

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Monthly Meeting

April 11, 2016

Mayor Laggis opened the April meeting of the Woolsey Town Council at 8:35pm.

Bill Johnston introduced his plan review into the record. The Zoning Ordinance implements the comprehensive plan. The plan calls for modestly sized buildings which are not interrupted by parking lots. Currently, the largest building in Woolsey is the convenience store at 3250 sq feet. The proposed DG is 9100 square feet. The basis for his recommendation of denial is scale, which is inconsistent with the TCD in the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Laggis asked if there were any comments or questions from the Council regarding Bill's report. As there were none, he then asked if he entertains a motion for the determination of this proposal? Councilman Carden replied that, based on Bill's recommendation, and solely on the recommendation in regards to the scale of the project, make a motion to deny the rezoning request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilson. The proposal was denied by a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Laggis then took the opportunity to commend Mr. Ballard and Mr. Edwards. He hopes that the future of the property would be acceptable to both the owners and to the town. And, although he did not have a vote, he does agree with the decision made by the Town Council.

Councilman Carden commented that he and Mayor Laggis have the unique perspective of being on the Council before there were zoning ordinances. They had talked about how they wanted the town to look back then, and the same comments have been made during these hearings, albeit with a different set of people.

Councilman Gilson noted that the Hill Ave. extension almost became a church. Turned down because of the size. Now it's located just outside of town on a better piece of property.

Mayor Laggis concluded by saying that the Council is in the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan, and would be very interested in hearing from the citizens on what they would like to see in their town.

Meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute break.

The monthly meeting was reopened by Mayor Laggis at 9:09pm. The approval of the minutes from March was tabled, as the clerk did not provide copies.

Financial Report

In the building account there was interest received of \$2.87 and there were no expenses. The ending balance was \$22, 533.62. In the operating account there was the following income: Comcast Franchises Fees - \$851.76, Insurance Occupational Tax - \$15.00, Alcohol Tax - \$377.04 and Interest - \$1.11. Expenses were the following: clerk - \$300.00, Lawn Care - \$300.00, Rent - \$50.00, ATT - \$48.33 and Legal Ad - \$80.00. The ending balance was \$68, 410.54. Councilman Gilson made the motion to accept the financial report and was seconded by Councilman Carden.

Old Business

1. Woolsey Project – Awaiting word from the soil engineering study in regards to how many people the building could possibly hold at one time. Will be meeting with Heidi Becker and Alison Duncan from ARC this week.
2. Comprehensive Plan Update – Councilman Gilson and Mayor Laggis met with Alison and Jarrett from ARC. They were given copy of the current plan. They will be in touch again in the next few months. New plan is due in July, 2017. Councilman Gilson will be leading this for the Council.
3. Other – SPLOST. Mayor Laggis reported that the municipalities met with the county, and gave them recommendations on how the money would be split (population). The decision to attempt to pass a SPLOST has not been decided.

New Business

1. Insurance Renewal – Decisions were made to renew both the liability insurance and the insurance on the building.
2. May Meeting Date Change – Meeting will be on the 16th. Notice to be put in paper.
3. Other – Councilman Carden mentioned that it would be appropriate to make a donation to the lodge, since the hearings were held there. Councilman Wright said that next month's rent should just be sent to the lodge, since we did not hold a meeting at the "office" in April. Everyone was in agreement.

Mayor Laggis spoke to Mr. Meghjani about the condition of the store. He was promised that it would be cleaned up in next 6 months. There was some structural damage that needed to be fixed first.

With no more business to come before the Council, the meeting was closed at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins
Town Clerk