

Beer Board Meeting August 1, 2023

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

Lisa Arwood addressed the board with her concerns for the new beer ordinance. An employee for eighteen years at Easy-In Market, she feels the amount of school kids in the store would not be good having its close proximity to the school.

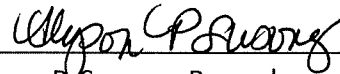
On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mr. Wood, Ordinance #8-23, amending the beer ordinance, passed unanimously in a roll call vote. Mrs. Strom was the only no vote.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, the minutes of the July 5, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

Town Council Minutes August 1, 2023

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On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, the minutes of the July 5, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, Resolution #23-3, applying for a safety grant, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to hire Marshall Cantrell as part-time floater.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to hire Jonathan Sims as police officer contracted through Lakeway Christian Academy.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to hire Jonathan Lai as the water operator. Mr. Lai will start on August 7, 2023.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to hire Nick Reed as the new Recreation Director.

Chief Cotter spoke about the monthly reports for the police department. The drug dog has had several successful finds of drugs this month. He also asked for everyone to pray for Chad Dunlap, an auxiliary officer, who is in hospital with a critical illness.

Derrick Layman gave the fire report and reported eighty-five calls with twenty-six inside town limits. The firemen have been working on flushing fire hydrants and working with the water department on these.

Under recreation news, Mr. Collier said the part-time person started and is doing a great job. They are working on the overgrown grass and getting the fields read. Mr. Reed said he is looking forward to coming to work and helping the community regain the recreation department.

Mr. Collier reported that he and Mr. Hodges had met with M & M Pipe and are discussing the remaining amount of contract. Blow-in liner will be done with the remainder of funds to help the sewer system. The water loss has gone from 56% to 30% this past month. Several leaks have been fixed. The sewer department received a permit to haul sludge to the landfill, and have already hauled two days' worth of over thirty tons.

Street and sanitation are keeping busy with mowing and bush hogging. Large item pick up was lighter than normal this month.

Under financial reports, Mrs. Susong gave the board a copy of the letter from the comptroller approving the 2023-24 budget. She also urged the board to read the letter concerning expenditures not appropriated and exceeding the budget for several departments within the General fund. An expenditure report is not ready at this time but she offered to email to them if they would like to review.

Pine Fest plans are busily underway. Over \$11,000 has been donated from sponsors to help pay for the many expenses incurred. The bill boards, donated by Jefferson County Tourism, are being planned and will be on Highway 92 in Dandridge and one in Morristown as well. Facebook posts are also being planned and will be boosted to help get the word out.

Mr. Marshall asked if anyone else had called about being on the Recreation board. Mr. Collier found some on former recreation directors' computer and one had called town hall.

Under new business, Mr. Stump made a motion to follow Mr. Collier's recommendation to move Livingood Equipment's meter because of the location and danger of breaking the line. Mr. Marshall made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to accept Chief Cotter's resignation as fire chief and appoint Derrick Layman as the new Chief. Mr. Layman thanked the board for their confidence in him. He asked if it would be possible to split the incentive pay line item into two by adding a salary line item. This would be easier to track and a good place to start going forward with having a full-time position in the future. The board agreed that a budget amendment would be necessary to get this completed.

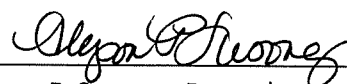
On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to allow Mr. Collier to get bids for paving the wastewater treatment plant.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:21 pm.



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