

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

September 13, 2021

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Changes

New Business – Property across street

Minutes of August Meeting

Councilman Carden made a motion to approve the August minutes as written. Councilman Wright seconded him. Councilman Smith was in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

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

Old Business

1. ARPA Funds Update Transfer – Mayor Laggis spoke to Steve Rapson, the County Manager, who will direct the County Attorney to draw up an IGA. Once the IGA is signed, the ARPA funds, half of which have already been received by the Town, will be transferred to the County.
2. Lake Horton Update – Councilman Wright reported that after Jan. 1, 2022, all vehicles parked at Lake Horton, as well as some of the other lakes here in Fayette County, that are not registered in the County, will have to pay a yearly fee of \$300. As of right now, once this is implemented, there is no consideration given if out of county people are there for an event. Mayor Laggis asked if any reason was given and Wright replied that he did not believe that it was brought up to Commission. Councilman Smith commented that we should start with a letter and lean on the person/committee who made that decision. Councilman Carden asked the Mayor if he could ask Steve Rapson as to whom the letter should be sent to? Mayor Laggis replied that since the County Commissioners have already approved this new policy, there is value to go up the chain of command. He also noted that Woolsey resident, Mike Gumbinger, is on the Board for the Parks and Rec Department. Councilman Wright said that he would talk to the rec department, as they may not have considered this scenario. Mayor Laggis volunteered to speak with Vanessa Burrill, the Director of the Water Department, to get her feel on this issue.

New Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Update/ARC Partnering – Mayor Laggis told the Council that the Comprehensive Plan is due in 2022. The ARC has sent an agreement to assist in this project as they did in 2017. Councilman Wright made a motion to sign the agreement to work with the ARC on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Smith seconded him and Councilman Carden was in agreement. Motion passed unanimously. Councilman Smith, who was a part of the committee that worked on this in 2017 volunteered to be a part of it again, as did Cherie Morgan, a resident of Woolsey who attended this meeting. The agreement will be forwarded David Ballard, the Town Attorney, for review.

2. Roundabout Lighting Options – Mayor Laggis informed the Council that the state DOT requires lighting for the roundabouts. The idea is for the lights to go from the roundabout to Hampton Road. There are two designs to choose from: Standard, which we would need 11 lights, at a cost of \$13.25 each/month, with a breakaway cost of \$1,450.00 each, construction cost at \$15,950 and monthly electric bill of \$145.75 or Decorative, which we would need 21 lights, at a cost of \$13.00 each/month, with a breakaway cost of \$1,100.00 each, construction cost at \$23,100 and monthly electric bill of \$273.00. He had a conversation with Mr. Rapson and Phil Mallon and was informed both verbally and in writing, that the project would pay for the installation and the County would pay the monthly electric bill for the Standard design. If the choice is to go with the Decorative lights, then the Town would be responsible for the difference. Councilman Carden asked who would be responsible when one gets damaged and the Mayor responded saying that there would have to be an understanding in place ahead of time. Councilman Smith wondered about the insurance and Councilman Wright said that it might be able to get added. Mayor Laggis replied that first, he would check to see if maintenance and replacement was the County's responsibility. Councilman Carden expressed concern about the additional expenses that the town has taken on as of late and over the years, would the budget be able to handle it. Mayor Laggis reminded Council that we carry over a budget surplus every year. He will go back to the County to inquire about the maintenance and replacement responsibility. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the decorative streetlights as proposed. Councilman Wright seconded him and Councilman Carden was in agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Property Across Street – Mayor Laggis spoke with Virginia Bell, the owner of the property across the street and was told that her son was making it into a woodworking shop. However, it appears as if it is becoming a residence. Mayor Laggis and Councilman Wright went over to the property and were told that the people were moving in. The “residents” were informed that permits would be needed if they planned to add certain features to the building to make it habitable. Zoning Administrator, Maurice Ungaro, has been notified and will look in to this property.

With no more business to come before the Council, Councilman Carden made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Councilman Smith seconded him and Councilman Wright concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk