

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

July 8, 2024

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

Agenda Changes

Councilman Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion of traffic on Hill Ave. to the agenda. Councilman Carden seconded him. Councilman Wright concurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Councilman Carden made a motion to accept the June minutes as presented. He was seconded by Councilman Wright and Councilman Smith concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

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

Old Business

1. Transportation Committee Update – Mayor Laggis reported that we received a Local Road Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,557.21 with no requirement for matching funds. This can be used for crosswalks, signage, etc. He has had conversations with Phil Mallon regarding lowering the speed limit on Hampton Rd and the Sheriff has agreed to enforce it if changed. As the Town still does not have a representative on the Transportation Committee, Councilman Wright asked if a prospective person needs to live within the town limits and the Mayor said that he would find out. Councilman Smith told the Council that Stan Ledbetter had spoken to him about an incident where he was going down Hill Ave in front of the antique store when someone parked right on the road and got out of the car. There was almost a collision. Mr. Ledbetter asked if there was something that could be done about that. Council concurred that they need to speak with the owner to tell people to not park right there on the street. May need to put up no parking signs or paint lines so that people know where they can and cannot park.

2. Update on Town Information Project – Councilman Wright received three more responses. When the newsletter goes out, he will put in there that we are looking for someone to serve on the County Transportation Committee. He estimates that it will cost approximately \$40 to print and mail out the quarterly newsletter.

3. STWP Updates –

- Councilman Carden spoke with Bill Johnston, who said that he could help with the tree ordinance. The Councilman also spoke with Maurice Ungaro who forwarded him the ordinances from Brooks and Fayette County, both of which seem to be geared for new construction and not private property. Homeowners have the right to do with their property as

they please, but, Councilman Wright asked, what can be done to protect the 100 yr old trees? Councilman Smith agreed saying that the older trees add culture to the town, but what if the owner feels that tree is diseased? And what about trees that are not visible to anyone but the property owner? Are we trying to do something that is impossible to police? Councilman Carden said he thinks so and may only be able to protect new subdivisions. Mayor Laggis feels that it may be beneficial to have conversations with Mr. Ungaro.

- ARC/GDOT – Review sidewalks – tied in with roundabout project.
- Traffic Concerns – ongoing roundabout work.
- Communication – Councilman Smith made a motion for the tag line to be “Where life is slower and simpler”. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and Councilman Wright concurred. Motion passed unanimously.
- Study potential annexation needs or opportunities – Town attorney is looking into the annexation request that was received.

New Business

1. 6 month status on Community Center Bookings – Mayor Laggis informed the Council that for the first 6 months of 2024, the WCC has held or is scheduled to hold 25 events whereas only 20 events total were held in 2023. These 25 bookings have generated revenue of \$7,450 compared to \$5,650 last year. The average booking is \$300.

2. 6 month Financial Comparison – Councilman Carden noted that Administrative costs for building will quickly exceed what was budgeted; however, the revenue has already exceeded budget.

Public Comment

Bill said that he likes what was discussed regarding the possible solutions to the parking in front of the antique store.

With no more business to come before the Council, Councilman Wright made the motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Councilman Carden. Councilman Smith concurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk