

# TOWN of WOOLSEY

**Regular Meeting**

**January 10, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Carden administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Gary Laggis. Mayor Laggis then administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Ron Smith. After the Oaths, Councilman Kenny Wright nominated Mayor Pro Tem Carden to serve another year as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Smith seconded the nomination and Mayor Pro Tem agreed to serve another year as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Laggis opened the Public Hearing on the FY2022 Budget for Operating Expenses and for the Woolsey Community Center at 7:09. He informed the Council that the Town is in a favorable financial position in both accounts. Councilman Wright asked if there are any thoughts about the differences in the franchise fees from 2020? Mayor Laggis noted that people are moving away from Cable, which would lower the amount from Comcast. The reason that EMC may be down from last year is that, in 2020, people were home more due to the pandemic. Councilman Smith questioned whether we send the companies invoices for the franchise fees or if they are on the honor system? Mayor Laggis said no and Councilman Carden said that it's in the fine print on the bills that residents pay. With no more questions or comments, Mayor Laggis closed the Public Hearing.

The meeting was opened at 7:18.

## Agenda Changes

None.

## Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Wright made a motion to approve the November minutes as written. Councilman Carden seconded him. Councilman Smith was in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk was asked to let everyone know what changes are made if revised minutes are sent out.

## Financial Report

Councilman Carden made a motion to approve the January Financial Report as submitted. Councilman Smith seconded him. Councilman Wright was in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

1. Resolution #2022-01– Councilman Wright made the motion to accept the FY2022 Budget for Operating Expenses. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Councilman Wright was in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Resolution #2022-02 - Councilman Smith made the motion to accept the FY2022 Budget for the Woolsey Community Center. Councilman Smith Carden seconded the motion. Councilman Wright was in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update – Councilman Smith and Mayor Laggis will be meeting with ARC via Zoom on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The first Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

4. Other – None

#### New Business

1. Potential SPLOST projects – Mayor Laggis reported that the current SPLOST expires in 2023, and the County is recommending it for renewal. All projects need to be documented prior to the referendum. Some potential projects, such as sidewalks, might be installed as part of the round-about. Councilman Carden commented that if the Hampton Rd. round-about is like the one at Harp Rd, the sidewalk would run from the cemetery down to Cheris's house. Mayor Laggis mentioned that the County Engineer indicated that a trail or sidewalk connecting Woolsey to Lake Horton might be on the list of projects from the Transportation Committee. Councilman Carden asked when the list has to be turned in to the County and was told within the next couple of months. Councilman Wright is in favor of the trail and mentioned that a project could be a park for the town if land could be acquired. Mayor Laggis replied that the time frame may not work well for that. An ESPLOST is coming up as well this year. The project list will need to be turned in to the County in the next 60-90 days.

2. Other – Councilman Wright mentioned the need for the placement of a Blind Driveway sign on Hampton Road due to the high speed of traffic coming over the hill.

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Smith. Councilman Carden was in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk