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Town Council Meeting

Cedar Grove Town Hall

August 13, 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 – PRESENT

Mark Harrison – PRESENT

Ashley Young – PRESENT

Approval of Minutes

Mark Harrison motioned to approve the Minutes from July 9, 2024. Ryan Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

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Approval of Financial Report

Leslie Sigler motioned to accept the July Financial Report. Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center A/C Bids

Bid 1: Casto Technical Services

A quote was presented from Casto Technical Services that detailed the installation of a gas air conditioning and heating systems for \$53,550.

Bid 2: Alpha Energy Services

A quote was presented from Alpha Energy Services that detailed the installation of an electric air conditioning and heating systems for \$45,990.

The council read through each quote carefully weighing the options and comparing the quotes. Mark Harrison said that the Alpha quote seems to present more but is concerned about it all being ductless. Due to the ductwork, the council agreed that Casto seems to be the better option. There is a question regarding the layout of the quote from Casto. Jock Young called Nate Lancaster, but there was no answer. He left a message. Mark Harrison motioned to accept Casto's bid with the heat addition and not the kitchen addition (unless it is included in the quote). Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Street Update

Mayor Young said the grass has been cut and they have been cleaning off a lot. Jock checked on the storm drain that was brought up previously. He made sure that they were aware of the issue. Mayor Young said that they have not been around.

NEW BUSINESS

Jock Young and Ryan Coleman had a question about the road to the baseball field. Jock said that the Board of Education is supposed to handle that.

Ryan Coleman wanted to know if the projects were still underway for the abandoned houses. Mayor Young said that they are working on it but it's a slow process. Ryan said he had some people that were interested in getting on the list.

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Jock Young said that we desperately need police. Mayor Young said she asked about the Sheriffs that would come patrol off duty, but their hourly pay ranged from \$46.72, \$49.96, \$38.16, and \$38.07 and you cannot guarantee that they stay in the town and do not take outside calls. Mayor Young said she called Chesapeake and they are also out of an officer. She said that East Bank provides various benefits—everything except dental plus uniforms. Ryan Coleman said that he had asked around to former officers and they said that higher pay and allowing the vehicle to be taken home will help draw more attention to the position. Mark Harrison said he was told that \$28 would be a better offer. Mayor Young said that East Bank makes around \$64,000/year plus the added benefits. Jock and Ryan commented that they do not want to end up in a position where we are passing established local police back and forth competing for higher pay. Alicia asked again about the neighborhood watch. Mark Harrison got ahold of an acquaintance in Montgomery who said that he has two names of officers that may be interested in the position. Montgomery's part-time police make \$24/hour and full-time police make \$25/hour plus benefits; the Chief makes \$68,000/year. Fayetteville pays \$1.50 more than what they pay. Jock Young motioned to increase the pay for \$25/hour for an additional full-time police officer. No response was given.

The meeting went into closed session at 8:02PM. Closed session ended 8:13PM.

Leslie Sigler seconded the motion of \$25/hour that Jock Young previously proposed. All in favor, motion passed. The Council agreed to wait to decide on Chief Jack Ice's raise since his pay is frozen while on administrative leave. When/if Chief Ice returns, his pay increase will be readdressed.

Troy Page brought up the corner of the sidewalk by the Post Office and he is concerned that it is very dangerous. Jock Young and Dee Gibson agreed that it was dangerous. Dee asked who is responsible if someone falls and gets hurt on the sidewalk, who is responsible. Jock and Mayor Young said that it was ultimately the Division of Highways responsibility.

Leslie Sigler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.