

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2018

Mayor Laggis opened the monthly meeting at 7:00. In attendance were Mayor Laggis, as well as Councilman Wright, Councilman Gilson and Councilman Carden. The minutes from June's meeting were approved with Councilman Carden making the motion for approval and he was seconded by Councilman Gilson. Motion passed.

Financial Report

In the building account there was no income. Expenses were Water – 18.48, EMC – 25.81 and Barnard and Associates - \$25,649.32. The ending balance was \$45,527.74. In the operating account income was the following: Alcohol Tax – \$445.80 and Occupational Tax - \$50.00. Expenses were the following: Clerk - \$300.00, Lawn care - \$300.00, Rent - \$50.00, GMA Dues - \$123.15, Grant and Hatcher CPA - \$1950.00 and ATT - \$60.29. The ending balance was \$73,585.24. Councilman Gilson made the motion to approve the financial report and was seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion Passed.

Old Business

1. Building Update – Project is getting close to completion. Mr. Smith told Council that one of the trees was unable to be removed as it was too close to power line. Councilman Wright asked if the power company could take the top off the tree, but Councilman Carden said that the power company wouldn't do that. Mr. Smith asked if the Council wanted him to get a quote to have it removed, but was told, that unless it interfered with the parking, to just hold off. One significant expense that still has to be decided is the surface for the parking lot (paved, crush and run...).

2. CPA "Finding"- Alan Grant, the CPA, told Mayor Laggis that the SPLOST funds should have been deposited into a separate account than any other funds. Mr. Grant did report it to the state, but does not believe that it will be an issue.

New Business

1. Occupational Tax Application – Christy Cogley, a Woolsey resident, owns 11 ½ acres of land on Highway 92 South. She is interested in opening Cogley's Helping Hands, a small petting zoo that will be geared for Special Needs Guests. It will be an event-based business and will be located on ½ acre of her property. She will feature horses, miniature horses, turkeys, cows, goats (including a 3-legged one named Tripod), rabbits... there will also be motivational speeches discussing diversity and anti-bullying. She is currently working with the Agricultural Department to obtain the proper licenses. The animals will be housed at the back of her property and will only be brought out during functions. Councilman Carden noted that there is nothing in the zoning ordinance expressly prohibiting this. Ms. Cogley is in the process of speaking with her neighbors, but the ones that she has already spoken with are in favor of this endeavor. The Council would like to see a plat of her property and where the petting zoo, parking, etc. will be located on her property. This issue has been tabled for further information gathering.

2. Future of Fayette County Public Safety – Councilman Wright brought to the Council's attention that many county EMS workers are leaving for other jurisdictions which offer better pay and benefits. This could pose a problem in the future, especially when the current EMS leadership starts to retire.

3. 6 Month Financial Report – Everything seems to be on target.

4. Other – Councilman Gilson is working on a plaque to be placed in the building to honor the donations of the building and the land, as well as the Council. He has found that aluminum is still less costly than bronze. Overflow parking was also quickly discussed. One option could be the Beautification Project which is located right across Hill Ave. A local family claimed this land, but the legal owners are unknown to the Council at this time.

With no more business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins
Town Clerk