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**Town Council Meeting** 

**Cedar Grove Town Hall** 

August 27, 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

Ryan Coleman motioned to approve the Minutes from August 13, 2024. Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution of B&O Tax Ordinance - Second Reading

Moved to the next meeting

### Fall Festival Update

Mayor Young said there are not very many vendors interested. Mark Harrison asked what to do if no one else signed up. Mayor Young said they will still have it. Mayor Young said there was not much participation with the children's king/queen sign-ups. Ashley Young asked if we should put it out there again without a sign-up fee. Leslie Sigler said that they we should open it up to people outside of Cedar Grove as well. The one little girl that signed up will get her money refunded since the new sign-ups will not be charged.

### Street Update

The way payroll is currently set up, the employees get paid on the last day that runs on their pay period. Some of the employees have not been coming back to work after receiving their paycheck each week and it is difficult to keep track of. Mayor Young's solution is to switch them to weekly paydays so that they will be paid for the previous week's work. Everyone agrees this is the best option.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Riverside Project Graduation 2025** 

Jock Young motioned to donate \$400 to Riverside High School's Project Graduation. Leslie Sigler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

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Jock Young mentioned that the Covid Recovery money had not been spent entirely and wanted to make sure that the town was utilizing it accordingly. Mayor Young said that the Covid Recovery money was due in December and there was still time to allocate it.

Mayor Young offered for the council members to go to the State Auditor's Municipal Official Training.

Mark Harrison asked about the current status of Chief Jack Ice on account of rumors going around town. Mayor Young said that nothing has changed thus far. Ryan Coleman asked about inquiries for new hires. Mayor Young said that there are a couple of leads, but nothing solid yet.

Jock Young asked about garbage collection. Mayor Young said that those individuals are not having their garbage picked up. Jock wants to know the next steps. Mayor Young said that most have been paying the bill when they realize that their garbage is not being picked up. Jock said it is fine with him as long as it is being taken care of.

Jock Young also wanted to know about the sidewalk final walkthrough. Mayor Young said that they had one but the town was not invited or notified. One of the corners of sidewalk has been damaged from the pavers leaving with their equipment. They are supposedly working on the sewer drain that Jock was concerned about previously.

Jock Young wanted to know about the abandoned buildings. Mayor Young said that one house in question could be picked up and a lean can be placed on the property. George suggested seeing if they had any property taxes owed on it so that maybe it could be bought and maintained by someone else. Jock Young contacted Audrey with Kanawha County Commission regarding the 50/50 program – left a message and has yet to hear back. Gary asked why we could not fine the property owner for not boarding up the abandoned houses. Jock Young said that they will have to get with the lawyer. He said he has been in contact with the County Commission to see if these properties qualify for the 50/50 program where they pay 50% of the clean-up and the property owner pays the additional 50%.

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Gary also wanted to know about there being an ordinance for people working on their cars in the street. Mayor Young said that the individual has already been told numerous times.

Leslie Sigler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM.