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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek,
Sid Nelson, Sam Pearson

ABSENT: Bobby Rhodes

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

Invocation was given by Sam Pearson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of April 2, 2024 Work Session Minutes:**
Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sid Nelson seconded. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Approval of April 2, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF 911:

No addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

The Council decided to go on and vote on the 911 Service Contract at this time.

Sam Pearson made the motion to sign the agreement with the hold harmless verbiage removed and go with the new one in August. Sid Nelson seconded the motion, and all present voted yes. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

It was reported that they were waiting to get the generator setup so that the electrician can come hook it up.

The invoice was received from Blount Landscaping for the cleaning, staining and repair work that was approved to be done at the April 2, 2024 meeting.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the payment of the invoice, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Councilman Randall talked about how they felt that the Anchor needs to be updated and advertised more as a venue. It was discussed that they need to look for grants, such as for the screened porch area to have it glassed in so that it can be used all year round. Removing the popcorn ceilings, repainting, redoing rusted patio tables were a few items discussed that would help update the building so it can be advertised as a venue.

Lake Preservation Committee - Bill Rush

Wesley Faulkner gave an update on the progress having a fishing tournament. A date needs to be set, and he presented an entry form and rules for the Council and Attorney Alex Smith to review. He also said that he has talked with Bryan Brasher, Executive Editor for B.A.S.S. Times Magazine, and he would be willing to write an article.

Ordinance Committee - Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee - Sam Pearson

No Report

Roads Committee - Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

It would cost \$3,500 for the county to bush hog about fourteen miles of road. They can also trim limbs and brush.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the one time mowing for \$3,500, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Finance Committee - Bobby Rhodes

The Finance Committee met on Monday, April 29, 2024.

Mayor Moore read aloud a handout Bobby Rhodes provided to be read into the minutes.

Criminal Fund

- \$25,000 from Criminal Fund has been moved to Town's Raymond James accounts

FY-25 Budget Planning

- Data calls for FY-25 budget inputs has been sent to all Departments and Committees
 - Inputs requested NLT 30 June
- Please begin discussing and considering inputs in your Departmental and Committee meetings

Project invoices

- Carl notified me that the previously approved projects for the Anchor, Town Hall and bridges has been complete.
- Carl has the invoices
- Recommend pay invoice (from General Fund Bank account

The monthly financial report and mid-year expenditure report was provided for Council viewing.

The next Finance Committee meeting is planned for Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department answered 29 service calls for the month of April.

He also reported that he is still having trouble finding the old-style inserts for the buoys and that a second one has broken loose at the dam.

He also received a shooting range liability form from the Oneonta Police Department that would allow the officers to use the shooting range.

It will be left up to each officer to choose to use the range.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Blount County 911 Service Contract

Voted on earlier in the meeting

2. Update on Maintenance

Micheal Hayes has been hired to fill the maintenance position.

3. Update on Mudslide

It was discussed that after more rain, that there are other areas that need to be looked at. The surveyor is coming to do a more in-depth survey.

Mayor Moore said that a \$10,000 grant has been applied for.

4. Fireworks for July 4th

No addition to what was discussed at the Work Session

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Josh Beck wood pier approval

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve as long it is brought to code and approved by Tim Moore, Building Inspector. Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek voted yes, Carl Randall abstained. The motion passed.

6. Approval of Blount County Commission Invoice

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the payment of the invoice to Blount County Commission for the amount of \$11,622.27, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

7. Approval of IRS Invoice

An invoice was received from the IRS for \$5,613.00. Carl Randall made the motion to approve the payment, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

8. Approval to reimburse George Fant for supplies

The reimbursement would be for the purchase of a gourd Rack and cement mix used to install the poles in the amount of \$676.32.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the reimbursement to George Fant, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

9. Other business items as determined by the Council

It was asked if the road is closed or is just one lane closed. Mayor Moore explained that the road is temporarily closed at this time.

Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor