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**Town Council Meeting**

**Cedar Grove Town Hall**

**October 10, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

Meeting call to order.

Roll Call.

Mayor Melissa Young	present
Recorder Jessica Morris	present
Ryan Coleman	present
Mark Harrison	present (via phone)
Leslie Sigler	present
Ashley Young	present
Clayton Young Jr.	present

The minutes from the Sept 26, 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.

The September Financial Report was emailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. Councilman Clayton Young mentioned that the bill for Exxon was \$714.07 and wondered why it was so high. Recorder Jessica Morris explained that the Exxon gasoline from that bill was all the Street Department. Clayton also asked why the street department does not

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purchase fuel at the KRT since it is cheaper. Mayor Young explained that only the Police & the Garbage truck currently get fuel at the KRT. Clayton also asked if we would be reimbursed for the Shamblin Stone purchases of gravel for the most recent flooding, Mayor Young explained that we would. A motion was made by Councilman Clayton Young to approve the September Financial Report, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Fall Festival Update – The Fall Festival had a great turn-out and everyone seemed to have a good time. Mayor Young suggested that we have the festival a little earlier next year. We will aim for the last weekend in September in 2024. Councilwoman Ashley Young suggested we start planning in January 2024.

Welcome Sign – Councilman Ryan Coleman reached out to the Iron Beaver again today to get a price for two welcome signs, with no return call before the meeting. The price for one was \$2100. This subject will be tabled until we can get some prices from other vendors.

Sign for Community Center – Councilman Clayton Young reported 32-foot-long sign with a white background and flat 13 ½ inch letters in Kelly Green will be \$1,500, raised letters would be \$2,400. Councilman Mark Harrison suggested we do the raised letters. Councilwoman Ashley Young asked if we would be using the American Rescue Fund Act money for this sign, Mayor Young explained that we would. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to purchase the sign with the raised letters for \$2,400, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairs for Council Room – This subject will be tabled until we can get more prices.

Councilman Clayton Young asked about the water coming across the hill on Grant Street by Mrs. Lyons home. Mayor Young explained that the lines were checked with the camera. Clayton also asked about the culvert in Cedar Terrace near Mrs. Alexander's home. Mayor Young explained that that was railroad property. Clayton also asked when the thresholds for the front doors at the Town Hall would be finished. Mayor Young explained that Donnie was going to complete the doors when the thresholds came in.

### **New Business**

Ordinance Review – The grass ordinance is not ready for approval yet. This subject will be tabled until the ordinance is ready for review.

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Baseball Field – Councilman Ryan Coleman explained that the baseball field was broken into last week. Police Chief Jack Ice explained that someone was arrested and there is another suspect. The door locks were changed at the concession stand and a deadbolt was added. 4 New keys, that cannot be copied, were issued to the Kanawha Central Little League. League President Stephanie Smith, League Vice President Gordy Coleman, and Concession Stand Manager Amber Frazier have a key and there is one extra. Ryan believes that every manager that has a team with Kanawha Central Little League should have a key to the concession stand. He would like to see 8 more keys given to the Little League for the coaches. Councilman Ryan Coleman is a coach, he no longer has a key, and he feels like he is being punished by having his key taken away. Councilman Mark Harrison explained that when he was the President of the Little League, keys were given to the President, the Vice President, and whoever was in charge of the concession stand shared a key that was in a central location. Stephanie Smith explained that the teams travel now and sometimes she, Amber and Gordy all have away games on the same day in different locations. So, there is no one to let the Coach or Manager into the concession stand that has a game that day at home. Stephanie believes it is imperative that the Coaches or Managers each have a key. Mayor Young asked if the extra key they were given could be left in a central location for the Coaches and Managers to use. Stephanie explained that all the Coaches, Managers & Board Members have a key to the press box and storage room and if the extra key is there, it is the same thing as everyone having a key. Plus, it adds an extra step to get in the concession stand and it adds the problem of someone forgetting to put the key back. Councilman Clayton Young explained that when the concession stand was rekeyed, we thought we had a problem, that it turns out, we did not have. Clayton added that he believes that the old system was working, and the Managers need to be trusted, they have jobs and families, and we should make it easy on them. Stephanie added that a background check is ran on all Managers, Coaches & volunteers before they are permitted to participate in the Kanawha Central Little League, and she trusts them all. Recorder Jessica Morris added that we would know who has every key and we know they cannot be copied. Amber Frazier suggested all the Manager keys be given back at the end of the season. Stephanie added they would need 8 coaches keys and 4-6 for field maintenance. This would be 10 more keys, all to be signed out. Stephanie also suggested that this season is almost over, and they would not issue all of them until spring. Councilman Mark Harrison suggested that if someone's key isn't turned in, someone needs to pay for it. Councilman Ryan Coleman explained that the baseball field needs a riding lawnmower, since personal equipment is currently being used. Stephanie added that it could also be used to drag the field before games. It would be much more convenient if there was a mower at the ballfield readily available for whoever needs to use it. Councilman Clayton Young asked if the towns mower could be kept at the ballfield, Mayor Young said we would investigate this for another meeting. Recorder Jessica Morris made a motion to give the Little League the keys they need. Stephanie gave Mayor Young a list of the people that would need keys. No other motions were made since they do not need the keys until spring. Right now, Ryan Coleman gets the extra key.

Riverside Project Graduation – Councilman Clayton Young made a motion to give the Riverside High School Project Graduation a \$250 donation, seconded by Councilman Ryan Coleman. All in favor, motion passed.

Gordy Coleman mentioned cameras for the ballfield, Mayor Young asked if we wanted to think about getting cameras. Councilman Mark Harrison asked if we could add ballfield cameras to the camera system we already have. Councilman Ryan Coleman asked if they needed Wi-Fi. This subject will be tabled until we can get some prices and information.

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Police Chief Jack Ice asked if we could take the Police Truck home with him for communication and response reasons.

Councilman Clayton Young suggests we mark the Police Truck, so people know it is a Cedar Grove Police Department Vehicle. Clayton also asked that the Police Department, the Street Department, and the Sewer Board give an update at each meeting.

Councilwoman Ashley Young mentioned the Lunch with the Grinch for this year. It will be Saturday December 2 from 12-2pm at the Community Center. Mayor Young mentioned decorating the gazebo by the park near Christmas and have Christmas caroling. Ashley also asked if the Cedar Grove Community School could use the Community Center for dances since the school is under construction, all agreed.

Councilman Ryan Coleman explained that Trunk or Treat is next Tuesday 10/17/2023 from 630-8pm. The Town of Cedar Grove will have a vehicle decorated and we will be handing out candy. There are more than 30 vendors participating and there should be a big turnout. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to spend \$300 on candy for the Trunk or Treat, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed.

No further business.

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

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