

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2023

Mayor Laggis opened the Short-Term Work Program Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Carden was absent. The different projects were discussed. Councilman Smith volunteered to spearhead the development of the social media channels. The proposed roundabout addresses some of the sidewalk issues and, if the SPLOST vote passes in March, the County has designated approximately \$200,00-\$250,000 for sidewalks and a crosswalk on Hampton Road. The date for the completion of the traffic flow was changed from 2024 to 2026 to account for the roundabout. The adoption of a tree preservation ordinance is still scheduled for this year. One item that came off of the list due to it being partially completed and partially combined with a different item was create committees to tackle issues such as historical preservation (Friends of Historic Woolsey, which is now a 501 3(c) and has had its first board meeting) and communication (combined with social media). The Clerk will forward the revised list to Fayette County. The Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m. and the regular monthly meeting was opened.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Laggis recommended moving the Public Comment portion of the meeting to be heard after the minutes and financial report. Councilman Wright made the motion and he was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written. Councilman Wright seconded him. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Councilman Wright made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Councilman Smith seconded him. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Lisa Ogle, who grew up in Woolsey and still lives in the area, has purchased 1995/1999 Highway 92 South and is interested in developing the property into a "small and quaint" storage facility. According to Ms. Ogle, there would be 42,000-45,000 square feet of approximately 275-300 units. The buildings would run perpendicular to the highway and the street side would be brick and made to look "residential" and "historic". There would be 25 feet of green space and no overhead lighting. Councilman Wright noted that most residents had sheds or other out buildings, so is there a need? She answered that her main clients would be commercial, thereby limiting the traffic in and out of the facility. Councilman Smith commented that in the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Center District, which is where this property is, calls for a maximum of 3,000 sq. feet. She responded that she would "section off" the buildings to keep within the limits. He also brought up possible issues with storm water runoff and was told that an engineer claimed that it should not be a problem. Mayor Laggis expressed concerns and referred back to sections 801.a (3) and (6) and 801.c, amongst others, and told Ms. Ogle at this time, he was not in favor of her proceeding but she certainly has the right to. Ms. Ogle mentioned that no business was going to be successful there and, several times during her presentation, she said that the Council had denied several plans for the property that had been presented to them. She then left before the conversation concluded. Councilman Wright noted that only one plan was denied by the Council and that was the Dollar General. The gentleman who was

interested in putting a Craft Brewery at that location could not make it work and thereby never formally presented it to Council.

Caitlin Storc mentioned to the Council that AARP has community grants for up to \$11,000 that any government or non-profit can apply for to get people to Town Halls and City Centers. Mayor Laggis said that this could be good for the Friends of Historic Woolsey, who are planning a Prayer Garden by the cemetery.

Old Business

1. Update on Friends of Historic Woolsey – Discussed during Public Hearing
2. Transportation Committee Update – SPLOST educational meetings being held around the County for the SPLOST referendum in March. Chamber of Commerce doing the promoting.
3. Other - None

New Business

1. Short-Term Work Program Vote – Councilman Wright made a motion to accept the Short-Term Work Program as discussed and amended during the Public Hearing. Councilman Smith seconded him and the motion passed unanimously. 2. Resolution #2023-03 - Councilman Wright made a motion to transmit the STWP to the ARC. Councilman Smith seconded him and the Resolution was adopted
2. Cost estimate for Municipal Election and IGA Approval – The cost estimate for the County to run the 2023 Municipal Election for the Town is \$1,083. The County forwarded us an IGA and David Ballard reviewed it. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the IGA and he was seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk