

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2015

Mayor Gary Laggis called the monthly meeting to order at 6:58pm. Present at the meeting were Councilmen Kenny Wright, Jack Gilson and Frank Carden. Also in attendance were Mr. Ron Smith and his daughter Leah, Sheriff Babb, and his wife Jill. Sheriff Babb reported to the Council that, according to the FBI criteria, crime in Fayette County is down 29% from last year at the 31-week mark. The only 2 categories where crime is up are felony theft and car theft. The Sheriff's office uses a heat map and closely monitors the "storm cloud" areas, such as the Hwy 314, Hwy 279, Hwy 85 area. Councilman Carden commented that it seems that the officers have been down in the Woolsey area much more these past few years than in the past. Sheriff Babb that the crime is coming to the more rural areas due too easy escape routes. There also seems to be a "don't care" attitude and no fear of authority. The Sheriff would be willing to have a community meeting if the Town Council so desired. The Council members thanked the Sheriff and his wife for coming to the meeting. The minutes from July were approved, with Councilman Carden making the motion to approve and Councilman Gilson seconding it.

Financial Report

In the operating account, income was from the following: Interest - \$.97, Alcohol Tax - \$480.91, and Bell South Franchise Fee - \$19.56. Total Income was \$501.44. Expenses were the following: AT&T - \$59.24, Lawn Care - \$300.00, Rent - \$50.00, and Clerk - \$300.00. Total expenses were \$709.24. The beginning balance was \$55,294.65 and the ending balance is \$55,086.85. In the project account, income was the following – Interest - \$2.87. There were no expenses. The beginning balance was \$22,508.16 and the ending balance is \$22, 511.03. The financial report was approved, with Councilman Gilson making the motion and it seconding it was Councilman Carden.

Miss Leah Smith addressed the Council and asked if there was an ordinance in place regarding the raising of chickens on a persons property. Councilman Carden replied that there was no ordinance in place, so it would be allowed.

Old Business

1. Building Update – Mayor Laggis reported that he had taken Charlotte Ungaro, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, on a tour of the building. Her husband, Maurice, who was on the planning commission, has a passion for restoring old buildings. So Mayor Laggis and Mr. Smith took Mr. Ungaro on a tour. He agreed that Mr. Barnards plans were probably the way to go, as much more of the wood, etc, could be used. He would like to act as an advisor on a pro bono basis. Councilman Carden said that we should move forward with seeking grants, especially ones for historic buildings. Councilman Gilson asked Councilman Carden if Ms. Ballard would be ok with either decision and Councilman Carden replied that she would be. Councilman Carden then made the motion to talk to Mr. Collins about the grants. Councilman SWright seconded the motion. Mr. Smith will invite Mr. Collins to the next meeting.

2. Yard Maintenance – As of the date of the meeting, the requested work had not been accomplished. Might need to put out a bid for the work to be done.

3. Hill Ave. Repair – Mayor Laggis received an email from Brian Keller saying that it is on the work list.

New Business

1. Fayette Vision Meeting – Councilman Gilson went in place of Mayor Laggis. He reported that they are looking to make a waterway from Fayetteville to Starrs Mill for canoeing and kayaking.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update – Needs to be completed by June 2017. Jarrod Lombard from the ARC will complete for free.

3. Other – Councilman Wright agreed to put the Woolsey Town Hall sign up near the door of his office where the Council currently meets.

With no more business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk