

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

September 11, 2023

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Prior to the saying of the pledge, the mayor asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. After the pledge, he congratulated Councilman Carden and Councilman Kenny Wright for qualifying for another 4-year term, as they are both unopposed in the upcoming November election.

Agenda Changes

None.

Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting as written. Councilman Wright seconded him and Councilman Carden concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

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

Old Business

1. Transportation Committee Update – Caitlin Storc told the Council that Paola Kimbell is now the project engineer and things should start moving quickly as there are no issues with the roundabout and gas lines. Councilman Wright asked if there was an anticipated completion date and was told that there was none. Councilman Wright also informed Council that the speed signs were now operational on the east side of Hampton Rd.
2. Small Cities Conference – Mayor Laggis attended the Small Cities Conference in Dublin, where he attended classes in Broadband & Digital Connectivity, Downtown Revitalization, Phishing & Cybersecurity, Grant Resources, and First Amendment Auditor. He went into detail as to the types of things that he learned in the First Amendment Auditor class, such as the “auditor” can take photos and videos, can go anywhere that is not marked private or employees only, and that they do not have to answer questions as to who they are, etc. Councilman Wright asked if we should put a sign on the inside office door that says “private office” and all agreed. It was also reiterated that the first 15 minutes of an open records request are done at no charge and after that, it is the hourly rate of the lowest paid person who is able to pull the information. There is a three-business day turnaround time per state law. Since there are no hourly rates, Councilman Wright said maybe there should be an “administrative fee”.
3. Church Renovation Project – Friends of Historic Woolsey group is working hard to find ways to get donations/grants and recognition of the project. They plan to hold an open house on October 28th in conjunction with the barbeque at the lodge. Jamie Lovett asked if it was possible to send out a letter to the people in the town and in the Woolsey voting precinct. The letter states that the Council is in favor and committed to restoring the church. Councilman Wright noted, and the other Councilmen concurred, that although the Council is definitely in favor of the project, the letter should not state that it is “committed” as that may appear to some people that town funds will be used to go towards the restoration. Councilman Smith added that the letter should say that the non-profit’s Board of Directors is committed and that the town is supportive. Mayor Laggis will ask Ms. Lovett to reword it. Signs will be posted announcing the open house and the mayor asked if the \$50

application fee for the signs could be waived, as it is a non-profit and it is a way for Council to recognize what the group is doing for the town. Everyone was in agreement.

4. Review Letter to Citizen – Councilman Wright handed out the letter that he had written to send out to the citizens of Woolsey. It was recommended that he add the website to the letter, take out reference to Facebook and add the choice of direct email. Also, will purchase and install a drop box on the building.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk