

Town Council Meeting December 6, 2016

Mayor Wilder called the meeting to order with all members present. Attorney Churchwell was present also.

The first item on the agenda was to give the new Mayor and Council member their oath of office. Mrs. Susong presented Mr. Glen Warren with his oath as Mayor and then Robert Lowe and Ann Strom were sworn in as the new council members. At this point, Mayor Wilder stepped down and Mayor Warren took over the meeting. Mayor Warren commended Mr. Wilder for the outstanding job he has done over the years and he also announced the council's decision to name the council room after Mayor Wilder. The full room stood to their feet at this time and gave him a standing ovation.

On a motion by Mrs. Strom, second by Mr. Lowe, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 council meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Lamb, second by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 beer board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Strom, second by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to pass Ordinance #10-16, amending the water and sewer rates, on second and final reading.

On a motion by Mrs. Lamb, second by Mr. Lowe, it was unanimously voted to pass Ordinance #11-16, imposing an inspection fee for retail stores with wine, which passed on first reading.

On a motion by Mrs. Strom, second by Mrs. Lamb, it was unanimously voted to sign the contract with Norfolk Southern, which is a lease on the railroad property. Mr. Wilder explained the meeting with the representative and how this contract is a set contract for everyone and that it was not their intention to jerk up the property once we have invested dollars in a project. Mr. Taylor expressed concerns with the investment and the cost of rising lease payments as well.

On a motion from Mr. Lowe, second by Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to accept the change order #2 which decreases the contract with APAC by \$8969 for resurfacing Agriculture Park Boulevard.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second by Mrs. Lamb, it was unanimously voted to give employees their Christmas bonus and gift cards to other personnel.

Under police news, Mr. Cotter presented an award to Mark McCarter given by the Tennessee Highway Safety Commission for his thirty-one years of service. Todd White also was awarded DUI officer of the year with twenty-seven arrests made this year. Mr. Cotter also introduced Rob Smith, the newly hired officer that will be filling in the vacancy left by Mr. McCarter. He spoke of his eleven years' experience, which will be a huge asset.

The fire department has been busy helping Gatlinburg with their wildfires. Thirty-eight man hours and two trucks have been helping out since the tragedy.

A quite meeting was held by the Planning Commission with not much to report. Mr. Hardy reported a quite month with Recreation as well.

Mr. Hardy reported a slow month for water. The drought has caused some concern with the wells but hopefully recent rain fall will alter this situation.

Mr. Steve Jones reported a slow month as well.

Mr. Warren expressed thanks to Patti Trentholm & her family for donating the Christmas tree. The tree lighting went well and had several in attendance. The parade was also great with a lot of participants.

Under unfinished business, Johnny Walker spoke about the parade and what a great job he thought they did. Ms. Strom asked if the horses could be placed at the very back so that the band would not step in the droppings.

Under new business, Mayor Warren brought up the vacant seat left since he was elected. He commented that several citizens had approached him about putting Tyler Marshall in the seat since he was next in line with the number of votes. Attorney Churchwell said the charter stated that a nomination should be made from the board of Mayor and Aldermen. Mrs. Strom also commented that she had some citizens asked her about Mr. Marshall as well. Mr. Lowe asked that we choose what the citizens would like as well. Mrs. Strom made a motion to appoint Tyler Marshall to fill out the remainder of Mr. Warren's term. The second to the motion was made by Mrs. Lamb and passed unanimously. After Mr. Marshall accepted the offer it was decided that he would be sworn in to office at the January meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Lowe, second by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

On a motion by Mrs. Lamb, second by Mr. Lowe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder