

Town Council Meeting Minutes November 5, 2024

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

Under communications from citizens and property owners, Mr. Patel, the owner of the Econo Lodge, asked about some street lights not working at Exit 4. The mayor told him that Appalachian Electric had been given a list of sixty-eight lights that were not working and they are checking on the cost to fix the ones with broken cables as well. Mr. Patel also asked about the liquor stores on the ballot and the mayor said he was sure a work session would be held to decide on how best to handle these permits.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, the minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Stump, Ordinance #13-24, amending the 2024-25 fiscal year budget passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, Resolution #24-8, approving the financing of a water facilities project passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Sinard, Resolution #24-9, approving the financing of a wastewater facilities project passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Strom, a .50 raise was given to new employees (Steward, Ratliff, Bourne, Jarrett) for six-month anniversary. Motion passed unanimously to raise these employees.

A motion to raise the part time firemen from \$17 to \$18 died for a lack of second. Council discussed raising these in the middle of the budget year and the realization that this is more than the auxiliary police of \$16. It was decided to discuss this at the December work session.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to give all the full-time employees a bonus of a weeks pay for Christmas and volunteers a gift card.

Under police news, the Chief explained the budget amendments for the sale of all the vehicles on govdeals.com. At this time, Steve Arnold was honored with a letter of honor for saving the life of a gentleman in March who was unconscious. Officer Arnold worked quickly by using the AED in his vehicle to regain pulse. The quick actions of Officer Arnold saved this patients life. These AEDs were bought with grant money and are a huge difference in saving lives.

Chief Layman reported ninety-nine calls and response time under two minutes. He also talked about the budget amendments as well.

Under planning commission news, the Lazaro's were granted a special permit to put a welding shop and a residence on their property behind White Pine Post Office. A variance and sub divide were granted for Rhonda Crittenden on Maple Street.

Recreation director gave an update on the grant at the Lions field. Grading has started and the scoreboard will be taken down tomorrow. A new part for the splash pad has worked well. The Duffold Acquatics company has helped with operations with no cost. The Pine Fest went well. The Jefferson County tourism gave an update that nearly 3,000 people attended and stayed five percent longer. Zac Ray was a big draw for the crowd and sadly some vendors had to cancel because of the recent storms.

Jeremy Stewart was absent but reports were given to the board.

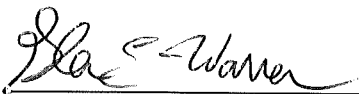
Tim Rednour reported a heavy clean up day. The leaf machine is torn up again and the repairman is looking for warranty work on the clutch.

Alyson Susong gave reports for financial expenses. The audit will start next Tuesday as well.

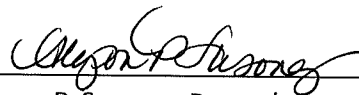
Under new business, Mr. Marshall made a motion and a second from Mr. Sinard, to sell the old speed sign for the police department. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, 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 7:30 pm.



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



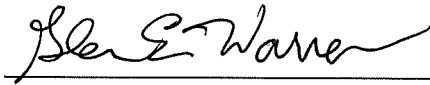
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Town of White Pine Beer Board Minutes December 3, 2024

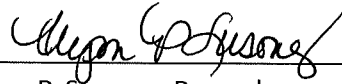
Mayor Warren called the beer board to order with all members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

On a motion from Mr. Sinar, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to give the new owners of Toro Restaurant a new permit for 1208 State Street. The owner has several restaurants in Morristown and Chief Cotter informed the board that there were no known problems.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

Town Council Meeting December 3, 2024

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

Mayor Warren asked to suspend the rules and allow him to do a presentation. At this time, Mayor Warren asked Derrick Layman and Josh Sinard to come to the front for a proclamation to be read in honor of Council member and Assistant Fire Chief Josh Sinard. He recently completed the Georgia Smoke Diver Program which is the hardest fire service course in the country. Mr. Sinard is the ninth firefighter in the State of Tennessee and the 1203 firefighter in the Country to hold this accomplishment. Mayor Warren declared December 3, 2024 as Josh Sinard Day and the audience and board stood in a round of applause.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, the minutes of the November 5, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #13-24, amending the 2024-25 fiscal year budget, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mrs. Sinard, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #14-24, amending the Energy Conservation Code, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, Resolution #24-10, to allocate the ARPA funds, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, Resolution #24-11, authorizing the White Pine Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a FEMA Assistance Grant, passed unanimously.

Mayor Warren announced that a member from the board would need to be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission to replace Jarrad Stump. The mayor suggested that Mr. Woods be voted in to the commission because he had been on the board before he was elected as aldermen. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Woods to the planning commission as the council representative.

Chief Cotter gave reports for the Police Department. He also asked that the board consider raising the pay of his auxiliary officers from the \$16/hour. An error was found on coding of a full-time police officer that started as an auxiliary officer, so a journal entry will need to be done to adjust that.

Chief Layman reported a Christmas Dinner would be held at the Methodist Church and invited the board to attend. Awards would also be given out at this time. The dinner is December 14, 2024 at 6 pm.

The planning commission did not have a quorum; therefore, the meeting was changed to December 5th at 6 pm.

Under Recreation news, Mr. Reid reported that the football field work was running on schedule and going well. The splash pad just had a chemical controller replaced, but is in need for major updates. Mr. Woods asked if the grant included a new score board, and Mr. Reid commented it did not but he is seeking donors for this project. The original thought for the sod that will be put on the football field was to stay off for one year. The state has told Mr. Reid that they do not require this. He also added the grant administrator was the one concerned about the sod. The splash pad has been winterized and Mr. Reid stated he had permission from the state to close down the bathrooms during the winter months. The mayor and Mrs. Walker had concerns with not have a bathroom facility for the walkers at Legion field and for the kids that visited the park to play. Mr. Reid said he would get some quotes on and options on buying additional heaters. The playground at Lions field is in major need of replacing the mulch. He is wanting to pull out nine inches of the old surfacing and replace it with new mulch. He feels winter time is the time to do it. The Legion Park playground is fine at this point. Mr. Reid would like to start planning for the Pine Fest in January.

Mr. Stewart approached the board with the water and sewer news. Four employees have gone to obtain their back flow license and all passed. The back flow kit has been certified and will look at the ordinance about updating some of the backflow information. The back hoe tires were replaced this month as well. Rob Ramsey from TDEC entered the department into a consultation program with EPA, they will come in and help with writing SOP's and be ready to help for a year at no charge. The CMOM is complete and TAUD will review and make sure it has all it needs. Customers were given a copy of lead and copper letters that will help educate the users on their home plumbing. Stage one of the bypass was completed by Edwards and the pumping station is in and running fine. A blockage in a collection line was found and had to be dug up and reinstall the tap on Melody Lane. Ninety work orders have been completed, and water loss 38 to 40% up from the previous 31%. Some billing issues contributed to this as well.

Mr. Rednour informed the board about the trash pick up and the holiday schedule. He also gave the board list of new rules from the landfill which include paying \$2 for each tire brought in as well as mattress and box spring which will cost \$10 per set. This is effective January 1, 2025. The department has hauled off twenty-four loads of leaves and the machine is in great shape.

Mrs. Susong gave the financial reports in the packets and added the audit was going on and would be finished soon.

Under new business, Mr. Sinard made a motion with Mrs. Walker making a second, to name the Lions field football field the Sanders-Cate field at Lions Park. Mayor Warren said they would look up the agreement and see if this was allowed. Mrs. Walker made a second to the motion and it carried.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to suspend the pick-up of all mattresses and bed springs until the board can decide the best route to take on this. A date of April 2025 was set to have decisions in place.

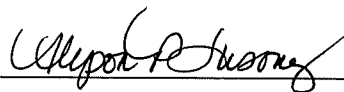
Mrs. Walker asked to see the police line item 119 with the corrected numbers for the budget.

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

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:03 pm.



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder