

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2024

Mayor Laggis opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Changes

None

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Councilman Carden made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. He was seconded by Councilman Wright and Councilman Smith concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

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

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Old Business

1. CIE Resolution – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 as presented. He was seconded by Councilman Wright and Councilman Carden concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

2. FCDA Grant Agreement – Mayor Laggis informed the Council that he had meet with Daryl Hicks, Nikki Vanderslice and Katie Quattlebaum, all from the Fayette County Development Authority, and Reagan Woolsey Moscon from the Friends of Historic Woolsey. The monies from the grant will be paid to the Town and then distributed to FoHW upon presentation of receipt from an eligible expense. The initial draw from the FCDA is \$36,000 and additional installments will be \$25,000. The first expense is for a historic structure report, which will tell FoHW how to proceed. Following that report, the next step will probably be to get the building stabilized, which quotes are coming in at approximately \$100,00-\$150,000. Councilman Wright asked what would happen to the Town if FoHW did not pay the contractors and he was told that all contracts are between FoHW and the contractors; the Town is acting as an “overseer” and as such, Councilman Smith noted, we need to pay attention that FoHW is paying the contractors so as to not burn bridges with the FCDA. Councilman Carden asked what would happen if there is not enough funds to finish the project? Would the FCDA want their money back? Mayor Laggis said that they did not discuss that specifically, but that is why the FCDA is giving in increments. The Town will not be “on the hook for it”. He also reiterated that there is more money available from the FCDA for other projects. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the FCDA Agreement as presented. Councilman Carden Carden seconded it and Councilman Wright concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Agreed Upon Procedures – CKH Co. sent us a quote for Agreed Upon Procedures in the amount of \$2,000. He then requested the names of other like-sized towns that are current clients. The Mayor then reached out to five of them and asked them three questions: The population, how they would rate the service and how long they had been a client. The results are as follows:

- Homerville – 2,453 people, 10++, 1 year

- Monticello – 2,541 people, 8.5, 8 months
- Washington – 4,000 people, 9, 1 year
- Porterdale – 2,000 people, 7, 2 months
- Tignall – 490 people, 10, 4 months

Our current provider, Grant & Hatcher is \$2,500 and we have to reach out to them, but they respond in a timely manner. Councilman Wright asked when the report is due and was told that it was due at the end of June. Both Councilman Smith and Councilman Carden said that they would feel better with CKH if any of the towns had been with them longer than one year and Councilman Wright fears that the amount quoted would go up greatly the following year. Councilman Carden suggested, and the rest of Council agreed, to keep having conversations with this company, but not to switch this year.

2. Municipal Summit Summary – Councilman Smith reported to the Council that he had attended the Municipal Summit recently, along with leaders from cities and towns in Fayette and Coweta Counties. Major topics of discussion from Chris Clark, the President of the GA Chamber of Commerce and Stuart Countess from KIA, were the need to fill the open job positions around the state. There are currently 55,000 open jobs in the medical field alone. The younger generation does not seem to want the traditional 40-hour work week and the lack of “affordable” housing near the jobs is an issue as well. Perrin Bostic, from Senator Raphael Warnock’s office, spoke to the group about the availability of funds for projects from the Federal Government, but there is no guarantee that the monies will be available in upcoming budgets.

3. Deed Search – Councilman Smith told the Council that he has done all that he knew to do to find out who owns the lot behind the parking lot and has come up empty. He made a motion to have the City Attorney do a deed search. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and Councilman Wright concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

With no more business to come before the Council, Councilman Wright made the motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Councilman Carden and Councilman Smith concurred. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk