

Town Council Meeting April 6, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present also.

Mitch Phillips from Jonathan Drive approached the board about his concern for the stormwater drain off coming through his yard. He has called Spectrum and they will not return his call and after calling EPA, the contractor has contacted him to discuss. Mr. Phillips says that he has been quoted \$10K to fix his yard and even more to fix his and four others that play a part in the water flow. Mayor Taylor explained that the town has no responsibility and it would be between the home owner and developer. He also told him a copy of the development can be picked up at the Register of Deeds office in Dandridge.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mrs. Voiles, the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Chief Cotter gave written reports on the police and fire department.

Mr. Stump informed the board of the planning commission's approval of the Jefferson County Nursing Home development. The plans were reviewed and approved for three different homes with twelve rooms each and an administration building. The plans also had a run off and drainage pond for the property.

Mr. Allsup reported that Corey has begun mowing the parks and everything going well.

Mr. Allsup reported that the recent heavy rains had caused some sewer problems in the subdivision. Three manholes have overflowed and he is planning to do more cured in place piping like last year. The sewer department will be doing a Smoke test on Thursday in the subdivision to look for any inflow and infiltration problems. The down pours of rain have more of an impact on the sewer system, but he can tell a difference at the plant with the blowers. Mr. Marshall asked about some water tight lids that were installed, and Mr. Allsup said those had been done were water was standing. Several check valves have also been installed to help with this problem too. Future plans are to hopefully remove the bottle neck of sewer in the subdivision by running another main line of sewer. Mr. Taylor reported a new truck was purchased for the water department with some leftover funds. A 2021 Chevrolet truck was purchased from the state bid list and was available without ordering.

Street department is planning a bid opening on April 15, 2021 at 1 pm for several streets in town. Large item pick up went well with two more dates left on April 13 and April 20.

Mr. Dukes reported on the first Pine Fest meeting. The date for the festival is set for September 18, 2021. Several things were discussed about social distancing the booths and plans were made to leave the booths at 10' X 10', which should leave adequate space for vendors in their booths. The charge will remain at \$25 but an increase for booths with electricity have increased to \$35. The committee is looking for entertainment and the history committee is looking for old items to display in the history museum. The board is hoping to get several sponsors to help off set the cost of the event, and so far, they have Bush Brothers and Food City.

Nothing was offered under unfinished or new business, but Mr. Marshall asked about the parking issue in Whispering Pines and if the town should make a list of streets and officially vote on them at the May meeting. Attorney Drinnon said that to lower the speed and to address the parking, the board would need to do this by ordinance.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second by Mr. Marshall, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder