

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021

Mayor Laggis mentioned that the Woolsey House had burned last week, but thankfully no one had gotten hurt. There are no plans as of yet on what the family is going to do with the house. The official cause of the blaze is still to be determined, but it appears to be accidental. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office was unable to send anyone down to direct traffic, so local citizens did their best to help out. Cherie Morgan asked if we could put a CERT team in place and Councilman Wright said that he would look into whether the County had the program. Mayor Laggis then opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. The Clerk informed the Council that the utilities were now reported in the Operating Fund and not the Building Fund as had been the case in 2019. With no questions or comments, the hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m. and the monthly meeting was opened. The minutes from the December meeting were approved, with Councilman Gilson making the motion and Councilman Carden seconding it. Councilman Wright made a motion to accept the Financial Report and he was seconded by Councilman Gilson. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Budget Resolution #2021-01 and #2021-02 – Councilman Gilson made a motion that the Council approves Resolution #2021-01 and he was seconded by Councilman Carden. Councilman Wright made the same motion for Resolution #2021-02 and was seconded by Councilman Gilson. Both motions passed.
2. Revision of Town Forms and Applications – Maurice is looking at the forms and applications and will report back to Council.

New Business

1. Presentation of Development Idea Brandon Smith – Mr. Smith came in front of Council to discuss his idea of opening a craft brewery called "Camp Brewing Company". It would be located across from the Chevron. He wants it to be very community friendly and on the smaller side. He was not planning on having food, but could have food trucks, although Councilman Wright believes that food should be available for purchase inside. Councilman Carden said that this is the type of business that was envisioned for the TCD. Mayor Laggis noted that the town does not have sewer, and Mr. Smith said that there were alternatives for the disposal of waste, some of which are eco-friendly. When asked about the time frame to get it up and running, he said that it must go thru the Federal Government, so it is a long process and he is just in the beginning stages. Mayor Laggis said that there was currently no ordinance in place to allow this, but would work with the Zoning Administrator and Town Attorney. There would have to be a public hearing, so there is no guarantee that this plan will work, but the Council seems to think that this could be an asset to the Town. Mayor Laggis will speak with Maurice to see if there are any other issues that would need to be addressed.

2. Councilman Gilson Resignation – Mayor Laggis received a letter from Councilman Gilson stating his intended resignation from the Council effective February 1st, due to an upcoming move out of the County.

3. New Councilman Appointment – Since Councilman Gilson's term had less than one year left on it, the Charter allows the Council to appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term instead of holding a special election. The Council discussed several individuals who had helped the town over the years but settled on Ron Smith, who was a leading force behind the building project and had even run for Council previously. Councilman Carden made a motion to appoint Ron Smith to the position of Councilman and he was seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion passed. Mr. Smith said that he was honored and definitely accepts.

4. Recognition of Councilman Jack Gilson's Service – Mayor Laggis presented Councilman Gilson with a plaque, made from the wood from the building, commemorating his 30 years of service to the Town of Woolsey. Everyone stated how appreciated that he was and that he will be missed by all.

With no more business to come before the council, and for the last time, Councilman Gilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. His motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk