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Town Council Meeting

at The Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department

August 22, 2023

7:00 pm

Meeting call to order.

Roll Call.

Mayor Melissa Young present

Recorder Jessica Morris present

Ryan Coleman present

Mark Harrison present

Leslie Sigler present

Ashley Young present

Clayton Young Jr. present

The minutes from the August 8, 2023, Town Council Meeting were emailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed.

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Old Business

Flooring for the Town Hall- There were two estimates, one from Donnie Goodwin for \$9,200 and one from SLS Carpet Outlet for \$8,229. SLS can start on Monday and will be done in two days. A motion was made by Recorder Jessica Morris, seconded by Councilman Ryan Coleman. All in favor, motion passed.

Street Supervisor Kenny Barton gets paid a salary amount every two weeks. Mayor Young would like to give him a raise since he comes in every day where he only worked three days a week before. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to give Kenny Barton a \$50 a week raise to his salary, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Truck Update- Councilman Mark Harrison spoke to Mike Ballard at Stephens Auto, he advised that if we wanted a Ford, he could not tell us when one would be available, but a 2023 Ford Explorer would be \$41,346. A 2024 Dodge Durango could be here by March or April, would cost \$42,500. He also has 10 Dodge Chargers on the lot, available tomorrow for \$39,670. Councilwoman Leslie Sigler asked if we had to get a new vehicle. Mayor Young explained that we were looking to replace the Police Truck because it only gets 13-14 MPG, and we really do not need a truck. This subject will be tabled until we find out how much the Police Truck is worth.

New Business

Ordinance Review– Councilman Clayton Young mentioned the yellow painted area in front of the Post Office & whether tickets will be issued for parking there. Tickets will be issued starting September 12. Councilman Mark Harrison will post a message on the Facebook Page. Councilwoman Leslie Sigler mentioned that there needs to be a stop sign by the post office since people do not stop heading towards the clinic.

Fall Festival Update - Councilwoman Leslie Sigler reported that we have the music taken care of for the Fall Festival, but we still need a stage. Mayor Young will take care of the stage. The gospel groups will play from 11-1 and the band, Thoz Guyz, will play 2-5 and there is a DJ & Karaoke from 5-8. We will also be changing the ending time to 8pm. Councilwoman Ashley Young also added that vendors can purchase a banner promoting their business for \$100 that will be hung on the stage and that they can keep after the festival.

Baseball Field- Councilman Ryan Coleman mentioned that there are some items at the field that need some TLC. There are four doors on the concession stand that could be replaced, they are 20 years old. The light & vent fixtures in the bathrooms are rattling and need replaced. There are some broken windows in the concession stand that need to be

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replaced, Mayor Young has already ordered these. The cooler that keeps the beverages cold isn't cooling and it may just need refrigerant, they have someone coming to check it out. Councilman Mark Harrison suggested we contact Coca-Cola about getting one. They could use a new air conditioner in the concession stand & Mayor Young stated one that used to be in the old Fire Station / new Community Center is still in the garage and it will be cleaned up and put in the concession stand. Ryan also mentioned that there have been complaints about the concession stand not being handicap accessible since a wheelchair cannot be pushed through the gravel. Lastly, the Little League would like to know when the Press Box will be complete since there are games soon. Mayor Young reported that Donnie Goodwin said that he would be done this week. Councilwoman Ashley Young asked if they had a sound system for the Press Box. Mayor Young asked if there was a price for a system, Ryan reported that it would be ideal to have a microphone and two speakers in the Press Box loud enough to reach the outfield. Councilman Ryan Coleman will get a quote for the doors & a sound system. Councilwoman Leslie Sigler mentioned that the concession stand needs a large deep fryer. Mayor Young added that the ice machine is in the garage to see if it is functional. There is also a need for shelving. Mayor Young stated that a deep fryer would be around \$369.98, and it has a drain to drain the oil. A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to purchase a deep fryer and shelving for the concession stand from the Parks & Recreation fund, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Clayton Young made a motion for the Town of Cedar Grove to take back the electric bill for the Ballfield since we are using it, seconded by Councilman Mark Harrison. All in favor, motion passed.

Welcome Sign- Councilman Ryan Coleman suggested we get a welcome sign like the ones nearby towns have. The other towns purchased them from the Iron Beaver, and we can get a large metal sign that is 60 inches wide & 48 inches tall, comes with mounting brackets, takes 2 months to make and would cost \$2,100. We would need a place to put the sign. This subject will be tabled until Ryan can get a price for a second sign so we can put one at both ends of town.

Mayor Young suggested we think about a sign for the Community Center for the next meeting. Councilman Mark Harrison also suggested we get a message board for the community center. Councilman Ryan Coleman stated we also need a new flag at the Community Center.

Councilman Clayton Young mentioned that the Town of Cedar Grove received ARPA money for Covid Relief & he would like to see \$25,000 given to the Fire Department since they built a new Station and had to pay the Town for B&O taxes.

Councilman Ryan Coleman would like to get some signs for the Community Yard Sale on September 9. The Town Cleanup is Saturday September 16 & Mayor Young said we will get some dumpsters for this. Councilman Ryan Coleman also mentioned that the basketball court needs new backboards, rims, and nets. Councilman Clayton Young stated that Bruce Boswell has the ones that were taken down from the school, we just haven't put them up yet. Councilman Ryan Coleman also mentioned that several people were complaining at the Ballfield about the tents and flags and homeless people living by the tracks at the lower end. Ryan also asked if there would be a police presence since the kids are back in school.

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Mayor Young reported that Police Chief Casey Shepherd is currently working from 3am-1pm so he is here for the buses and school in the morning. Mayor Young has hired a Patrolman, Jack Ice, and he will be starting around September 18.

George Harkless mentioned getting with a company from WVU to evaluate the town & make a comprehensive plan for the town. He will give Mayor Young this information.

Dee Gibson mentioned that there are still stray dogs in town nipping at people and the broken curb in front of his house that WVAW was supposed to fix is still not fixed.

No further business.

A motion was made by Recorder Jessica Morris to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

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