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Town Council Meeting

Cedar Grove Town Hall

October 24, 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 Oct. 10, 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 Leslie Sigler. All in favor, motion passed.

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Old Business

Sidewalk Project – We received 4 bids for the Sidewalk Project, the lowest bid will require the Town of Cedar Grove to pay \$68,772.08 in addition to the \$72,404.25 we already paid. Councilman Clayton Young asked how much of the William Street sidewalks would be repaired & there is some confusion about the answer. We will reach out to Travis Hayes to attend the next council meeting to find out the specifics & whether we will get our money that we already paid back if we decide not to proceed with the project. This subject will be tabled until we get more information.

Welcome Sign – Councilman Mark Harrison obtained a quote from the WV DOC about 2, 72x45 2-sided wood signs with an image of our choice. The price is \$550.80 each. A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Coleman to purchase up to 2 signs for \$550.80 each, seconded by Councilman Mark Harrison. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Update – Police Chief Jack Ice reported that he has written several citations for speeding, driving on a suspended & revoked license, and expired inspection stickers. There was \$7,000 of copper and some roofing mats stolen from Cedar Grove Elementary School. Arrests will be made soon in these cases. The Police truck has been marked with stickers.

Street Update – Mayor Young explained that the street signs will be arriving next week. The town workers have been cleaning the streets, mowing all the grass, cleaning the alleys & fixing curbs. They are also painting the tables, benches & trash cans at the roadside park. We sent the trash truck to the Kanawha County Cleanup in South Charleston last weekend. They have fixed the guardrails by the hump and at the lower end.

Councilman Clayton Young asked if we planned to pay the Kanawha PSD some extra to pay the debt early & if we could lower the sewer rates in town after that happened. Mayor Young explained that there is an estimated cost of \$180,000 for the camera work & repairs to the sewer lines in Horsemill. We are trying to get this taken care of with flood relief or grants if that isn't possible. It will not be possible to pay any extra at this time.

New Business

Cameras for Ballfield – Mayor Young stated that she reached out to the company that set up the cameras in the Town Hall & cameras for the ballfield would be \$2,000 for a 4-camera system. We would also need internet at the ballfield to run these cameras. This subject will be tabled until the camera guy can give us an exact price and we get a price for the internet service.

Christmas Lights for Gazebo – Mayor Young would like to decorate the Gazebo for Christmas & to have Santa, Christmas Caroling, hot chocolate & cookies. We will have Caroling at the Gazebo on Saturday December 9, 2023 at 6pm. Mayor Young would like to have lights for the Christmas Tree in the park. Troy Page has rolls of LED Christmas Lights for \$15 a spool. Councilwoman Leslie Sigler made a motion to purchase 6 spools of LED Christmas Lights from Troy Page for \$15 each, seconded by Councilman Ryan Coleman. All in favor, motion passed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler to purchase lights and ribbon for the Gazebo, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young. All in favor, motion passed.

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Lunch with the Grinch – We will need to purchase decorations and supplies for Lunch with the Grinch on December 2, 2023. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Harrison to set the Lunch with the Grinch budget at \$600, seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Young, all in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Ryan Coleman asked if there would be a Holiday Decoration Contest. Mark Harrison said he would sponsor the contest & donate the plaques. We will decide the details at the next meeting.

Fall Festival 2024 – Councilwoman Ashley Young suggested we decide the times for the Fall Festival next year so we can start planning. It will be held on Saturday September 28, 2023, from 11am to 6pm.

A gentleman contacted Mayor Young about Mountain of Hope, who does a wrestling program for kids. They would like to use the community center. During tournaments the town could do concessions. We will investigate possibly doing this.

Corey Hager made a complaint that the town workers damaged his truck while cleaning the streets with a power broom. His truck was parked in his driveway where it hangs over the sidewalk. Councilwoman Leslie Sigler stated that he already had some damage to the front of the truck, and he already had an appointment at Wreck-a-mended to get that damage fixed. Corey gave Mayor Young an estimate of \$3,629.34. There was no damage to any other vehicles on the street. The Council looked at the pictures & decided not to pay for the damage since it is not clear that the street cleaning caused the damage.

Damage to windshield – A woman came into the Town Hall last week and claimed that a rock flew up and cracked her windshield while she was driving down Rt 60. She said the rock came from the town workers who were mowing and weed eating on the side of the road. The husband gave a quote of \$1100 to \$1200. The Council agreed not to pay for the windshield because this is a road hazard.

Councilman Ryan Coleman asked when the basketball rims from the school will be put up at the basketball court. Mayor Young said she will have them put up. The town workers will be winterizing the ballfield.

No further business.

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

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