


**Beer Board Meeting August 6, 2024**

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

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Sinar, it was unanimously voted in a roll call vote to award Dollar General #30077 a on premise sale beer permit.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

  
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Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

**Public Hearing August 6, 2024**

Mayor Taylor called the public hearing to order at 6:45 pm.

The audience was asked if anyone had any comments or questions concerning the rezoning of property on Roy Messer Highway next to Dr. Hurley's Dentist office. The property is being rezoned from M-1 to R-2 for a portion of parcel 20.0 of the Grigsby property.

There being no comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

  
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## Town of White Pine Council Meeting August 6, 2024

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

Under communications from citizens, Mr. Livingston from 1179 Rosella Drive asked to speak to the board concerning his water. He feels like the water has an extreme amount of chlorine and calcium and is clogging up his pipes and shower. He and his neighbors are purchasing five-gallon jugs of water to cook with and that is getting expensive. Mayor Taylor assured him that he and the water supervisor would come to his house and look over the problem.

Lyn Marshall addressed the board with an interest in Mayor Taylor and opponent Glen Warren having an open forum. He added that he thinks it would be a great idea and citizens could ask questions as well. He asked if Mrs. Susong could organize the event and Mayor Taylor added that he would be happy to do that.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2024 council meeting.

Lauren Hurdle from Jefferson County tourism gave an update on the East Tennessee Crossing By-ways that runs along Highway 25E from the Great Smoky Mtn National Park to Cumberland Gap. She also reported that a TDOT Beautification grant has been awarded to Jefferson County and the grant is a 100 percent which is no cost to the town. A clean-up program is one of their projects and plans are underway to come and clean up around the area of the Pine Fest which is happening at the end of September. Another project is installing a Kiosk for locals and tourists to come by and scan a QR Code that will help tourists pick up pointers about places to go and also about the East Tennessee Crossing Byways. The board decided to discuss in detail at their next work session in September.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to approve Ordinance #9-24, rezoning a portion of Parcel 20.00 on Roy Messer Highway from M-1 to R-2 on second and final reading in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to pass Ordinance #10-24, updating the building code costs, with the condition that more information can be given to the board concerning the permit tables. This was completed with a roll call vote with all members voting in favor.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted in a roll call vote, to rezone the Wallace property on Highway 25E, from C-2 to C-3 on first reading. Representatives were present to give the board an update on a new development known as

“Quick Trip”. This market is privately owned out of Tulsa, Oklahoma and not considered a typical market. This will be a travel center with a wide variety of options for travelers and locals as well. The owner’s representative explained to the board that because of the terrain, they would need a variance to the sign ordinance, so that their high-rise sign could be seen from the interstate. The planning commission felt like they needed the councils blessing to grant this variance and everyone was on board.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to allow the Fire department to apply for a safety grant for PPE through Public Entity Partners. Josh Sinard abstained from the vote.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to award Total Property Management the bid for the LPRF Recreation grant, with several contingencies. Additional funds from the state would determine the deductive alternates and a clarification of the bid tabulation totals should be reviewed. Mr. Reid will get with John Allen and go over these differences in the bidding tabulations for the deductive alternates.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, Dieonne Reed was hired to replace Junea Snider who recently retired. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Cotter introduced the two new police officers to the board, Chris Edmonds and Garrett English. He also informed the board that Eric Ramsey has been promoted to Seargent and is doing a great job. Sgt Ramsey informed the board of several grants that Rocky has received. A bullet proof vest grant for \$1800 was given to him and another one that offers 90% of his healthcare paid for one year.

Chief Layman reported eighty-two calls this month with thirty being inside town limits. The department is planning an open house on Saturday, August 10 at 6 pm, for anyone that would like to see the renovated firehall and new truck. He went over several grants that he has applied for as well. The County Commission has restored funding to the fire departments with an additional \$44,358. Chief Layman would like for these funds to go toward a payment on the new fire truck. Mrs. Susong will check with US Bank and determine if this can be done with the loan.

Under planning commission, Mr. Stump went over the sign for Quick Trip again. Eighty feet in C-3 zone is the maximum and they are proposing a sign measuring one hundred and fifty feet. On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously approved to recommend to the board of zoning appeals to accept this variance.

Mr. Reid went over the new Recreation desk software and the things it will do. He also said that the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade went well. For Pine Fest news, the vendors are low so he has call over sixty

former vendors and has promising news that they will come. Additional business sponsors are being look for as well. Citizens National Bank has stepped up to Gold this year and will be more involved.

Mr. Stewart reported work is moving along for the Easy In pumping station, but waiting on a few things to come in. Smoke testing is still an ongoing project. He and Mr. Harnage attended a lab school too. Four employees have signed up to take collection and distribution tests for their license. One hundred work orders have been completed as well.

Mr. Rednour reported another large item pick up was a success. Mowing, weed eating, and brush pick up has been done through town. Mr. Rednour also asked about the leaf machine and will look into getting some prices to fix the current one and also quotes for a new one. Mayor Taylor commended the street guys on a great job clearing brush under the bridge alongside several prisoners.

Mrs. Susong gave the board the state figures for the June revenue that has just come in. A letter from the comptroller saying they had received the budget too. An award will be given form East Tennessee Development District and informed the board that they were all welcome to attend the banquet in September.

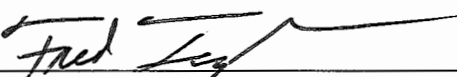
Under new business, Mr. Woods made a motion with a second from Mr. Marshall, to put the excess fire funds from the county toward the fire truck payment. Motion carried with Mr. Sinard abstaining from the vote.

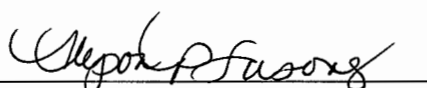
On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to add Dustin Earls and Derrick Layman to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Marshall asked about the business at the corner of Main and Zimmerman and why they were allowed to have a motorcycle shop there since the building had been vacant for many years. Mrs. Susong mentioned that the state planner had confirmed the business could go in there because it was a similar business to what was there. It was decided to discuss with Mr. Barrett at the next Planning Commission meeting.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

  
Fred Taylor, Mayor

  
Alyson P. Susong, Recorder