – Access Point

Town Clerk Jessica Morris had issues with the Wi-Fi reaching her office to work the printer. We received a quote from Advantage Technologies of \$802.11 for a Wi-fi access point and a cable to be run for the Credit Card machine. Leslie Sigler motioned to increase the amount to be paid by \$802.11 to get it all working correctly, Mark Harrison seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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Insurance

Mayor Young wanted to address the insurance renewal coming up. She said that the coverage was not enough for the value of the town's assets. \$24,394 was the new yearly total for insurance. Recorder Samantha Goodwin is going to update this on the budget.

Community Yard Sale and Clean Up

Ashley Young requested that the Cedar Grove Community Yard Sale scheduled for May 2024 be moved to June 8th to coincide with Glasgow's planned Yard Sale. Mark Harrison said due to it not being announced yet, the date is flexible.

Vegetable Stand

Mark Harrison has arranged for DNS Farms to set up a vegetable stand in the Community Center. This service will begin on April 18th and they will be there every Thursday from 8AM-4PM. April 20th he will be having a Ramp Dinner and Live Auction.

Garbage

Clayton Young is concerned about garbage bills not being paid and the trash being left out. The council agrees that it is detrimental to our goal to clean up the town. Clayton Young and Mayor Young want to speak with the lawyer to see what can be done to hold these individuals accountable. Mayor Young is also going to speak to the lawyer about what can be done in response to people having junk piled in their yards as residents are complaining about them being eyesores.

Concerns from Attendees

Dee Gibson asked if the new LED Street Lights will be going in throughout the entire town. Mayor Young said that they will all be switched to LED eventually.

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George Harkless said that yesterday 2 guys on ATVs were speeding and running stop signs as well as running the red light. He said that there was another ATV with a young woman speeding up Kelley's Creek and running stop signs as well. He would like to see something done to stop this.

Anthony from the Solid Rock Tabernacle thanked the town for posting his hot dog sale on the Town's Facebook Page and on the website. He said he will be having another one on Saturday and would like the town to post this one as well. He also wanted to know who the hillside belonged to behind the church. Due to low quorum, Anthony said he cannot keep the hillside cut on his own any longer. Samantha Young spoke up to reiterate that this hillside needs to be taken care of regularly on account of the heavy foot traffic behind the church and on the hillside. Mayor Young stated that it is the State's property, but she will see to it that the town takes care of it.

Troy wanted to brag on the police department. A wagon of his was stolen by a woman and Jack was not available. Chief Ice asked if he had looked in Hughes Creek. Troy had not—20 minutes later, Police Chief Jack Ice had retrieved his wagon, and the woman was arrested.

Leslie Sigler motioned to adjourn, Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13PM.

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