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Town Council Meeting

August 8, 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 July 25, 2023 Town Council Meeting were emailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed.

The Financial Report for July 2023 was emailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler.

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Old Business

Flooring for the Town Hall- Councilman Mark Harrison reached out to Chandler Flooring in St. Albans and SLS Carpet in Smithers to get estimates for new flooring. SLS will be here tomorrow to submit an estimate & Chandler Flooring did not call back. This subject will be tabled until the next meeting to obtain the estimates.

BINGO- Mayor Young found out that the town can spend the money made from BINGO on anything we want but it must be kept in a separate account. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ashley Young to get the ball rolling for BINGO, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in Favor, motion passed.

Dee Gibson asked to be removed from the Old Business.

New Business

Raises for Town Employees- Mayor Young would like to give the full-time Street Employees a \$2.50 raise, she spoke to the accountant to make sure this would be financially possible. At budget time next year, we will decide a percentage for the cost-of-living raise. A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to give the full-time street employees a \$2.50 pay increase, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed.

Ordinance Review for Parking- The yellow curbs are not consistent through town, people are still parking in front of the post office where it is yellow, and there are inconsistencies with the one-way streets and driveways. This subject will be tabled until someone can drive around town to determine the specific problem areas.

The Curfew Ordinance will be strictly enforced starting August 21,2023.

3-1-8-5 CURFEW.

Curfew Hours; Delinquent Child. No minor under the age of eighteen years shall loiter, idle, wander or play in or upon the streets, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a minor accompanied by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, or while the minor is legally employed and is going to or from the place of such employment or is engaged in the duties thereof. Any minor violating this section shall be deemed a delinquent child under the provisions of State law and shall be dealt with as such under State law.

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Responsibility of Parent or Guardian. No parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a minor under the age of eighteen years shall knowingly permit such minor to loiter, idle, wander, stroll or play in or upon the public streets, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply when the minor is accompanied by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, or where the minor is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, or where the minor is lawfully employed and is going to or from the place of such employment or is engaged in the duties thereof.

3-1-8-6 PENALTY.

Whoever violates Section 3-1-8-5 shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

New telephone system for Town Hall- Councilman Clayton Young met with Advantage Technologies and received a quote of \$8,887.39, for 5 phones, 2 phone lines, a fax line & 3 network lines. This is an all-inclusive job that includes phones and equipment. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to use Advantage Technologies to have a new phone system installed at the Town Hall for \$8,887.39, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

Parking for the Playground- Councilwoman Leslie Sigler suggests that the town create a parking lot across from the Gazebo for Playground and Park parking. This will consist of leveling out the ground and adding some gravel. Frank Hill suggests a sign to prohibit overnight parking. A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to create a parking area for Playground & Park parking, seconded by Councilman Mark Harrison. All in favor, motion passed.

Weed eating around fire hydrants, the town workers are a little behind on grass cutting because they are finishing up the park before school starts. The hydrants belong to WVAW but they do not weed eat around them.

Police Truck- Police Chief Casey Shepherd described the challenges of having the Dodge Ram as a Police Truck. He stated it costs over \$100 to fill up, gets 10-13 MPG, it takes several turns to get turned around in pursuit of a vehicle & the rear end is very light. There is no backseat since it is a half cab and there is no cage to protect the officers from violent suspects. Mayor Young would like to investigate getting rid of the Police Truck. This subject will be tabled while more information is collected about our options.

Councilman Clayton Mentioned that Cecilia Lyons is having problems with storm water near her house.

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Councilwoman Leslie Sigler mentioned that she has been hearing complaints about the tent area near the railroad tracks. Mayor Young visited the area and said that there are only 3 people living down there and she gave them trash bags to clean up the garbage. She also told them not to bathe in the river naked in the middle of the day.

Dee Gibson asked if someone could contact the state road about cutting the grass on Route 60. Mayor Young met with someone from the state road, and they are behind on cutting. Dee also mentioned the water running off depot hill. Mayor Young told him to call her when it is running so she can see what he is talking about. Dee also mentioned the loose dogs in town.

Squirrel Foster mentioned someone living in an outbuilding with no facilities in the 25 MPH zone. Mayor Young & Chief Shepherd will go check it out after the meeting. Squirrel also mentioned the yards in town that are not being maintained. Mayor Young said this will be addressed in the future.

Police Chief Casey Shepherd gave an update on the Police Department. He also found some old working body cameras that will be used from now on.

Mayor Young announced that the Council would be going into an executive session.

The executive session concluded, and the public was invited back in.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to dismiss an employee, seconded by Councilman Mark Harrison. All in favor, motion passed.

No further business.

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

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