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Town Council Meeting

May 2, 2023

Members

Mayor James Hudnall	Present
Recorder Jessica Morris	Present
Ashley Young	Present
Mark Harrison	Present
Kenny Barton	Absent
Poncho Roark	Present
Bill Holcomb	Present

Meeting Called to order by Mayor Hudnall.

Roll Call.

Minutes for April 2023 Meeting passed out to all council members. Motion made to approve the minutes by Councilwoman Young, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Motion Passed.

The Financial Report for April 2023 were passed out to all council members. Motion made to approve the Financial Report by Councilman Harrison, seconded by Councilwoman Young. Motion Passed.

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Old Business

Sewer update on terminations/ In the month of April, we sent out 69 termination letters in the amount of \$11,151.22, of that we collected \$8,136.03, created 2 payment arrangements & turned off 3 customers.

Update on Ordinance Committee/ no one present from the Ordinance Committee

We received some new bids from Powerline Industries for the Sewer Jetter for some different models priced at \$86,745, \$60,095 & \$67,095. Councilman Barton was not present to answer questions, so it was tabled until the next meeting.

We received a bid for the repairs to the Town Hall from Donnie Goodwin for \$23,650. This includes new windows & doors from Pella, new roof flashing, fix the leak, walls around the doors and windows, watertight & mildew proof, install safety locks and a drop box for payments, handicap accessible. Councilman Holcomb suggested we get another bid. A motion was made by Councilman Harrison to accept the bid from Donnie Goodwin of \$23,650, seconded by Councilwoman Young. Councilman Roark was in favor, Recorder Morris was in favor and Councilman Holcomb did not vote. Motion passed.

There was a final reading of the new Sanitary Housing Ordinance which states that in the Town of Cedar Grove, it is unlawful for any person to occupy or permit/continue to occupy a structure or building or any portion thereof used for human habitation unless the structure or building or portion thereof is free from any of the following unclean and unsanitary conditions A) Absence of toilet facilities; B) Absence of kitchen facilities; C) Absence of electrical or gas heat; D) Infection with communicable diseases; E) Presence of Sewer Gas; F) Dampness or wetness due to lack of repair; G) Accumulation of dirt, filth, litter, refuse, or other offensive or dangerous substances likely to cause sickness among the occupants; and H) Defective or improperly used drainage, plumbing, or ventilation facilities likely to cause sickness. Fines will be instituted against the property owner. A motion was made by Councilwoman Young to pass the Sanitary Housing Ordinance, Seconded by Councilman Roark. All in favor, motion passed.

There is a Cedar Grove Town Yard Sale on Saturday May 6, 2023.

New Business

Early voting for the Town Election will be May 31- June 10, 2023 at the Cedar Grove Town Hall

Recorder Morris presented a draft of a new Employee Handbook for all Councilmembers to take home and look over for the next meeting that includes a PTO Personal Time Off accumulation for employees. We will discuss at the next meeting.

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Sam Richardson from the Regional Intergovernmental Council presented the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Plan. A motion was made by Councilman Harrison to adopt the ADA Plan, seconded by Councilwoman Young. All in favor, motion passed.

Recorder Morris stated that the part time sewer operator drives a long way and sometimes has to come out late at night/early morning, should he receive some gas money when he comes out. Councilman Harrison suggested we find out how much gas he is using. No motions were made.

Recorder Morris stated that we received the agreement with the Humane Society & it was \$2,000 a year and not the \$1,200 a year we had originally voted on since there was a price increase. A motion was made by Councilman Holcomb to accept the new rate of \$2,000 a year for the Humane Society, seconded by Councilman Harrison. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Holcomb stated that the Smith Family approached him about the concrete pad/ lot across the street from the Town Hall. They offered to sell it to the town for \$8,000. No motions were made.

Recorder Morris stated that we would be getting some prices for building and maintaining a website for the town. We received the annual bill for the new computer system maintenance that is needed for support by Mountaineer Computer Systems for \$1,392. A motion was made by Recorder Morris to continue the maintenance, seconded by Councilwoman Young. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Hudnall stated that Reed's Paving should be coming soon to start the Basketball Court & paving potholes around town.

There are bids for the Little League Field to build a press box. There is a bid from Donnie Goodwin for a two-story building at \$23,500 and a one-story building for \$13,500, and a bid from Kyle Construction for a two-story building at \$24,480 and a one-story building for \$15,470. A motion was made by Councilman Harrison to accept the bid from Donnie Goodwin for the two-story press box at \$23,500, seconded by Councilwoman Young. All in favor, motion passed.

Branty Dee Gibson stated he was putting in a second formal complaint against Chief Cox (Councilman Harrison stated that there was no first formal complaint). He stated that Chief Cox made an inappropriate comment to Gary Foster concerning his grandson and his grandson was not named and that Chief Cox wasn't being professional after a previous Council Meeting. He asked where the jurisdiction was for Chief Cox, Mayor Hudnall answered Cedar Grove and Glasgow. Mr. Gibson then stated that on February 9, 2023, Chief Cox called Metro and had his vehicle towed in London, WV. Mayor Hudnall reported that Mr. Gibson's grandsons Parole Officer had the vehicle towed. Mr. Gibson disagreed and went on to describe conversations between himself and Parole Officers, Hutch's Towing & various witnesses. He stated that Chief Cox

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had no jurisdiction to search or tow his vehicle in London. He also stated that he talked to Mayor Hudnall on February 14, 2023, about the situation & Mayor Hudnall stated that the Sheriffs were also there at the scene of the towing because he drove by and saw them in London. The mayor denies that he said this. Mr. Gibson is seeking reimbursement for the tow bill. Councilman Harrison will try to get a recording of the Metro Call to confirm the situation. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

No further business Councilwoman Young made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.