

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2023

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda Changes

None.

Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting as written. Councilman Wright seconded him and Councilman Carden concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Councilman Wright made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Councilman Carden seconded him and Councilman Smith concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. 5-year work program:

- Research adoption of tree ordinance – Councilman Carden reached out to Bill Johnston who asked for thoughts of what the town wanted. Councilman Carden plans to start with what is currently in place for the County, as they will be the ones to enforce the ordinance. Councilman Carden and Mayor Laggis will meet with Mr. Johnston at a date to be determined. Councilman Wright remarked that there is a fine line between what needs to be preserved and property rights. Councilman Smith added that more than just the owner that enjoys the trees, but also worried about potential damage that can be caused by falling trees. Councilman Carden said that before we pass any tree ordinance there has to be a lot of conversations that take place. Caitlyn Storc mentioned that there is at least one licensed arborist within Fayette County. Mayor Laggis concluded this discussion by saying that, in our ordinances, there is already a requirement for developers to plant x number of trees.
- Develop social media channels, logo and tag line – Councilman Smith said “I need to work on mine” and asked Clerk to send him a reminder.
- Create committees to tackle issues such as historic preservation and communication –Mayor Laggis reported that the Friends of Historic Woolsey has tentatively decided to remove the brick and step section in front of the church and go with the original design including having two doors. They will, however, retain the back rooms of the building. Mayor Laggis also told the Council that he has spoken to Katie Quattlebaum from FCDA regarding grants. They are up to \$300,000 and may be renewable. The FCDA are still working on the “ground rules” for these grants, such as in-kind donations. Councilman Wright asked if it was based on size of town or project and was told project. There could be an MOU between the town and the non-profit, to allow the town to assist without being the owner of the building, as these FCDA grants would go to the town.
- Newsletter – Councilman Wright will be sending out a survey to gauge the communication preferences of the citizens of Woolsey.

2. Transportation Committee Update – Caitlyn handed out the results from the study on speed that was conducted between April 18 through April 23. (see attached). Since one side was not working, the counts were doubled from the side that was. The true average was 10 miles per hour over speed limit and the highest peak speed was recorded during peak traffic time. 15% of people went faster than 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. Mayor Laggis commented that there is more traffic going west to

east than east to west and that there is a fallacy with the report as they just doubled the numbers. Caitlin also reported that there is a big development coming into Henry County which will drastically increase the traffic on McDonough Rd which could spillover to Hampton Rd, Inman Rd and Highway 92.

New Business

1. Other – Maurice Ungaro approved house plans for property on Old Farm Rd and Hwy 92.

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk