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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:46 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek,
Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes

ABSENT: Sid Nelson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scot Kon
Tim Moore-Building Inspector
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Ramzi Malek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor Moore expressed how much our officers are appreciated and thanked them for their service and dedication to the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of December 5, 2023 Work Session Minutes:** Sam Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Carl Randall seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sam Pearson and Ramzi Malek voted yes. Bobby Rhodes abstained. The motion passed.
- **Approval of December 5, 2023 Regular Session Minutes:** Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sam Pearson and Ramzi Malek voted yes. Bobby Rhodes abstained. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

No Report

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

It was brought to the Council's attention that three people were assigned to the Lake Preservation Committee at the December 5, 2023 meeting instead of just two.

Carl Randall made the motion to rescind the motion to assign John Hand, Jake Smith, and Wes Faulkner to the Lake Preservation Committee at the December 5, 2023 meeting, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

After a brief discussion, Sam Pearson made the motion to appoint John Hand and Wes Faulkner to a three-year term on the Laker Preservation Committee, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 8, 2024.

The have gotten several quotes on the cost to build an evidence locker for the Police Department and asked for Council approval to build using funds from the Criminal Division Account.

Sam Pearson made the motion to approve the building of an evidence locker, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

They are working on information to go in a packet to be given out when boat decals are renewed this year.

They are discussing ways to have a slalom course and how to make it safe.

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

The committee needs to schedule a meeting in February.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes

Bobby Rhodes went over and answered any questions about the financial report.

The COVID funds have been moved into the Special Projects Account, and the dam/spillway repair work will come out of the COVID funds. Business License renewals are going out this week. It will soon be time to order the fishing decals, so they are working on getting quotes from local printing places.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department had twenty-one service calls for the month of December.

He reported that the Tahoe donated by the Blount County Sheriffs Department is in service.

The Chiefs Conference is in February and will cost around \$1,000.

Carl Randall made the motion for up to \$1,000 for Chief Kon to attend the Chiefs Conference in February, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Chief Kon discussed wanting to invest part of the funds in the Criminal Division Account. He said that a CD wouldn't be the best option, in case the funds were needed quickly, that he was going to talk with Jeff at Raymond James.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update the Martin Poles and Racks

Nothing added to what was discussed during the Work Session

Carl Randall made the motion to purchase the Martin poles and winch for 1255.90 as recommended by Dr. George Fant, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

2. Discuss Blount County 911 Service Contract

The Public Safety Committee is reviewing the contract and will report at the February meeting.

3. Municipal Workers Compensation Fund Insurance Renewal

It was discussed contacting them and finding out the reason for the increase and if there are ways to lower.

4. Other business items as determined by the Council

Joel Drake thanked the council for his reappointment to the Zoning Board.

With no other items to discuss, Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor